

Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy holidays from the “other” home in your life! We will miss your children the next two weeks and look forward to our return to school on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**. I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy the time together during the long winter break as I will.

By the time we return to school we will have started the new year and we will do the same at Silver Lake. Schools get the rare advantage of having two new years: one in September and the traditional one we celebrate in January. With the new year comes the desire to get another fresh start, carefully consider what we say and do, and continue to do our best each day.

The first step of doing our best is arriving at school each day on time. We had extensive absences and tardies this past month and need your help in getting your child to school on time each day, ready for the learning experiences our stellar staff has prepared. Please remember that the first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and the late bell rings at 9:15 a.m.

Parents are integral partners in the learning process and we need you to join us in frequently monitoring your child’s learning. Here are some ways you can help:

- Go through their backpack each night, checking for homework to be completed or important papers/communications to be read.
- Review their planner just as they should, checking for any assignments due or long-term projects to begin.
- Read to or with them every day. A high level of independent reading is one of the key indicators of school success—plus it is fun!
- Help them review their spelling lists, ask them to identify their grade level sight words, or prepare for the next Topics test in math.
- If you have computer access, encourage them to use their RAZ or i-Ready account to help build their skill sets in reading and math.
- Talk with them about the importance of school and getting a solid foundation for learning. The good habits they establish now in elementary school will serve them well for years to come.
- Praise them when you read those great stories or see a good grade on their latest assessment. They need validation for the good work they are doing.

Thank you for being our partners in learning and serving our students at Silver Lake Elementary. With frequent monitoring done by all of us, we can help realize the Everett Public Schools mission statement that each of our students achieves to high standards.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

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Jan. 2

First Day Back to School

Jan. 5

Mustang Milers Begins, 8:30 am
Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 12

Free Popcorn Friday
Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 15

No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 19

Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 25

PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan. 26

Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 29

No School, Teacher Work Day



Around the School with Mrs. Atrengenio, School Counselor

Happy New Year! Since it is now January, I would like to look at how parents can encourage children to take responsibility and **complete their homework** 😊.

Homework is important for the obvious reason that it provides practice to strengthen skills taught at school. Homework also teaches children responsibility by taking “ownership” of what is theirs, not their parents. In addition, it also teaches them about other life skills including time management, perseverance, self-reliance, and resourcefulness. In his book “Ending the Homework Hassle”, John Rosemond suggests that parents need to be more of a consultant to their child rather than a participant. He goes on to state that “the parent-consultant stands on the sidelines, providing encouragement and support”, rather than jumping in to “do it for” them. He goes on to talk about qualities of a consulting parent which include being available but not hovering, assigns responsibility rather than assumes it, encourages independence rather than dependence, and sends positive messages rather than negative.

If you are struggling with supporting your child with homework, I suggest you pick up this book and read more. The author gives clear and do-able suggestions that are both helpful and rational. There are also questions posed with practical answers that clarify his points. The ultimate goal is to first teach children how to take responsibility for their own homework, then to support and encourage their efforts.

MUSTANG MILERS STARTING JANUARY 5

Mustang Milers is an optional before-school activity held on Friday mornings from 8:30-8:50 AM. If your child is interested, they first *need to have a signed permission slip turned in prior to participating*. At each session, students check in with one of the club advising teachers and then walk or jog. This is a fitness club or activity, where students can earn small tokens after completing miles by walking or jogging (5 miles = one token).

Students can join throughout the remaining school year. Students do not need to attend each Friday. It is held in most weather conditions with our undercover area as a rainy day course.

Snow routes are online!

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district transportation department’s webpage.

Volunteer application online

Want to attend a field trip this spring? Time to renew an expired volunteer application? [Apply or renew quickly and easily online](#). Applying online saves postage time and your application gets processed even faster.

Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

[Stopbullying.gov](#) has bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and much more.



