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November Newsletter

		November 1 3:35 pm – 4:30 pm, Soccer Club	2	3 POPCORN FRIDAY! LIF Release – 2:15 pm
6	7 Election Day Veteran’s Day Participation Forms DUE	8 3:35 pm – 4:30 pm, Soccer Club	9 Veteran’s Day Assembly 1 st –5 th Gr 10-10:45 am, Café Kinder 1:15-1:45 pm, Gym	10 NO SCHOOL Veteran’s Day
13 9:30 am, Kinder Awards Assembly, Café	14 9:30 am, 1 st Grade Awards Assembly, Café <i>Robotics Club Field Trip</i>	15 <i>Earth Ranger Assembly</i> <i>1st & 2nd</i> 9:30 am, Natural Leaders Meeting, Café 3:35 pm – 4:30 pm, Soccer Club	16 APEX FUN RUN	17 9:30 am, 2 nd Grade Awards Assembly, Café
20 9:30 am, 3 rd Grade Awards Assembly, Café 6:30 pm, PTA General Meeting, Library	21 9:30 am, 4 th Grade Awards Assembly, Café	22 Early Release 1:00 pm 9:30 am, 5 th Grade Awards Assembly, Café	23 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Break</i>	24 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Break</i>
27	28	29 3:35 pm – 4:30 pm, Soccer Club	30	December 1

From the Principal’s Desk

Parent Conference Thank You

Parent conference week is one of the most impactful activities that supports our children, parents, and staff in assisting our students to become confident, competent learners. Thank you for making the time to meet with your child’s teacher and for the things you, too, do to help set your child up for success at school and beyond. Whether or not you were able to be at conferences, remember that everyone here at Silver Lake is here and willing to support you—not only during the fall and spring parent conferences, but any time you have questions or concerns about your child and their learning outcomes and needs. Please do contact us if you need assistance.

Getting Involved at Silver Lake

Parents who are involved in school activities and events gain a better understanding of the school, the lessons taught, our policies and procedures, and the day-to-day work we do to serve our students and our families.

There are two wonderful volunteer opportunities posted in the A Building hallway just past the library:

- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)—a national program, Watch D.O.G.S. seeks to increase the male presence in our schools. We had 32 active Watch D.O.G.S. last year and our goal this year is to reach 50 and beyond. If you or another dad-like figure in your family would like to spend a day volunteering as a Watch D.O.G.S., please see the bulletin board and be sure that you are an approved volunteer. Then, sign up and prepare to enjoy a day or multiple days in this special role.
- PTA “One Name, One Time”—it is fun watching the sign-ups get filled. This year we are hoping parents can review all the activities sponsored by our wonderful PTA and get their name on one event. If this happens we will have all the support we need to continue to offer these fun family events. And, if you are not yet a PTA member, please consider joining. You are the “P” in PTA and we need you! Our next PTA General Parent meeting is on Monday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Silver Lake library. Hope to see many of you there.

Thanksgiving Wishes

Of all the holidays, Thanksgiving has always been my favorite. It is a holiday that does not require buying things (except a lot of food!) and brings families and friends together to enjoy a meal, perhaps football, perhaps a family walk, and fond memories that last. You make my role as the principal a joy through your commitment to your children and to our school community. I wish you a blessed holiday, gathered with those who mean the most to you.

**Around the School
 with Mrs. Atrogenio, School Counselor**



Sleep, the Often Forgotten Key to School Success!!

Elementary and middle school students need from nine to ten hours of sleep every night. Yes, 9 to 10 hours!! Kid's brains and bodies are still developing and need this down time to rest, regenerate, and revive. We need to make sure our schedules allow for this most basic function so our children can make the most of their school experience. When you have a few minutes yourself, take a step back and look at how your family fills each day and evening. Is there a way that you can arrange things to get your kids the sleep they need? Here are some tips to consider:

- **Set a bedtime and stick to it. The more you stay to a schedule, the more children and their bodies will respond.**
- **Plan lunches and clothing choices the night before. This will cut down on possible conflicts in the morning.**
- **Have a morning routine. Ask your child what they need to have done before school, and how they plan to do it. You may be surprised at how they can organize.**
- **Use alarm clocks in kid's rooms to make them more independent and aware of the time.**
- **Take the TV out of their room. This is a huge temptation to stay up late.**
- **Praise them for their efforts to be independent. We need to support our children and let them know they are learning how to take care of their bodies, which is an essential life skill.**
- **Be a role model by getting enough sleep yourself. Nothing is as effective as living how you want your child to live.**

Your children will be able to get the most out of school when they are well rested. This will enable them to listen better, solve problems calmer, and continue to grow academically. Try it, and see how 9 to 10 hours can make the world of difference!

