

Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

“Parting is such sweet sorrow . . .”

These words from Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” have a different meaning in the play than they do for me, but leaving Silver Lake hurts my heart. As you have hopefully read in the letter sent home last month, I have accepted the position as principal of Ridgecrest Elementary School in Shoreline. This is an opportunity for me to explore doing the work I love in a different setting, and provides time for me to enjoy my new granddaughter, Evelyn Elizabeth Loney—six weeks old today!

Another quote comes to mind: “You never leave the place you love; part of it you take with you, leaving a part of you behind.” I think this is true for people, too. Here is what I am taking with me from Silver Lake:

- A reminder that we all need each other every single day
- Lessons I’ve learned from students, staff, and parents that have made me a better, stronger leader
- Fun memories: the magical first day of school, listening to our students share Book Talks and giving them new books to enjoy, being Duct Taped to the stage, visiting classrooms to watch children learn, singing the National Anthem at the Veteran’s Day assembly, kissing a pig, and more . . .
- A sense of accomplishment in what we have been able to establish and grow together these past two years and the knowledge that it will carry on long after I leave
- My Mustang gear—I will always be a bit of a Mustang!

And here is what I leave behind:

- A school community that is wonderfully diverse and brings a richness to each day
- The most dedicated staff I have EVER worked with, reflecting a “whatever it takes” mentality
- Parents who bring us their best every single day and entrust us to teach and reach their children
- Students who give me smiles, hugs, and confirm that this is the best job ever
- Home for so many that need the love, care, and support that Silver Lake provides
- Hope for Silver Lake in future years, knowing the amazing potential that is here right now

Thank you, parents, for your commitment to your children and their very bright future. Cherish every moment with your precious children. Before you know it, they will be adults and having children of their own like my daughter did! I am blessed because I have known you.

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May 3

Dental Day

May 4

Bike Rodeo, 5:30 pm
Learning Improvement Friday

May 7

Silver Lake Science Fair, 6:30 pm

May 11

Free Popcorn Friday
Learning Improvement Friday

May 18

Learning Improvement Friday
PTA Movie Night, 6:30 pm

May 21

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night,
6:30 pm

May 25

Learning Improvement Friday

May 31

Multicultural Night, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm



PTA News

On Monday, June 4 we will have our final PTA General Parent Meeting of the school year. As always, we value and appreciate your involvement in the Silver Lake school community. At this meeting we will be nominating and electing the PTA Board positions for the 2018-2019 school year. At the very least we need a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and can add other offices (for example, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Volunteers, Vice President of Fundraising). Attendees may self-nominate or have a friend/colleague nominate them.

Once all have accepted the nomination, each candidate for each position will take a moment to answer the following three questions: 1) Why do you want to serve in this role?; 2) What do you bring to Silver Lake?; and 3) What do you want to contribute or do at Silver Lake? We will then vote for each office, one at a time, before moving on to the next one in case someone may want to run for a different office if not elected for their first choice.

In advance, THANK YOU for considering running for one of these important roles at Silver Lake. Many parents are hesitant to run because they are not sure of what is expected. We will have job descriptions available at the meeting and this year’s current board (James Clarke, Emily Davis, and Sarah Smoldon) are a great example to follow. They have learned as the year progressed, and we owe them our heartfelt thanks for all they have done and given to Silver Lake this year.

We hope to see many parents at the meeting on Monday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Silver Lake library.

Awards Assemblies for May

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



- Friday, May 11 Kindergarten
- Tuesday, May 15 1st grade
- Friday, May 18 2nd grade
- Monday, May 21 3rd grade
- Wednesday, May 23 4th grade
- Thursday, May 24 5th grade



Upcoming Field Trips, Events, Holidays and Camp Dates

May 3	Dental Day
May 4	Bike Rodeo, 5:30 p.m., SLE field
May 7	Science Fair, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. SLE Café
May 11	Free Popcorn Friday
May 15	2 nd Grade Field Trip
May 18	PTA Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. SLE Café
May 21	Getting Ready for Kindergarten Night, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. SLE Café
May 23	Kindergarten Field Trip
May 28	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
May 31	1 st Grade PSC Visit
	4 th Grade Field Trip
	SLE Multicultural Night, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. SLE Café
June 4	5 th Grade Middle School Transition Field Trip
	5 th Grade Human Growth & Development Parent Info Night, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. SLE Library
	PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. SLE Library
June 5	Volunteer Appreciation Tea, 8:15 a.m. SLE Library
	Safety Patrol Reward Field Trip
June 7	5 th Grade Camp
June 12	Doughnuts with W.A.T.C.H.Dogs, 8:15 a.m. SLE Library
June 18	5 th Grade Graduation, 2:00 p.m. SLE Café
	Kindergarten Spring Sing, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. SLE Café

As the weather starts getting warmer, do not forget to continue following our school dress code.



