

Silver Lake Mustang News

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From the Principal

Family Involvement: A Critical Component of School Success

This month I would like to focus on the multiple ways our parents, guardians, and families get involved in school and how important that is. Silver Lake Elementary and our Natural Leaders provide monthly presentations to inform and educate parents. These are free and parents can bring their younger children if necessary. The forums are from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in our Silver Lake cafeteria and there will be a Spanish interpreter available. We hope to see you at one of our last two forums for this year. Details about these forums and remaining presentations are located at the end of this newsletter.

We need to hear from our parents on how we are serving you. Each year Everett Public Schools conducts the Educational Effectiveness Survey, a perceptual survey done by staff, parents, and our 4th and 5th grade students. We will be sending home hard copies of the parent survey with our students on Thursday, March 15. If you would prefer to do yours online, below is the link to that survey, with an option to complete it in Spanish, too:

<https://www.research.net/r/eps-parent-2018>

In advance, thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. We will also have hard copies available or access to computers for the online survey during parent conferences the last week of March. The survey closes on Friday, March 30.

Speaking of parent conferences, our teachers look forward to meeting with each parent/guardian personally during parent conference week, March 26-30. Please check your student's backpacks on Monday, March 5 as you will receive information from your child's teacher about the conferences.

Elizabeth Nunes

Principal

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March 2

Learning Improvement Friday

March 5

PTA General Meeting, 6:30 pm

March 8

PTA McTeacher Night, 132nd St, 5-8 pm

March 9

Learning Improvement Friday

March 14

PTA Skate Night, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

March 16

Free Popcorn Friday
Learning Improvement Friday

March 19

Grades 1-5 Concert, Everett Civic Aud,
6:30 pm

March 23

Early Release, 1:00 pm

March 26-30

Conf Week Early Release, 1:00 pm



Finally, know that you do not have to wait for parent conferences to call if you have questions, concerns, or needs. We are here to serve your children and your families. Please contact your child's teacher, the office staff, or me if you want to set up a meeting to discuss any issues that arise.

As always, THANK YOU for being our partners in this important work helping your child enjoy learning and prepare for a bright future!

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

Around the School with Mrs. Rogers, School Counselor Intern

In the last couple of months, we have talked with many students about stress and worries.

Did you know there are different types of stress? Normal stress might show up when a student is called on in class or if you have to give a report. Stress can turn unhealthy when these worries keep going and/or become more intense. Many kids experience stress in their lives. Under normal circumstances, this stress can help them develop healthy coping skills. Being able to recognize when your stress and worry becomes unhealthy and how your body reacts to stress is important. If stress and worry goes unchecked, it can lead to anxiety and other challenges later.

Here are some phrases that may help you start a conversation about stress and worry at home.

1. "I am here for you. You are safe."
2. "How can I help you?"
3. "How big is your worry?"
4. "What could we do to make you feel better?"
5. "However you are feeling is okay."

For additional resources, go to the local library and check out books for kids who worry or who have stress. Use these books to start talking about healthy ways to cope.

Books for Kids:

Wemberley Worried by Kevin Henkes
Wilma Jean the Worry Machine by Julia Cook
David and the Worry Beast by Anne Marie Guanci
When My Worries Get Too Big by Kari Dunn Buron
What To Do When You Worry Too Much by Dawn Huebner, PhD
What To Do When You're Scared and Worried by James J. Crist
Stress can really get on your nerves
I Feel Worried!
Coping Skills for Kids Workbook



Awards Assemblies for March

Awards assemblies are a time for celebration and we will personally invite you when your student wins an award. Each assembly is in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on the days listed below.



Friday, March 9	Kindergarten
Tuesday, March 13	1 st grade
Friday, March 16	3 rd grade
Monday, March 19	4 th grade
Tuesday, March 20	5 th grade <i>(Feb and March combined awards)</i>
Friday, March 23	2 nd grade

Silver Lake Elementary PTA



Please join PTA at the General Meeting on
Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Also, please see flyers coming home for **PTA Skate Night on Wednesday, March 14.**



The Grades 1-5 Music Concert is here!!

Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Everett Civic Auditorium
IT'S FREE!



2415 Colby Ave,
Everett, WA 98201



Save the date!

Silver Lake Elementary Multicultural Night is coming up on **Thursday, May 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in the school café.

