

Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal



As flowers and trees are beginning to bloom, April is the month that we begin the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for all students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This is the time for students to use their tools to show what they know in both reading, writing, and math. Fifth grade will also be able to show what they know in science. It is imperative that all

students are in school during these assessments and report on time, as modifications to daily schedules will occur in order to create a productive testing environment for all students. The English Language Arts portion of the SBA will begin April 23. The Math portion of the SBA will begin May 7. Third graders will test on Tuesdays, 4th graders will Test on Wednesdays, and 5th grades will test on Thursdays. Fifth grader will also participate in the Science Washington Comprehensive Assessment for Science (WCAS) on May 9. What your child is learning on a daily basis builds the foundation for being able to demonstrate high achievement on tests. The following thoughts will help you in preparing your child for being ready each day.

The Night Before:

- ⇒ Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- ⇒ Help children resolve immediate arguments before going to bed. Keep your routine as normal as possible.
- ⇒ Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- ⇒ Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The Morning of the Test:

- ⇒ Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child at school on time.

Donna Morris

Principal

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April 1-5

SPRING BREAK

April 11

Multicultural Night, 6:00 p.m., Café

April 12 (Friday)

Popcorn Friday

Regular School Day (due to snow days)

April 15

Kindergarten Animal Night, 6:00 p.m., Café
PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library

April 17

Natural Leaders Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Conf Rm

April 19 (Friday)

PTA Bingo Night, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Café
Regular School Day (due to snow days)

April 22

Family Reading Night, 6:00 p.m., Library

April 25

Music Concert (1-5) 6:30 p.m., Everett Civic Auditorium

April 26 (Friday)

Regular School Day (due to snow days)



- ⇒ Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- ⇒ Have your child dress in something comfortable.
- ⇒ Be positive about the test. Explain that doing your best is what counts.

-Dr. Donna Morris, Principal



Revised Student Calendar 2018-19

2018					2019				
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
JULY					JANUARY				
2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	
9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18
23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25
30	31				28	29	30	31	
AUGUST					FEBRUARY				
	1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
27	28	29	30	31					
SEPTEMBER					MARCH				
3	4	5*	6	7	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	18	19	20	21	22*
24	25	26	27	28	25*	26*	27*	28*	29*
OCTOBER					APRIL				
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12*
15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19*
22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26*
29	30	31			29	30			
NOVEMBER					MAY				
			1	2*		1	2	3*	
5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21*	22	23	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	27	28	29	30	31
DECEMBER					JUNE				
3	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7*
10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21*
24	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28
31									

Sep 3	Labor Day
Sep 5	First day of school for students
Sep 10	First day of school for kindergarten students
Oct 19	Teacher work day; no school for students
Nov 2	Early release elementary and middle school for parent conference preparation (2 1/2 hours)
Nov 5-9	Early release elementary and middle school for parent conferences (2 1/2 hours)
Nov 12	Veterans Day observed; no school
Nov 21	Early release for Thanksgiving break
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving break (2 1/2 hours)
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter break
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; no school
Jan 28	Teacher work day; no school for students
Feb 18-19	Mid-winter break
Mar 22	Early release for ES only – 2 1/2 hours (Full day for MS/HS)
Mar 25-29	Early release for ES only for parent conferences – 2 1/2 hours (Full day for MS/HS)
April 1-5	Spring break
April 12	Regular school day (weather make-up)
April 19	Regular school day (weather make-up)
April 26	Regular school day (weather make-up)
May 3	Regular school day (weather make-up)
May 27	Memorial Day; no school
Jun 7	Early release for students (2 1/2 hours)
Jun 21	Last day of school; regular school day

75 Sept. 7 - June 14, Learning Improvement Fridays
each Friday **unless otherwise marked.**
All students dismissed 75 minutes early

* see notes on right schools closed Teacher work day

Board approved March 5, 2019



Reminder from the Student Handbook

CELL PHONES

At Silver Lake Elementary we recognize that students may have cell phones. Per [Board Policy 3246P](#), personal electronic devices (PEDs), such as cell phones, tablets, and other mobile devices are integral tools in our society. They serve as a means of communication (telephone, email, text, etc.), a calendar, camera, organizational tool, a clock, information gathering/research tool, electronic book, note taker, dictation device, music provider, a student engagement tool and many other purposes. It is recognized that many of these purposes are useful in an educational setting. At the elementary level, cell phones can also be very disruptive to the learning environment. Therefore, if a student has a cell phone at school then it is to remain turned off and kept in their backpack, unless otherwise allowed by a student's teacher. Failure to comply with this school policy may result in confiscation of the cell phone/electronic until such a time when a parent/guardian can pick it up or as determined by the principal.



