

Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Welcome and Happy New Year!

Now that all our children are here at Silver Lake Elementary, it feels like a school again. For new families to our wonderful school community, a warm welcome to Silver Lake. We are proud to serve you and look forward to a great school year. You will receive this newsletter monthly, so thank you for taking the time to read it and note important dates and events. You can also go to our school website at <https://www.everettsd.org/silverlakees> to stay abreast of school programs and activities.



Everyone at Silver Lake understands that safety is our number one priority. This first edition of the newsletter will cover our policies and procedures that help keep our students safe. Thank you for taking the time to read and explain these points to your children.

Drop-off/Pick-Up

We promise to never leave your child unattended—in the classroom, in the building, at lunch and recess, and before and after school. We have staff members that supervise our students at all times of the day to ensure they are safe while at Silver Lake. Breakfast is served at Silver Lake beginning at 8:45 a.m. No students should be on campus before 8:45 a.m., the time our cafeteria doors open. If you need to drop your child off earlier, you will need to make arrangements with another parent or seek out a local childcare facility that is open before school. Our undercover student supervision at Silver Lake begins at 8:55 a.m. If your child does not eat breakfast at Silver Lake, they should not be on campus until 8:55 a.m.

Donna Morris
Principal

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Sept. 14

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

Sept. 17

Curriculum Night, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
PTA Kick Off Night, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 21

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

Sept. 27

WatchDOGS Kick Off Night, 6:30 p.m.
Volunteer Training, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 28

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

Oct. 5

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.



The only parent parking on site is in the front parking lot.

It is not safe to pick up or drop off students at the parking lot off 129th Pl. That lot is for buses and staff parking only. At the front parking lot, we have a “Kiss-and-Go” lane at Silver Lake for both drop-off and pick-up. Please note that if you are in the Kiss-and-Go lane you must remain in your car—both before and after school.

Although you may think you can quickly drop off or pick up your child and get back to your car, sometimes it takes longer than expected and we do not want to hold up that moving line. If you need to get out of your car to pick up your child or put them into car seats, please park in the lot and pick up your child in the supervised area.

For parents/guardians who pick up their children in the back of the school, we have those students supervised by a staff member in the kindergarten round up area outside of Ms. Martinez’s and Mrs. Koellmer’s classrooms. Please make plans to meet them there, and do not pick up your child from the bus line. It is expected that every student waiting in a bus line is going home on the bus.

For our new families at the Gateway Apartments (and those families who live back behind the school) we now have a “walking school bus” that ensures that your children get safely home from school. Students taking the walking school bus (recommended for grades K-3) line up under the covered area in the “Gateway Walkers” line which is located near the playground area. These students leave Silver Lake 5-10 minutes after dismissal.

If your child is a walker and gets themselves to school, please remind them to use only the sidewalks and official walkways walking to or from school.

Finally, please have a specific plan for pick-up and communicate that to your child. Where will you pick them up? Is it okay for them to walk home? What should they do if you are late picking them up? Students need the same clarity in your directions as they do from their teachers in the classroom. Thank you for doing this as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe all the way from your door to Silver Lake and back each day.

We Need Your Partnership!



Good school attendance is one of the primary indicators of school success. Students cannot learn if they are not in school, so in advance, thank you for ensuring that your child is here on time each day. The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and the official start of the school day is 9:15 a.m. Our teachers work extremely hard to prepare and deliver instruction from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Unless necessary (medical appointment, family emergency), please do not pick up your

child early from school. Every minute of our learning day counts!



One of the best ways to embrace the new school year is to get involved—both students and their parents. For our students, we have Soccer Club, Milers Club, and Robotics. For parents, joining and participating in PTA is the best way to stay connected to your school and all that is happening. Please see the PTA news below regarding the first parent meeting here next week. Volunteering in classrooms and the lunchroom/recess gives you a glimpse at what your child is experiencing at school. Please be sure to



complete the online Volunteer Application (see the Parent section of the Everett Public Schools homepage to access the online application) to work with or supervise our students. **PTA Kick Off Night, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. COME JOIN US!**

We are so proud of the Silver Lake community and look forward to our continued partnership with you, our valued parents and guardians, throughout this school year.

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.”

September 21	January 11	May 17
October 12	February 8	June 14
November 11/16	March 15	
December 7	April 12	

Thank you! If you ever have any questions, let me know!! Thank you again for supporting our students!

Carrie Surowiec, School Counselor

From the Office



When you come in to the office, you will see a new friendly face. Her name is **Sarah McGrath** and we are excited to have her join us at the front desk as our new attendance secretary.

Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.



The district's finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

Your student's records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student's records.

Vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade need two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a health care provider document verifying they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2018-19

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the [Washington State Department of Early Learning](#).



The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.



Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes.

We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.



Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities and our volunteer application has been updated.

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! We have new background check and safety training requirements.



ALL volunteers must fill out a new application for the 2018-19 school year. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.


Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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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