Silver Lake 2017-18 Student Handbook is always available here:

<https://www.everettsd.org/cms/lib/WA01920133/Centricity/Domain/3125/2017-18%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>

Everett Public Schools district student dress expectations are available here:

<http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-493/3224%20Student%20Dress.pdf>



Save the date!

Silver Lake Elementary Multicultural Night is coming up on
Thursday, May 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Multi-Cultural Night has a date change! It was May 24 but will now be on **May 31**. We have many events planned for this evening:

- Twenty families hosting a booth about their countries
- Mexican folklore dance
- Kindergarten art work on display
- Third grade will be singing
- Fourth and Fifth grade world posters on display
- Photo booth
- Piñatas
- Natural Leaders table
- Silver Lake culture table

We hope to see you there for food, fun, and learning!



Silver Lake Soccer Club Spring Sessions



Silver Lake Soccer Club afterschool program is returning for a second set of sessions after spring break. This program is free and open to any **3rd, 4th and 5th grade students**. Permission slips are required and available in the school office. The after school program started **April 11**, and is offered 3:35 - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. During each session students will do skill work, soccer activities, and moderate game play. The intent is on fun and exercise, and not competitive play (cleats are optional and soccer balls are provided by the district). Please note: if middle or high school students, or parents, are interested in volunteering, please contact our office at 425-385-6900.



Safety and Bicycle Rodeo Planned for May 4th

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Silver Lake Elementary (12815 Bothell-Everett Hwy) is hosting their first Safety and Bicycle Rodeo on **Friday evening, May 4**. The event goes from **5:30-7:00 p.m. in the back parking lot**. There will be various bicycle courses and stations related to safety and bicycling. Open to the public; **cars will need to use the front lot** directly of the Bothell-Everett Hwy. There are a limited number of free helmets to be fitted and given to



participating children, plus some bicycles will be available for loan during the rodeo. **Volunteers are needed.** For information, please call the school at 425-385-6900.

BIKE SAFETY TIPS

Talk with children about bike helmets and bike safety. **Bumps and bruises heal but a head injury can be forever.** Kids learn by example, so set a good one by always wearing a helmet every time you go bicycling. **A bike helmet is the single most effective safety device for reducing head injury and death from biking mishaps.**

Did You Know?

- Short rides close to home can be the most dangerous
- More than 60 percent of childhood bicycle-related fatalities occur on small neighborhood roads. The typical bike crash occurs within a single mile of home.

10 Tips for Safe Bike Riding

- 1) Check your brakes, tire pressure & chain before you start.
- 2) Properly put your helmet on - never ride without one.
- 3) Be visible. Wear light and bright colors during the day. At night, use a headlight and taillight, and wear white or reflective clothing.
- 4) Cars, bikes and pedestrians must obey traffic laws. Know who has the right of way for every situation.
- 5) Do not weave in and out of parked cars.
- 6) Always stop and check traffic before riding into the street.
- 7) Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- 8) Always use hand signals.
- 9) Ride on the right side of the street.
- 10) Always be alert and pay attention - watch for traffic and obstacles.

FACT: A bicycle helmet reduces the risk of serious head and brain injury by 85-88%.

MORE SAFETY EVENTS AT SILVER LAKE

SAFETY AND FIRST AID in all PE CLASSES – American Red Cross visits April 30-May 4

For one week, American Red Cross representatives are guest teachers visiting each Physical Education class from April 30-May 4. The curriculum will include hands-on examples and every student will receive a small first aid kit. Ask your child about what they learned.



Silver Lake Mustang Milers Updates

Students arrive before school on Friday mornings to walk or jog laps for cardio-respiratory fitness as an elective activity. Every 5 miles of exercise earns them a small foot token. This program is open to any student with a signed permission (and early transportation to school). Mustang Milers has been a club at our school since 2011.