January is School Board Appreciation Month



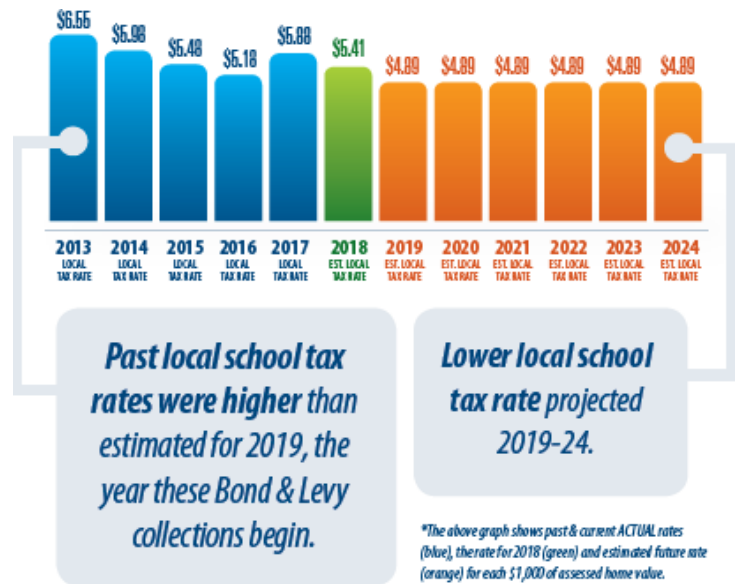
The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

2018 Capital Bond and Replacement Levy

The school board voted to propose a Capital Bond to meet future readiness needs and a Replacement Levy to replace the expiring one. If voters approve both the Capital Bond and Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy on Feb. 13, 2018, tax collections to complete those projects begin in 2019. That year the local school tax rate is projected to be \$4.89 per each \$1,000 of property value. That rate is the lowest local school tax rate for property owners in the district since 2013. Find more information on the [district website](#).



Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, your child may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so that your child can continue enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so that your child can participate fully in school.

Please contact your child’s counselor or Amy Perusse, McKinney-Vento Facilitator, aperusse@everettsd.org, 425-385-4032, for more information.



Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins on March 5, 2018, at all 17 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.



Mobile app

Have you downloaded the mobile app yet? The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app. Everett Public Schools is expanding its communications outreach with a free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063



NATURAL LEADERS PARENT FORUM SERIES

The Natural Leaders parent group is an active community partner at Silver Lake. They represent the diverse student demographics we see and value each day. This year Natural Leaders is sponsoring monthly parent forums to help all Silver Lake parents feel welcomed and informed. Each forum covers a topic that will help our parents at school and/or home, and these are offered free to our parents/guardians. All parent forums are held in the Silver Lake cafeteria from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Although we are not able to provide childcare, parents are welcome to bring and supervise their young children during the presentation. Also, a Spanish interpreter will be present at all parent forums. If you would like to attend and need an interpreter in a language other than Spanish, please contact the Silver Lake office at (425) 385-6900 and we will try to accommodate your needs. Below are the dates and topics for these forums, which were generated from our Natural Leaders group:

- Wednesday, 1/17/18: **Gradebook 21st Century Skills** (LMS Dept.)
- Wednesday, 2/21/18: **Nutrition** (Sandra Mejia)
- Wednesday, 3/21/18: **Embracing all Cultures** (Sandra Mejia)
- Wednesday, 5/16/18: **Getting Ready for Middle School** (Sandra Mejia)

Thank you to our Natural Leaders for sponsoring this series and their involvement at Silver Lake.

FOROS EDUCATIVOS PARA PADRES LIDERES NATURALES

El grupo de las Lideres Naturales es un activo socio comunitario en Silver Lake. Ellas representan la diversidad demográfica estudiantil que vemos y valoramos cada día. Este año las Lideres Naturales están patrocinando estos foros mensuales para padres para ayudar a que todos los padres de Silver Lake se sientan bienvenidos e informados. Cada uno de estos cubre un tema que le ayudara a nuestros padres en la Escuela y/o en la casa, y son gratis para nuestros padres y guardianes. Todos los foros para padres se llevarán a cabo en la cafetería de Silver Lake de 9:30-10:30 a.m. Aunque no podemos ofrecer cuidado de niños, padres pueden traer y cuidar sus niños durante la presentación. También, un intérprete de español estará presente durante todos los foros. Si usted desea asistir y necesita otro interprete en otra lengua que el español, por favor llame a la oficina de Silver Lake al (425) 385-6900 y nosotros trataremos de acomodar sus necesidades. A continuación están las fechas y los temas de estos foros, escogidos por nuestro grupo de Líderes Naturales:

- Miercoles, 1/17/18: **Libro de Notas Habilidades Siglo 21st** (LMS Dept.)
- Miercoles, 2/21/18: **Nutrition** (Sandra Mejia)
- Miercoles, 3/21/18: **Abrazando todas Las Culturas** (Sandra Mejia)
- Miercoles, 5/16/18: **Preparándonos para la Escuela Secundaria** (Sandra Mejia)

Gracias a nuestras Lideres Naturales por patrocinar estas series y su participación en Silver Lake.