

# Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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## From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families! I am so excited to start a new school year at Tambark Creek. I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2023-24 school year and a special welcome goes out to our newest families to Tambark Creek.

Congratulations to our Everett Ready students, families, and staff members for a successful week of practicing going to school as a kindergartner. It was wonderful to see the students' smiling faces. Leo our mountain lion mascot was able to visit the kinder classrooms during Everett Ready. Thank you to all the kindergarten families who attended the kindergarten orientation event on August 24th or last June. You will be meeting with your child's teacher for Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) conferences during Sept. 6th, 7th, or 8th. Your student's teacher will be contacting you to schedule this. Kindergartners don't start school until September 11th.

We will also be excited to see our 1st grade through 5th grade families and students on September 5th at our annual meet and greet. Please feel free to bring your student's supplies to this event. During our meet and greet feel free to stop by our cafeteria to add money to your child's lunch account. Mrs. Rickman will be there to help you with this. Throughout the school year, I will send out communication to all families via phone, emails, and text messages as well as my monthly parent newsletters. Please let the office staff know if you are not receiving them.

Your child's classroom teacher announcement will be available through Home Access Center (HAC) on August 31st.

Tambark Creek's school day begins at 9:10 and dismissal is at 3:30. Every LIF (Learning Improvement Friday) Friday dismissal is at 2:15.

At Tambark Creek all students are required to wear a uniform. Please see the attachment for uniform guidelines and options.

Our Tambark Creek PTSA is working closely with the administrators and staff to provide family and student events, fundraisers and more. We will post all future events as well as information about ordering our TCE spirit wear on Tambark Creek website and Facebook page. [tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://tambarkcreekptsa.org)

**Celia O'Connor-Weaver**

Principal

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Assistant Principal

**Tambark Creek Elementary School**

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**September 5**

Teacher meet and greet-4:30PM-5:30PM

**September 6**

First day of school-Grades 1-5

**September 8**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**September 11**

First day of school for kindergartners

**September 15**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**September 18**

First day of developmental pre-school

**September 22**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**September 28**

Curriculum night 5:30PM-7:30PM

**September 29**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

## Important Dates

- September 5<sup>th</sup> **1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** “Meet and Greet” 4:30-5:30
- September 6<sup>th</sup> first day of school for **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades**
- September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Kinder parent/teacher meetings (the teacher will schedule these with each parent)
- **September 11<sup>th</sup> first day for kindergarten**
- **September 28<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night 5:30-7:00**

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

## From the Counselor's

Hello! My name is Shari Thompson and I am one of your school counselors at Tambark. I have been a school counselor for 12 years. This year, I will be partnering with Nicole Eells. This is my second year at Tambark and I am excited to be back! I will be working Tuesday through Friday. I am here to help support your child, collaborate with parents, teachers, and staff, and much more. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your students at Tambark!

Shari Thompson

And, I am Nicole Eells, the other School Counselor! I have been in the Everett Public Schools, first as a high school Science teacher and then as a counselor, for 16 years. I love working at Tambark Creek Elementary. Your students are kind to each other and to adults. They bring a smile to my face. I will work Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays this year. Throughout the year I will be out at recess, running programs and in your child's classroom teaching lessons. I will take teacher input on groups to run and ways to best support individual students. You are also welcome to reach out directly. I too look forward to getting to know your child better this year!

Nicole Eells

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

[neells@everettsd.org](mailto:neells@everettsd.org) and [sthompson@everettsd.org](mailto: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 [tcattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:tcattendance@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](mailto:ptetrault@everettsd.org) or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at [ajames2@everettsd.org](mailto:ajames2@everettsd.org) or call 425-302-9200.

# From the Art teachers

Welcome back, Artists! Mrs. Carlson and I are so excited to see you all and begin a new school year together. We will spend our first few weeks of the school year learning about our classroom, practicing routines, and we will begin creating our very own sketchbooks. These books will be a spot for you to doodle in, brainstorm new ideas, and be a place for you to practice new skills.

Parents, if you have any questions or have an interest in volunteering in our classroom, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you are looking to help us with setting up our art classroom with some extra supplies, you can find our Wishlist here: [Art Classroom Wishlist](#).

Cristina Sawtell ([CSawtell@everettsd.org](mailto:CSawtell@everettsd.org))

Taneal Carlson

# From the PTSA:

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready for a fun school year. We are excited to serve as your new PTSA Co-Presidents for 2023-24. We can't wait to meet all the new families and reconnect with familiar faces!

Our first PTSA general membership meeting will be held on September 19th at 7:00pm in the school library. We will update and vote on our Mission and Goals, Standing Rules, and 2023-24 Budget. Come learn about the events and programs planned for the fall and winter. We hope you will join us!

