

Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

The Halfway Point of the Year

It is hard to believe that the school year is already half over! This gives us the opportunity to re-visit some points that we addressed in the fall, get our new families on board, and look ahead to the second half of the school year. First and foremost, I want to reiterate the importance of consistent school attendance. It is critical that your child is here each day on time and ready to learn. Yes, it is the cold and flu season, so thank you for not bringing your child to school if they have/had a fever or have vomited in the last 24 hours. In order to excuse any absence, we must have a parent note on file, which can include an e-mail to sleattendance@everettsd.org. Please let us know if you need assistance in this area by calling the school office at (425) 385-6900.

Arrival Time in the Mornings



For those who eat breakfast at school, our cafeteria opens at **8:45 a.m.** For the rest of our students, supervision begins at **8:55 a.m.**, so no students should be dropped off or arrive on campus before that time. We can ensure their safety when we

have supervision in place and that begins at 8:55 a.m. daily. Students should be in their classroom lines outside undercover by 9:10 a.m. The late bell rings at **9:15 a.m.**, the official start to the student day. Important activities happen right when that bell rings, so please be sure your child is here to get a great start to their school day.

Parents/Guardians often ask, “**How can we help at home?**” Our teachers have been sharing strategies through fall parent conferences, classroom newsletters, Class Dojo, and calls/e-mails home. Here are a few ways that you can make an impact on your child’s school success:

- **Communication:** each day, check your child’s backpack, review their planner and any paper work from the teacher, and talk with your child about their day. We care about our children’s academic progress but also about their social/emotional needs. Taking a few minutes to chat with your child about their day can shed light on areas of need that you can share with us.

Donna Morris

Principal

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FEB. 1

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

FEB. 04

PTA General Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library

FEB. 06

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

FEB. 07

3rd Grade Field Trip

FEB. 08

Progress Reports Sent Home

Popcorn Friday

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

FEB. 14

PTA Valentine’s Day Dance, 6:30 p.m., Gym

FEB. 15

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

FEB. 18-19

NO SCHOOL – Mid Winter Break

FEB. 20

Natural Leaders Forum, 9:30 a.m., Café

FEB. 22

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

FEB. 28

PTA Bingo Night, 6:30 p.m., Café



- **Homework:** practicing the skills students have learned at school will strengthen them, whether that is reading each day, practicing multiplication facts, completing the homework that teachers assign, or doing the assigned i-Ready lessons. Make this a priority and consider stopping to assist your child or model daily reading yourself during family “homework time.”
- **Volunteer at school:** this can be during the student day as a classroom volunteer or Watch D.O.G., or it can be after hours at one of our many school family events. See the “One Name, One Time” bulletin board in the A Building just past the library and find an event that you can attend. We can never have enough hands and hearts around our students!

As always, the partnership between school and home is a vital one. Thank you for continuing to stay involved in your child’s education, at whatever level your schedule allows. We welcome all to Silver Lake!

Donna Morris, Ed.D.

From the Counselor

Focus for February: Critical Thinking



Happy February!

We are halfway through the school year and excited about the arriving Spring! For the month of February, we are focused on Critical Thinking. Put simply, Critical Thinking is about curiosity, flexibility, and keeping an open mind. Critical thinkers use creative problem-solving skills when given a question. They practice asking questions, finding patterns, creating theories or hypotheses, and modifying solutions as they learn.

Ever wonder why we ask students to “show their work?” Well, it’s because we know that kids become better learners when they are forced to explain how they solve problems. We also know that by having kids explain their reasoning to others, they discover the logic behind their solutions. Consider asking your student their opinion on current events in the school. Have them state their opinion and just ask them questions or reasons for their opinion. You will be helping your student develop Critical Thinking skills.

Carrie Surowiec, School Counselor

Join Mustang Milers! - Registration open through March

Total Miles to date: 131 (after about 10 sessions)

Students signed up: 50

Students participating: 30

Participants who have earned a token (for every 5 miles): 14 (one of those now has earned their 2nd)

MORE INFORMATION: Mustang Milers Club is on **Friday mornings 8:30 to 8:50 AM**. This is an optional before-school club where students meet in the back of the school’s undercover area to walk or jog laps on our track or undercover area, or in



the gym – depending on the weather. If your child is interested, they need to have a signed permission slip turned in prior to participating, and have transportation to school. At each session, students check in with one of the club advising teachers. This is a fitness club or activity, with students earning a small token after completing miles (walking or jogging 5 miles = one token).

Students do not need to attend all sessions or each Friday to participate. Permission slips are in an office kiosk. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bence or Ms. Jemmings at RBence@everettsd.org or AJemmings@everettsd.org 425-385-6900.



From the Music Teacher – Mrs. Baker

Concert Coming Up!

“Around the World“

Monday, March 4 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.





SAVE THE DATE!

