

# Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal



Dear Silver Lake Families,

Spring is in the air and the month of March brings many fun activities to the elementary school. Our kids are gearing up for testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for the spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are certain that we will achieve all of our goals during testing.

Our spring parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for March 25-29. This presents a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school. As you are aware, home to school communication is an important factor in your child's success in school.

In our efforts to keep you informed of the activities at SLE, we will continue updating our website in addition to monthly letters. Please take note of all the upcoming events in March. I know how busy you are, but your dedication shows how committed you are to education. With all of us working together, we will certainly achieve all of our goals this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the Silver Lake Elementary main office.

Sincerely,  
Donna Morris, Principal  
Go Mustangs!

**Donna Morris**

Principal

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**MAR. 1**

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

**MAR. 6**

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

**MAR. 7**

Conference Request Forms due to classroom teachers

**MAR. 8**

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

**MAR. 11**

Eisenhower 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Info Night,  
Eisenhower Middle School, 6:00 p.m.

**MAR. 14**

PTA Skate Night, Everett Skate Deck, 6:30 –  
8:00 p.m.

**MAR. 15**

Popcorn Friday  
Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

**MAR. 18**

SLE Family Reading Night, 6:00 p.m., Library  
PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., SLE TBD

**MAR. 22**

Early Release, 1:00 p.m.

**MAR. 25-29**

CONFERENCE WEEK  
BOOK FAIR, see page 7 for details  
Kindness Week  
Early Release, 1:00 p.m. (M-F)



### Teach Organizational Skills

1. Check your child's assignment book or homework folder every night.
2. Set up a tray on your child's desk for papers you need to check.
3. Talk to your child about keeping his/her desk orderly in school and at home.
4. Teach your child how to use a calendar or planner to get organized.
5. Teach/model for your child how to make a to-do list.

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-helpelementary.html#>



## The Center for Educational Effectiveness

Parents please help Silver Lake improve by taking the Educational Effectiveness Survey. You can take it online or via paper. The parent survey will be sent home with your student on March 11 and needs to be back by March 28. Students in grades 3-5 will take the student survey in their technology class the week of March 18 – 22. These surveys will help Silver Lake staff determine our organizational effectiveness, student engagement & motivation, social-emotional learning, as well as parent/community involvement. The outcome will help guide our discussions, measure our growth, and suggest changes. Also, students can earn a prize for returning the parent survey. It's that important to our improvement! Better Data. Better Decisions. Better Schools.

**SAFETY NOTE:**

Families, in order to keep all students safe and know where they are in the event of an emergency it is imperative that you check in at the front office if you want your student(s) dismissed or if you are reporting to their classroom. This includes our portable

classrooms. Teachers have been directed to send all visitors to the office if they do not already have a visitor's badge. We know this procedure is not always convenient, but it is necessary to keep all students safe. Thank you in advance for for your cooperation.

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.





## From the Counselor

March brings Spring and warmer weather! I think we are all looking forward to sunshine, flowers, and warmth! At Silver Lake, we will be focused on Friendships and Kindness. We will host a Kindness Challenge Week during Conference Week, March 25th through the 29th. This event will include Spirit Days, Kindness Activities, and a Food and/or Gift Card drive for the families of SLE! We believe it is important to foster kindness in each and every student so that they can carry this positive spirit into the surrounding community!

At home, you can support your students by asking "What kind thing did you do for someone today?" You can also help them brainstorm ways to be kind to others -- whether it is inviting someone new to play, giving someone a compliment, or writing a thank-you note to someone in their life.

As always, you can contact me with any questions you may have by emailing or calling me directly. I look forward to speaking with you!

Carrie Surowiec, SLE School Counselor

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**Conference Week!**

**Early Release 1:00 p.m.**

Mar 22	Early release for elementary students only (2 1/2 hours)
Mar 25-29	Early release elementary for parent conferences (2 1/2 hours)



**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.





# SAVE THE DATE!

**Silver Lake Elementary**



**In the Cafeteria**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**





## BOOK FAIR

### Conference Week

#### Monday

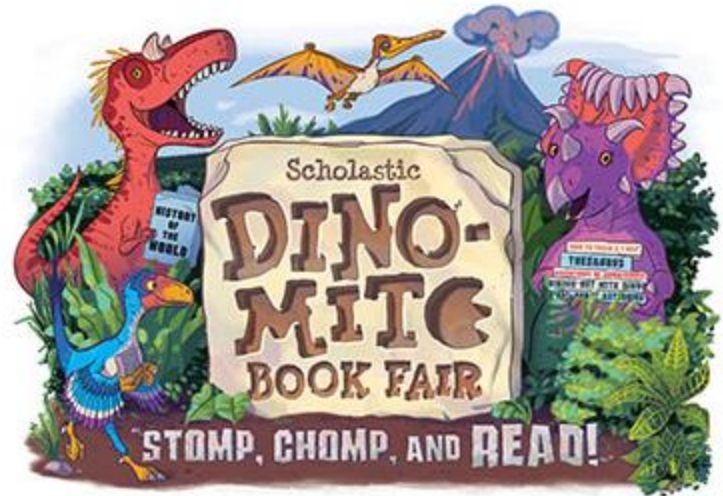
March 25

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](mailto: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."

March 15

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](mailto:sleptamustangs@gmail.com)**

## PTA Event Calendar

Skate Night - Thursday March 14th 2019 6:30 - 8:00pm - [Everett Skate Deck](#)  
 PTA General Meeting - Monday March 18th 2019 @ 6:30pm - SLE TBD  
 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](mailto:sleptapresident1@gmail.com)

Vice President: Serena Peterson, [sleptavicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:sleptavicepresident@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Michelle Chamberland, [sleptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sleptatreasurer@gmail.com)

Secretary: Julie Garreis, [sleptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sleptasecretary@gmail.com)

Questions for the SLE PTA: [sleptamustangs@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### March:

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

### 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.



# HATS OFF TO OUR STAFF

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](mailto:sleptapresident1@gmail.com)

COMING  
SOON!



Nomination forms for our volunteer and teacher of the year awards will be coming home with students in early March.



# Attendance

## Required by State Legislature

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

- Email: [silverlakeattendance@everettsd.org](mailto: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

## Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary School, register at your nearest neighborhood elementary school.



## 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](http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd) and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, 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.

## 21st 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.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23



## Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting



other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

## New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>.

## Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities. Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive

approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email [careerlink@everettsd.org](mailto:careerlink@everettsd.org).



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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](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104