Tambark Creek Elementary PTSA is a part of Washington State PTA – the largest non-profit volunteer organization in Washington – and National PTA – the largest child advocacy association in the country. The PTSA is a resource for our families, school, and community, and we advocate for the well-being and education of all children. We need your support!

Please consider supporting Tambark Creek PTSA in the following ways:

**SIGN UP:** Join or renew your membership at [membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org). Members receive our email newsletter, voting rights at PTSA meetings, and discounts at participating businesses including Great Wolf Lodge, The Seattle Symphony, and the Washington State Fair.

**VOLUNTEER:** Contribute your time and talent by signing up at [volunteer.tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://volunteer.tambarkcreekptsa.org). Many of our programs and events rely on volunteer support.

**DONATE:** We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. You can make a donation at [membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org) (membership is not necessary to donate).

Tambark Creek Elementary is a great school because of our community of amazing students, parents, teachers, and staff. We want to thank our PTSA board, our returning members, and all of our volunteers for their contributions and commitment to our kids.

Contributing to the PTSA benefits this community and helps each student realize their potential.

Let's make this the best year yet!

Kiren Chand & Kindel Surek

Co-Presidents, Tambark Creek Elementary PTSA 7.3.12

For the latest PTSA updates, visit [tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://tambarkcreekptsa.org), follow us at [facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA](https://facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA) and [instagram.com/tambarkcreekptsa](https://instagram.com/tambarkcreekptsa).

Questions? Email us at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org).

## Attendance reminder:

When reporting an absence please email [tceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## 2023-24 Student Art Calendar

The 2023-24 student art calendar is available online in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to download and printed at home. They will not be printed and distributed at the schools this year.



## School meals for 2023-24



This school year, our school will have a paid meal program, however, any student in grades K-12 who qualify for reduced lunch will receive their meal for free. Essentially, there is no longer a "reduced" lunch category as all free and reduced meals are simply free. Families can apply for free and reduced meals by [filling out the online form](#).

We are so excited to be able to use this program to offer free meals to the students in our district who may need some extra support and to all of our students, no matter where they learn, we will continue to offer nutritious and delicious meals that include seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, scratch-made whole grain foods and lean proteins, with vegetarian and gluten free options too.

There has never been a better time to eat school meals. We look forward to serving you soon.

# EPS Appreciation Night with the Everett AquaSox!



Have fun kicking off the new school year as the Everett AquaSox take on the Eugene Emeralds at Funko Field on Saturday, Sep 9 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are only \$8 and the AquaSox will donate \$2 per ticket to the Everett Public Schools Foundation.

Tickets must be purchased online to be discounted to \$8. Game day will be regular price of \$15 per ticket. Click <https://fevogn.com/event/Everettschool4> to purchase tickets and share with family and friends, the more the merrier.

Join us for some great family entertainment including Baseball Bingo! Play ball!

## 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.

## World Language Assessments



Can your middle or high school student speak, read, write and understand a world language? Students in grades 7-12 can earn high school credit and special recognition through the World Language Assessment. Registration is open September 6 through October 31. **Register in your school office today!**

There will be only one window in the 2023-24 school year. Dates vary by school. *Scan QR code to learn more.*



## Access your family's immunization information

To access your family's immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, childcare and camp programs.

## SBA scores released

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) student scores are available for families & students in the Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September.

Go to [www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation](http://www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation) to find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores.



How do I get the test scores? Under Quick Links, click How to view SBA scores for instructions. If you don't have a HAC account or have questions, contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores will be released in September. They will be put in HAC as soon as they arrive, and Individual Student Score Reports will be sent home through the normal school channels.

## Mark your calendar for upcoming fall flu clinics

Everett Public Schools will host two flu clinics this fall at the Community Resource Center located at 3900 Broadway on:

- Wednesday, September 20 from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 24 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Please watch the district social media and website announcements for information regarding appointment times, insurance information, eligibility, etc.

## Ways to stay connected

On the [communications department webpage](#), you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our social media directory at [www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory](http://www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory) to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!



Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is very important. One resource available for families is our "Stay Connected" chart, which will show you the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district's website at [www.everettsd.org/communications](http://www.everettsd.org/communications) to download your copy.



Please also make sure your student’s school has your updated contact information so the district can communicate effectively with you.

## Have you downloaded our mobile app?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. Download and log into the district app to access your student’s info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

1. On your smartphone, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search **Everett Public Schools**
3. Then select our app for free download

Once you’ve downloaded the app, log in to “student info” with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.

## Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you kale grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month in our cabbage patch soup or kale Caesar salad! Did you know that just one serving of kale has more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#). Don’t kale my vibe!