- **Students are NOT allowed to videotape or take pictures with their cell phone at any time.** Failure to comply with this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action as determined by the principal and the parent/guardians of all students involved (directly and indirectly) will be contacted.
- **Student use of cell phones is not allowed between 9:15 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.** This includes calls, texting, entertainment, and the use of camera/video features.
- **Student use of cell phones is not allowed on the bus.** This includes calls, texting, entertainment, and the use of camera/video features.

Students needing to contact their parent/guardian during the school day will receive permission, from a staff member, to use the student emergency phone in the office. *Silver Lake Elementary staff and Everett Public Schools are not responsible for lost, damaged or broken cell phones.*

OFFICE TELEPHONE

Students may use the office phone for emergencies and special situations at the discretion of office personnel. **Student access to the phones therefore, will be limited to short emergency calls only.** Silver Lake Elementary encourages students to be organized and plan ahead. Therefore, all social arrangements for after school must be made at home.



DRESS CODE



We have a new Attendance Secretary & Office Assistant. Her name is **Lori Shuffelen-Lipp**. She is doing amazing things here and we are excited to have her join our team permanently!

Until she becomes familiar with our wonderful families, please make sure you are bringing in your Picture ID to check out students. If you are sending someone on your emergency contact list, please make sure they are prepared to show Picture ID as well. It is very important to keep our kids safe! Thank you in advance for being prepared.

NOTICE

**PHOTO ID
REQUIRED**



From the Counselor

We've all heard the saying, "It takes a village" and here at Silver Lake, we all agree! Collaboration is the theme of the month of April and it is essential to student growth. For example, staff is often working with other staff members for individual student concerns, grade level meetings, or staff training. Teachers communicate with parents often by phone, email, or through the Dojo app to share how a student's day is going or to set up important meetings. Prior to Spring Break, teachers met with parents for Spring Conferences! We are always communicating and collaborating for student success!

Do you ever wonder how you could become more involved at school? Our PTA, Natural Leaders, and Watchdogs are parent organizations that are essential to our school-year success. Without these volunteers, many of our events that celebrate our school community would not be possible. Our PTA runs the Apex fundraiser every year that helps fund programs throughout the school year. Natural Leaders helps integrate all cultures into the Silver Lake community. They organize monthly parent education forums including the well-attended Multicultural event every year. They also volunteer countless hours and come in once a month to serve all students free popcorn at lunch! Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) volunteer during the school day in and out of the classroom and are absolute celebrities to the kids. If you have questions about how you can be more involved, please call or email the school office.

Students are often asked to collaborate with other students in the classroom. They learn that working with others is powerful and can drive great ideas. The more that we, as adults, can role model this important skill, the better off our students will be!

SILVER LAKE
ECEAP
 Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program

INTERESTED IN FREE PRESCHOOL?
 Everett Public Schools ECEAP
 Please stop by the Silver Lake office and ask for ECEAP
 or call ECEAP to apply. (425) 385-6960
 Enrolling 3 and 4 year old's NOW

Pre-kindergarten programs free to families on a limited income with children ages 3 through 4 years.