PTA® Postings

- **November 16th** — — this is our BIG fundraiser for the year
 - The Apex Fun Run is a two-week experience for your child where they get exercise, build confidence and receive daily lessons about the value of hard work, perseverance, a positive attitude, setting goals, etc... This is our ONE BIG FUNDRAISER for the year and we encourage all of you to help us collect pledges for your child's fun run. Pledges can be made online so please reach out to neighbors, friends & family all across the globe!
 - We will need lots of help on November 16th for this great event, even if you can give an hour or all day! ☺



-Silver Lake PTA

Attendance Data

Absences and tardiness affect learning. Our data from September 6, 2017 – October 28, 2017 shows:

Type	Total Days	Rate
Absent	1050	3.6%
Tardy	385	2.5%

If we can get students in class daily, and on time, they will be prepared to learn. **Parents we need your help and assistance.** Please make sure your students are here unless they have a fever or other serious illness. Thank you!

The Musical Mustangs

present

December 7 and 8 at 6:30 PM
on the Silver Lake stage

Free



Featuring students from our 3rd-5th grades.

Don't miss it!!

Natural Leaders

Our Natural Leaders program is off to a wonderful start this year. Natural Leaders help in the school by taking on leadership roles. These roles may include bridging the gap with families who are new to our community or country. It may also include helping with programs and events within the school. Joining Natural Leaders not only offers you an opportunity to build relationships and network, but the program also offers an educational piece. Natural Leaders has set up the following sessions and we would love to have you join us, even if you are not part of the Natural Leaders Program. The following educational sessions will be presented in the Silver Lake Cafeteria Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call the Assistant Principal, Mica Harasek, at 425-385-6900 or email MHarasek@everettsd.org.

Topics for 2017-2018:

November 15, 2017	PowerPoint
January 17, 2018	Gradebook and 21st Century Skills
February 21, 2018	Nutrition
March 21, 2018	Embracing all Cultures
May 16, 2018	Getting Ready for Middle School

Remember to vote Nov. 7, 2017.

Nov. 13-17 is American Education Week

American Education Week gives Americans a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Read more about the [creation and history behind American Education Week](#) online.

Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1, 2017

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2018.

The mobile app is here!

Everett Public Schools just launched a mobile app to make it easier for parents and students to connect with their schools. Download the free app for easy access to:

- grades and test scores
- staff directory
- bus route information
- checked out library items
- school and district calendars
- communications preferences
- attendance and class schedules
- customized social media stream
- and much more!

for more information or download the "Everett Public Schools" app from your phone's app store. We're excited to put this information in the palm of your hand.

Bond and levy planning

Enrollment in Everett Public Schools is up and grew to about 19,900 students this fall. Snohomish County is the second fastest growing county in the state and Everett Public Schools continues to experience the



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highest growth in the county. Many district schools are already at or above capacity and 115 portables have been added to school sites over the years to help address growth. Growth will continue across the region in the coming years, and the district will grow by more than 1,600 students by 2026.

The need for additional schools and classroom space to manage this growth is critical, especially at the high school level. Without a new high school, enrollment at Jackson High School will exceed 2,300 students by 2021 and 30 portables will be required by 2026.

The board is also considering a Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy to renew the four-year levy that expires in 2018. The state does not fully fund education, and the levy would provide funding for educational programs and resources to support student learning, including Special education, before- and after-school programs and interventions, safety and security, athletics and activities. Additional information is available on the [district website](#). The board is expected to make a decision at its Nov. 21 meeting.

Tips to help kids and parents in digital age

The Daily Herald shared an article from *The Washington Post* about things you can do at home to help keep your kids safe and healthy in a digital world: <http://bit.ly/1RWx3if>.

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).

Capital projects updates

The district is hard at work on many projects approved by voters in April 2016. In September, staff rolled out computing devices to five schools as part of the district's first phase of its 1:1 technology initiative. Students at Everett and Sequoia high schools and Garfield, Lowell and Monroe elementary schools now have individual access to technology. The rollout will continue to supply devices and training to several schools each year until all schools are 1:1.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.**

More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab. In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages;
- listen for media announcements;
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org;
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts; or
- call our district information line 425-385-4636.

Did you miss a call from us?

If missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

School Performance Report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.