Silver Lake Elementary



In the Cafeteria

Thursday, April 11, 2019

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



BOOK FAIR

Conference Week

Monday

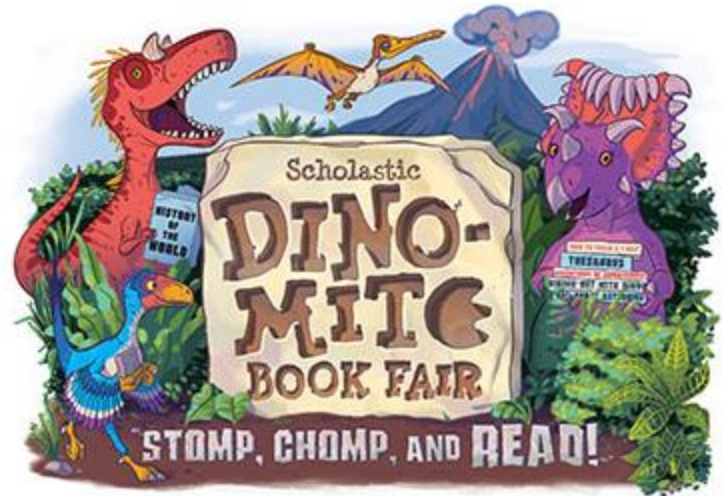
March 25

1:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday

March 26 – March 28

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



BOOK FAIR

Conference Week



HELP MAKE OUR
BOOK FAIR
THE BEST EVER!

Mrs. Sand is looking for volunteers to:

- Help set up on 3/22 starting at 2:30 p.m.
- Help "tear" down on 3/29 after fair is closed at 4:30 p.m.
- Help run the register during the fair.
- Help students find books during the fair.
- No experience necessary.
- Earn a free book for every hour worked.

Please contact Mrs. Sand if you are ready and able to volunteer!

CSand@everettsd.org

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."

February 8

April 12

March 15

May 17

June 14



I'm a PTA Member, are you?

PTA Event Calendar

- PTA General Meeting - Monday February 4th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE Library
- Valentines Dance Night - Thursday February 14th 2019 6:30 - 8:00pm - SLE Gym
- Bingo Night – Friday March 1st 6:30 - 8:00pm - SLE Cafeteria
- Skate Night - Thursday March 14th 2019 6:30 - 8:00pm - [Everett Skate Deck](#)
- PTA General Meeting - Monday March 18th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE Library
- PTA General Meeting - Monday April 15th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE Library
- 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

Natural Leaders Calendar

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

February:

February 6, 2019 - **Monthly Meeting** - 9:30 - 11:00am at Conference Room.

February 20, 2019 - **Forum: "Middle School, High School and Beyond"** - 9:30 - 10:30am at Cafeteria.

March:

March 6, 2019 - **Monthly Meeting** - 9:30 - 11:00am at Conference Room.

March 20, 2019 - **Forum: "How to celebrate a culture. Aspects of culture"** - 9:30 - 10:30am at Cafeteria.

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: (to be announced)** - 9:30 – 10:30am at Cafeteria.

June:

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



i-Ready Parent Guide

***i-Ready* is an interactive online learning program that helps students build essential skills in reading and mathematics.**

i-Ready starts with an online diagnostic test that students take in class to identify the specific skills each student needs to develop and measure academic growth through the school year. It also provides students with personalized online instruction and gives teachers guidance on how they can best support the needs of each and every student.

i-Ready encourages students to take ownership of their learning. Students get real-time feedback, see motivating messages, and earn credits after completing lessons that they can use to get rewards, such as games. *i-Ready*'s engaging environment draws students in right away and gets students of all ages excited about learning.

How can you help your child get the most out of *i-Ready*?

- **Speak with your child about how using *i-Ready* will help him or her prepare for class work.** Also explain that *i-Ready* will show teachers where your child is doing well and which topics need some more review.
- **Encourage your child to take each lesson and quiz question seriously.** Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through will not give teachers an accurate report of what your child knows and is able to do.
- **Help your child identify and become familiar with the different parts of the student dashboard.**
- **Encourage your child to use the tools that will appear at the bottom of the screen in some lessons.**
- **Discuss your child's results by looking at "My Progress" together** to see the number of lessons your child has completed in *i-Ready* and the percentage of questions your child answered correctly in the quiz at the end of each lesson.
- **Contact your child's teacher about how often your child should practice at home,** or with any other questions about *i-Ready*.

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) On that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. 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.



Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible



3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on

www.common sense media.org.



Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 4, 2019, at all district elementary schools.

High school growth forum

High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar.

In addition to these two community forums, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).



Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



Attendance

Required by State Legislature

Silver Lake Elementary has an email address for you to report your student's absences.

- Email: silverlakeattendance@everettsd.org
- Attendance Line: 425-385-6905

Please include the following:

- Student first and last name
- Teacher
- Student ID #
- Date(s) absent
- Reason for the absence

Please make sure you are sending this from the email that is on record with the school. If you send an email you do not need to call or send a note.

You may leave a recorded message on the Attendance Line, but you will have to follow up with an email or written note.

If your student is absent, late, or you pick them up early because of a doctor or dentist appointment you must provide a note from that office for the absence to be excused.

Tardy/ Partial Day Absence - A student's attendance will be recorded as a part day absence from school if the student is more than thirty (30) minutes late (arriving after 9:45am) or if the student leaves thirty (30) minutes or more early (leaving before 3:00pm).

Full Day Absence - A student's attendance will be recorded as a full day absence when the student misses more than 50% of the instructional minutes scheduled for that school day. On a regularly scheduled school day, there are 6.5 total hours per day. Please check out the District Attendance Policy 3122P for more information



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

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250