

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families!

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the spring in the Pacific Northwest. Let's hope that May brings us more sunshine and warmer weather. We are nearing the end of our school year which is hard to believe. This year has flown by so fast. We are excited about all the fun events that happen at the end of the school year. One of our biggest events is field day. We will need many volunteers on June 13 to make it successful and fun for all students. We will be sending out a TCE field day volunteer sign-up sheet in a few weeks. Please remember that all volunteers must be approved through the district. Here is the link to the district volunteer approval form: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>

The Core Value winner for April (Learning) is Adam Al-Lafi. His teacher, Ms. Milles said that Adam has grown as a learner this year. His progress is huge, and he puts in a lot of effort. Adam always has a positive attitude about learning and tires his best. I am so proud of the gains he has made. I only see more progress made in his future. Congratulations Adam.

We are proud to announce the PTSA Council award winners. The Golden Acorn goes to Kiren Chand-TCE PTSA Co-President, Outstanding Advocate goes to Ms. Lim librarian and Ms. Kao 1st grade teacher. Outstanding Educator goes to Mr. Costa 1st grade teacher. We look forward to celebrating them on May 29th at the PTSA awards ceremony.

REMINDER: Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will soon be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for the 2023-24 school year. Please be sure your child is present on the testing days. It is important that your child gets to bed earlier than usual on testing nights and eats a healthy breakfast. Your child's teacher will be providing you with information about snacks.

CONTENT AREA Estimated time ELA Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) 40-60 minutes & ELA Performance Task (PT) 120-180 minutes (3 hours combined) Math CAT 40-60 min & Math PT 60 minutes (2 hours combined) WCAS (Grade 5 only) 120 minutes.

<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing>

Grade	ELA/PT/CAT	Math/PT/CAT	Extended Time	WCAS (science)
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Celia O'Connor-Weaver
Principal

Claudio Jara
Assistant Principal

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May 3
LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

May 10
LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

May 17
LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

May 24
LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

May 27
No School-Memorial Day

May 31
LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

3	5/2, 5/9	5/15, 5/21	Either the next day and/or the Friday after	
4	5/8, 5/23	5/1, 5/16	Same as above	
5	5/7, 5/14	4/30, 5/22	Same as above	5/29

We are continuing to monitor the west walking gate. I will continue to collaborate with the Snohomish County Sheriffs, South Region Superintendent, District Safety, Security Coordinator, and several parents to prevent parents from dropping students off in their cars by the walking gate or on the street. The county and district will be adding “no parking signs” and “no student drop off” signs in that area. I am hopeful that parents will consider student safety and drop students off in the front of the school in the official drop off and pick zone. My goal is to maintain school safety and to enforce safety procedures for student drop off. I hope that we will not be forced to close the west walking gate so that our students who walk to school can walk to school safely without having to dodge cars. Please help by passing this information on to other parents.

During parent drop off and pick up, parents must stay in their vehicles. We have adult supervisors and student patrols helping to unload and load vehicles. Our system is safe and efficient so please stay in your vehicles. Thank you.

Important Dates:

- Kindergarten Orientation Date May 23, 2024, 5:30-6:30
- May 6-9 Staff Appreciation Week

As always, thank you for sharing your child (ren) with us.

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

From the Counselor’s

During the month of May, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking the SBA state test. Sometimes, students may feel a mixture of feelings during test taking like anxious, stressed, confident, nervous, motivated, etc. However, not everyone feels the same way about taking tests and not all tests make us feel the same way.

Here are some helpful tips as they prepare:

- The night before-
 - Get some exercise
 - Eat a good meal
 - Prepare for the morning
 - Give your brain a break
 - Set your alarm
- The morning of:
 - Wake up your mind and body
 - Eat a healthy breakfast
 - Use positive self-talk
 - Focus and calm yourself on arrival

Here are some helpful tips to reduce test anxiety:

- Use positive self-talk

- Deep breathing
- Think happy thoughts
- Use movement breaks

Mountain Lion Superhero Update:

We need you!

If you are interested & an approved volunteer, please click the link below to sign up for your day on campus:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AA4A722A75-mountain>

Before volunteering, you must be an approved volunteer through the district. To apply, please complete the form online:

<https://www.applitrack.com/everettsd/onlineapp/application.aspx?starting=true>

Our students love having you on campus and the support you bring to our staff is invaluable!

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

neells@everettsd.org and sthompson@everettsd.org

Tambark Creek Elementary Counselors

From the Office

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent please email your teacher AND the attendance line at

tceattendance@everettsd.org Please include your students first and last name and student id. If you need to reach the office staff for any

reason you can email Mrs. Patty the office manager at ptetrault@everettsd.org or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at

ajames2@everettsd.org or call 425-302-9200.

From the Art Teacher's

It's hard to believe May is our last full month in the Art room before summer break! This month, our Kindergarten and 1st graders will be learning about Claude Monet while creating "Bubble Art Water Lilies". The 2nd and 3rd graders will be finishing up their "Hide and Seek" camouflage animals and then will start a new project titled "Mini Weavings". During this project, they will learn what a loom is and will practice weaving with various fabrics and ribbons. In 4th and 5th grade, students will explore blending colors and different watercolor techniques as they create their "Bold Watercolor and Glue Painting".