Accompanying kale this month are stone fruits, which can be found in the Garden Spot and include nectarines, peaches, apricots, plums and more! They have a thin skin and a “stone” in the center, called the pit or seed. Stone fruits can boost immunity, promote healthy nerves, muscles, bones and teeth.

## Assistance icon on website

The district’s main webpage has an icon, “report/assistance,” with resources and assistance for students and families on:

- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Support
- Eating Disorder Help
- Substance Abuse Help
- Report Safety Concerns
- Report Harassment
- Substance Abuse Trends
- Overdose Symptoms and Prevention
- Safe Storage of Medication
- Safe Storage of Firearms



### Assistance



# ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2023-24

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.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. We have both school-day classroom schedules and half-day (a.m. and p.m.) classroom schedules, depending on the school location. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.



## Kids in Transition program



Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify for two federal programs which provide support for children and youth whose housing is highly mobile: those who meet the more inclusive definition of homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#) and those who are eligible for [Foster Care Education support](#).

Students who are in foster care placement (where a child welfare agency has placement, care and authority) or those who are without a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence may qualify for this additional support.

The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure eligible students have access to free school meals, school supplies and uniforms. KIT may help students access extended day or summer school classes or coordinate access to additional academic support or tutoring when needed. The KIT Program may also cover, or coordinate waivers for, fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT can also help set up transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible and in the best interest of the student. We also partner with the Family Resource Center and other community agencies to connect families and students to resources as needed.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,350 students through our KIT support at some time during the school year. For more information, visit [www.everettsd.org/KIT](http://www.everettsd.org/KIT) to learn who your school's KIT support staff is; or contact the KIT Office at 425-385-4032.

## Student opportunities and activities eflyers

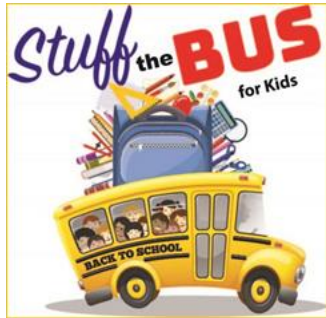
We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in





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.

## Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. In August, the EPS Foundation delivered over 3,000 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and are making them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks are available for pick up at each school.

## 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.

## School safety begins with teamwork


Everett Public Schools recognizes that schools should be a place where our students, staff and community feel safe. Teamwork makes this possible. We employ security staff and school resource officers (SROs) who work collaboratively with our school communities to ensure safety and security across the district.


Safety and security staff work to build healthy, positive relationships with our students, staff and community to ensure a safe school environment for learning.

### 3 easy ways

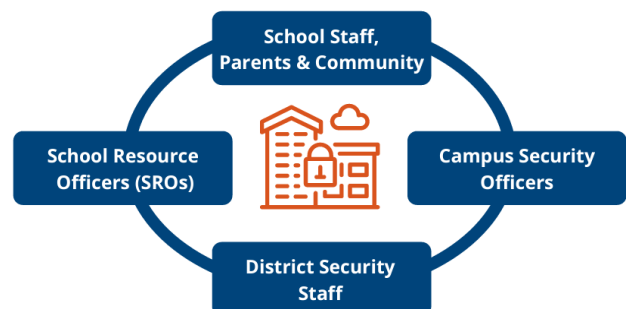
Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

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

FOR EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**



**Campus Security Officers (CSOs)** perform checks of campuses during school hours to prevent unauthorized access, deter illegal activity, assist with investigations, assist with student supervision and share information with staff and students concerning safety measures.

**School Resource Officers (SROs)** are police officers that serve secondary school campuses while schools are in session and partner with principals to improve safety by identifying, investigating, deterring and responding to incidents that present a significant threat to safety and security.

**District Security Staff** perform checks of campuses after hours and on weekends to prevent unauthorized access, ensure campuses are secure, deter illegal activity and respond to alarm notifications.

For more information, visit [www.everettsd.org/safety](http://www.everettsd.org/safety).

## Access to public records

The district's records may be requested by the public, and many records are fully or partially available for public viewing. As our business is most often about students, families, and staff, some of the information contained in certain records may be protected under federal and state privacy laws.

For additional information related to district [public records policy](#) and [procedures](#), including how to make a public records request, please visit our district public records webpage at <https://www.everettsd.org/publicrecords>.

## 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. To view or request copies of your own student's records, please [contact the office of the school your student attends](#).

## Register to vote!

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:



## Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit [www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs) for jobs posted and how to apply.



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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](mailto:CGolden@everettsd.org)  
• PO Box 2098  
• Everett, WA 98213

**Section 504 Coordinator:**

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PO Box 2098  
Everett, WA 98213