SCHOOL BUS RULES

BE SAFE

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

	Safe	Respectful	Responsible
<p>Loading the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay 10 feet away from roadway when waiting for bus -Wait for driver to give signal to board bus. -Cross street in front of bus when signaled by bus driver. -Load single file, using handrail -Quickly find assigned seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be kind and polite to bus driver and others -Quickly find your assigned seat -Allow personal space between you and the person in front of you (hoola hoop) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be on time (5 minutes early) -Eat & drink before boarding the bus -Keep hands, feet & objects to self -All personal items must be secured in backpack
<p>Riding the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Remain seated at all times, seat to seat, back to back, face forward, feet on floor and hands to self - Always buckle up -Keep all body parts inside of the bus. -Keep aisle clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use voice level 1-2 only -Follow Bus Driver directions -Use positive words and actions -Share your seat with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep all belongings in lap inside backpack -Keep area clean -Report any damage or problems to the driver -No eating or drinking on the bus
<p>Unloading the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay seated until driver signals to unload. -Cross street in front of bus only when signaled by bus driver to cross street -Unload single file using handrail -Quickly walk 10 feet away from bus staying in view of driver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Unload front seats first and then each row after that, single file -Be patient and allow personal space between you and the person in front of you -Help your fellow riders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gather personal belonging before your stop, take all item -Watch driver for signal to cross street, watching also for traffic -Unload front to back using walking feet and holding handrail -Report any damage, concerns or problems to driver



From the Music Teacher – Mrs. Baker

CONCERT TIME!

“Around the World“

Thursday, April 25 at the Everett Civic Auditorium at 6:30 PM.

(Doors open at 6:00 pm)

It is for Grades 1-5.

Address is 2415 Colby Ave.; Everett, WA 98201.





Silver Lake Elementary



In the Cafeteria
Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



FREE POPCORN FRIDAY

We have amazing volunteers to operate our FREE Popcorn Fridays again this year! This tradition allows all students to enjoy in a community event that we all love and look forward to. Who doesn't love popcorn??

FREE Popcorn Fridays are "FREE" thanks to the donations by SLE staff and families. We need your help to keep it running. We are asking for donations of any amount. Please send money with your students in an envelope marked "POPCORN DONATION."

April 12

May 17



June 14



Looking for volunteers!



The PTA is looking for great volunteers to join the board next year or to help chair fun PTA events like Bingo Night and the School Dance.

If you are interested, please contact sleptamustangs@gmail.com



Don't forget to turn in your nomination form for our volunteer and teacher of the year awards.



PTA Event Calendar

PTA General Meeting - Monday April 15th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE Library
Bingo Night – Friday April 19th 6:30 - 8:00pm - SLE Cafeteria
Staff Appreciation Week - May 6th - May 10th 2019
PTA General Meeting - Monday May 20th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE Library
Movie Night - Friday May 31st @ 6:30pm - SLE Cafeteria

2018-19 SLE PTA Executive Committee

President: James Clarke, sleptapresident1@gmail.com

Vice President: Serena Peterson, sleptavicepresident@gmail.com

Treasurer: Michelle Chamberland, sleptatreasurer@gmail.com

Secretary: Julie Garreis, sleptasecretary@gmail.com

Questions for the SLE PTA: sleptamustangs@gmail.com

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Natural Leaders Calendar

Serve as multi-cultural bridges between students, families, communities, and schools.
Schedule is subject to changes and additions throughout the year.

April:

April 11, 2019 - **"Multicultural Night"** – 6:00 pm at Cafeteria.

April 17, 2019 - **Monthly Meeting** - 9:30 - 11:00am at Conference Room.



May:

May 1, 2019 - **Monthly Meeting** - 9:30 - 11:00am at Conference Room.

May 15, 2019 – **Forum: Literacy with your child** - 9:30 – 10:30am at Cafeteria.

June:

June 5, 2019 - **Monthly Meeting** - 9:30 - 11:00am at Conference Room.



If anyone has connections and could **donate** food, gifts, etc...for the PTA to incorporate into our staff appreciation week activities please contact sleptapresident1@gmail.com

District News

Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.



Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.



Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).





Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

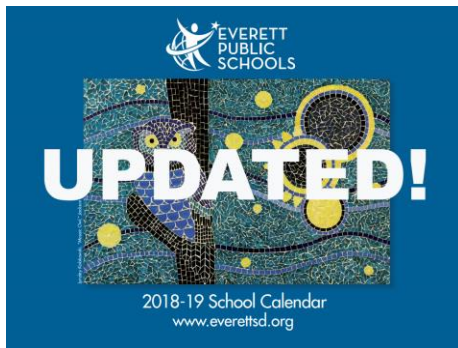
The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at www.everettsd.org/expo.



Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at www.everettsd.org/supersearch.



Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213