Cristina Sawtell (CSawtell@everettsd.org)

Taneal Carlson (TCarlson@everettsd.org)

From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

Thank you for joining us at our Tropical Tiki Dance Party this past Friday night! The nice weather allowed kids to enjoy the playground and shave ice as well as the fun music and hula hoop party inside.

We were pleased by the results of our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. With your support, we were able to raise over \$1,000 for 5th grade camp!

At our April membership meeting, we voted in our 2024-2025 Executive Committee:

President: Kindel Surek
Vice President: Pallavi Tripathi
Treasurer: Kiren Chand
Secretary: Nadine Gill

If you are interested in joining the board next year, we have several positions available and would love to talk with you. Email president@tambarkcreekptsa.org for more information. Curious about volunteering at events? Join our general volunteer mailing list by emailing your contact information to vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org. We appreciate your help!

Congratulations to our PTSA Individual Award winners! Thank you to those who took the time to nominate these individuals for their outstanding service.

Golden Acorn: Kiren Chand
Outstanding Educator: Josie Costa
Outstanding Advocates: Sarah Lim & Nahrya Kao

Families of 5th graders - Click [here](#) to purchase a custom yard sign celebrating your graduate! The deadline to order is May 5th. Signs will arrive at school at the beginning of June.

Find the latest PTSA news at our website (tambarkcreekptsa.org), on Facebook (facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA), or on Instagram (instagram.com/tambarkcreekptsa/). Send us a message anytime at president@tambarkcreekptsa.org.

Kindel Surek & Kiren Chand
Co-Presidents, Tambark Creek PTSA

Attendance reminder

When reporting an absence please email tceattendance@everettsd.org AND your teacher. Please include your students first and last name and student number. We have several kids with the same first and last names. We also several students where the parent doesn't have the same last name as a student. Giving us all of this information will help ensure we excuse your students absence.

For example this is how an email to the attendance line should look:

Student: Leo the Mountain Lion

Student ID: 123456

Reason for absence: Sick with a fever.

Reminder: If your family is planning to take a trip that is longer than five days, please email tceattendance@everettsd.org as soon as possible to get a pre-arranged absence form. All extended absences need to be pre-approved by the principal before you travel.

Payments

Parents did you know you can pay for your student's lunch and fines online? Please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/payments>

Community Resource Fair

Join us at the Community Resource Fair on Friday, May 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway. Families will learn about service providers in their community and the schools! There will be activities for kids!

Service Providers include legal services, health and mental health services, education and training resources, and more! There will also be door prizes. Any questions, please call Abby Mayers at 425-385-4138 or email amayers@everettsd.org.

ECEAP Preschool accepting applications for 2024-25

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 provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).



The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Students across the district are welcome to attend.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.

Smarter Balanced Assessments and Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science testing

High School English Language Arts and Math Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) will be held on May 21 and 23. Students in grade 10 are required to participate. Students in grades 11-12 may also participate for Graduation Pathway purposes. Students in grade 11 will participate in the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

These tests simply help give teachers an accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college or career. Students are encouraged to do their best!



Elementary and middle schools schedule their tests separately, so watch for information about testing from your school. [Click here](#) for more details.

Spring safety reminders

Spring brings out the beautiful blooms on trees and flowers and warmer weather and it is a good time to review some general safety and awareness reminders to share with your family.

- Always tell family where they are going and when they will be there.
- Be alert to their surroundings – this means not wearing headphones or texting while walking.
- Walk or ride bikes in pairs and groups.
- Report anything suspicious or unusual to a trusted adult.

Graduation dates

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming high school graduations in June. Ceremony details will be shared soon from individual schools.

- Project Search, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Providence Colby Campus Rainer/Cascade Rooms
- Sequoia High School, June 13 at 6 p.m. at Civic Auditorium
- Cascade High School, June 15 at 11 a.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Jackson High School, June 15 at 3 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Everett High School, June 15 at 7 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Transition, June 18 at 5 p.m. at Community Resource Center Port Gardner A&B

Stay in touch with InTouch!

Read highlights of what is happening in our district and find out when we have our next regular school board meeting. [Click to sign up for our bi-monthly newsletter.](#)

What holidays do you observe?



Everett Public Schools is rich in culture with a diverse community that represents and speaks over 90 different languages. We are a school district committed to embracing every one of our community partners' experiences, culture, beliefs, and traditions. To reflect and honor this diversity, we are working on creating a formal calendar to recognize and spread awareness about religions and cultures within our district for our students, staff, and community.

We have also identified dates as High Impact Observances that may impact student learning due to religious or cultural observances (EX: student absences, inability to participate in school events, etc.). Our schools get regular communication reflecting these dates so they may do their best to accommodate students who may need support during these times.

We are different, we are the same. Let's learn more about what makes us unique! Visit www.everettsd.org/DEI to learn more.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **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

 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!



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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. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints
• of alleged discrimination:

• **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator:**

- Chad Golden
- 425-385-4100
- CGolden@everettsd.org
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator:

Dave Peters
425-385-4063
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