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Statistics for this school year through April 27, 2018

Total Miles to date: 556.96

Reported: 54 enrollees; about 20 participants most Friday mornings

Top Mileage by classroom teacher:

TCarlson (2nd gr) = 87.45

Stephenson (2nd gr) = 76.13

Whitaker (4th gr) = 61.85

Youtzy (3rd gr) = 49.98

Rider (2nd gr) = 49.46

Milers listed by miles jogged or walked to date (those completing over 2 miles and more):

Kenvir Pannu (5th) = 26.09

Xavier Duckett (2nd) = 20.79

Manvir Pannu (2nd) = 19.87

Payton Clarke (2nd) = 15.27

Manin Cline (2nd) = 14.54

Cadence Waldrop (5th) = 13.80

Josue Flores Hernandez (2nd) = 12.62

Tyler Durgan (5th) = 12.34

Rylee Jenkins (2nd) = 11.91

Shane Martinez (2nd) = 11.90

Caylee Krestel (2nd) = 11.57

Tristan Newton (K) = 11.44

Diana Campos-Garcia (4th) = 10.56

Allie Krestel (4th) = 9.86

Genevieve Ginsbach (5th) = 9.04

Savannah Hartmann (1st) = 8.96

Emmett Davis (2nd) = 8.11

Divinity Newton (4th) = 7.13

Serenity Newton (5th) = 6.83

Daniella Carrillo (3rd) = 6.64

Amelia Hartmann (3rd) = 6.30

Orion Belleza (4th) = 6.23

Jasmine Bui (2nd) = 5.68

Kollin Malloy (3rd) = 5.41

Luke Whitney (4th) = 5.18

Sarai Yandell (2nd) = 4.37

Riley Reynolds (2nd) = 4.22

Malakhi Davis (4th) = 4.13

Karisma Malloy (K) = 4.13

Logan La Rue (4th) = 3.00

Keira Malloy (K) = 2.98

Hafsa Babi (2nd) = 2.95

Rodas Ashagre (3rd) = 2.78

Olivia Archibald = 2.21

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.



This year we had **281** students Hit a Home Run in the AquaSox Reading Challenge! If your child earned a ticket to the June 15 game, a bright pink voucher was sent home at the end of last week. Children must be accompanied by at least 1 paid adult for the game. **Vouchers and additional ticket orders are due by May 11.** Tickets will then be ordered and distributed late-May or early June. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Martinez at MMartinez@everettsd.org. Great reading Silver Lake!

Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration began 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.

Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the [OSPI Report Card](#).

Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online.](#) Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new



courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Before- and after-school care

Many parents rely on before- and after-school childcare to help juggle busy schedules. Currently, YMCA provides before- and after-school care at six elementary schools and the Boys & Girls Club provides care at one school.

The district is in the process of soliciting applications from vendors to provide before- and after-school care at more elementary schools to provide greater flexibility and more choice for parents, and to increase student enrichment opportunities.

For more information about the application process, please contact Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, at cjones@everettsd.org, 425-385-4039.



Let's talk about growth

Since the 2018 Capital Bond proposal did not meet the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass in February, the school board is reviewing results and determining next steps to manage high school growth until a new high can be built. Three community conversations are scheduled this May to share information on implications of high school overcrowding and to gather input on options to manage this growth in the near future.

Community conversation dates

May 15 Cascade High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 17 Everett High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 29 Jackson High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

Elementary school boundaries

Does your student attend one of these elementary schools?

Cedar Wood	Silver Firs
Forest View	Silver Lake
Mill Creek	Woodside
Penny Creek	

If so, the elementary school your child will attend may change beginning fall 2019 when the new Elementary School 18 opens at 4419 180th St. SE, Bothell.

A committee of parents and principals representing each of these schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent.



Review the recommendation and share your thoughts through the website until May 25. The superintendent will review input and make a recommendation to the school board on June 19. The board is expected to finalize boundaries in fall 2018 – a year prior to the new school’s opening. Boundaries changes will go into effect September 2019. Find more [information about the boundary adjustment process](#) online, or by contacting Dr. Gerard Holzman at 425-385-4192.



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, 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 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:

- Miércoles, 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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