Silver Lake Elementary Soccer Club

Spring soccer session is coming for students in grades 3-5. It will begin after Spring Break on April 11.

Wednesday afternoons from 3:35 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Look for permission slips with information coming home later this month.

Silver Lake Mustang Milers are Gaining Distance

Stats of February 27, 2018

Total Miles to date: 412.22

Reported Population: 54 enrollees; 20+ participants most Friday mornings

Of note: These students have completed 5 miles or more, earning a shoe token:

Tristan Newton	Josue Flores Hernandez
Savannah Hartmann	Shane Martinez
Xavier Duckett	Amelia Hartmann
Manin Cline	Daniella Carrillo
Manvir Pannu (10+)	Orion Belleza
Carli Ray	Divinity Newton
Payton Clarke	Cadence Waldrop (10+)
Emmett Davis	Tyler Durgan
Rylee Jenkins	Kenvir Pannu (10+)

This program is an optional before-school club where students meet in the back of the school at the undercover area. It is held on Friday mornings from 8:30-8:50 a.m. Students then jog or walk laps on our track or under cover. Registration is open throughout the school year; participants need a permission slip and transportation (please have your student wait with you until a coach is present). Parent volunteers are welcome.



MESSAGE TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES



Everett Public Schools
urgently needs
SUBSTITUTES

- **PARAEDUCATORS**
 - Classroom assistance
 - Noon-duty supervision
 - Health room assistance
 - Special Services
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- **FOOD & NUTRITION**
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**If you are available to work or would like more information, please call
Substitute Services 425-385-4111.**

To apply, please visit our Web site at www.everettsd.org and click "employment"

FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes:

- The Microsoft® Office Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Google Drive/apps/doc/form
- Internet Safety
- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password?

Email LMS@everettsd.org.



Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins March 5, 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 transportation at 425-385-4144.

20th annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- High school Art Show: April 10-26, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 3-18, reception on May 14
- Elementary school Art Show: May 23-June 7, viewing only



Classified Employee Week

March 12-16, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

Bond and Levy update

The Feb. 13 election results show a **55.3** percent vote for the district's [Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy](#), and a **55.4** percent vote for the [Capital Bond](#).

To pass, the Replacement Levy requires 50 percent plus one, and we surpassed that percentage by about 5.3 points as of Feb. 16. It is heartening to see a majority of voters are aware of how important Replacement Levies are to quality education for our communities' children.

For school Capital Bonds to pass, they must secure a SUPER majority, or 60 percent plus one, of voter approval. The results show the Bond down about 4.6 percent. There are some votes yet to be counted. Depending upon how many voters submitted ballots late last week, and how they voted, the Capital Bond approval percentage could go up. You can be certain we will be closely watching the ballot counts later this week, and what impact those counts have on the bond approval rate. By the time you are reading this, the results will be certified.

Whatever the results, I extend a big, heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made telephone calls, waved signs, pressed doorbells, put up signs, signed and mailed postcards, maintained web pages, designed



mailers, made community presentations, made staff presentations, made PTA presentations, answered emails, returned phone calls, raised funds, donated funds, wrote letters to the editor, wore buttons, and spent countless hours involved in the election process. I especially thank the Citizens Committee co-chairs, Caroline Mason, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, and EEA president Jared Kink for the remarkable leadership, planning, organizing, and persistence that makes such a huge difference in a community-wide effort like levy and bond elections.

Thank you as well to thousands of voters who cast ballots supporting the Levy and the Bond. Your majority support of schools and students is truly heartening to all of us who work daily with our nation's future.

Our community's support of schools has produced very positive results over the decades. We have one of the state's highest graduation rates, and we are making progress to close the education gap among diverse groups. This board and district have a documented track record of fiscal accountability and are committed to that accountability, transparency, and stewardship of these public funds. Members of the board, who contributed huge amounts of time to make the ballot measure decisions, and the entire district are grateful for our community's past and present support of schools and of students. We are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the highest quality education for each student.

Dr. Gary Cohn
Superintendent

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, 3/21/18: **Embracing all Cultures** (Sandra Mejia)
- Wednesday, 5/16/18: **Getting Ready for Middle School**

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 q 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, 3/21/18: **Abrazando todas Las Culturas** (Sandra Mejia)
- Miercoles, 5/16/18: **Preparándonos para la Escuela Secundaria**

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



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- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
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