From the Principal

Hello Garfield Families,

It’s February and we are officially half way through the school year! The next few months will be busy with many events and activities for students and families. Next Friday is our Winterfest. If you are new to Garfield, this is the event of the year. There will be tables with baskets filled with all kinds of wonderful items. Our second annual Multicultural Night will be held on March 9th. On March 22nd, our students will sing their hearts out at our Spring Concert, and on May 24th, the Imagine Children’s Museum, along with our specialists, will host a STEAM-FIT (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and PE) Night. Look for information in class newsletters, in Tuesday folders, and on our website. We hope that you will be able to join us. Do not forget, Mid-Winter Break begins on Monday, February 19th and ends on Tuesday, February 20th.

Warm regards,
Monique Beane

ELPA21 Testing
Our English Language (EL) students are currently participating in the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21). Students in grade K-5 will take the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. As with any assessment, it helps if students get a good night’s sleep and have a good breakfast.

21st Century Skills
Teachers completed the Elementary Progress Report for their students last week. When you receive this report, you will notice a change. Teachers are now using 21st Century Skills (Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Growth Mindset) as tools to measure behaviors that promote student success. This will take the place of the section on behaviors, but the grades used to score your child’s present levels will remain the same—Consistently, Often, Sometimes, and Rarely. You may find further information on the district website: https://www.everettsd.org/21centuryskills
January 2018 Student of the Month

**Kindergarten**

**1st Grade**
Kadyn B., Maryann F., Archer M., Sierra D., Adeline S., Xymena O., Maia S.

**2nd Grade**
Gustavo A., TyLanei J., Jayden J., Andrey L., Kale K., Bailey M.

**3rd Grade**
Phinneas S., Chloe Y., Jameson R., Marissa Y., Jesus R., Isabelle S., Jamie E.

**4th Grade**
Elizabeth E., Matiah Y., Kathryn W., Corey D., Nathan H., Mia C., Ethan M.

**5th Grade**
Taylor K., Cassidy L., Danika K., Howard M., Jordan R., KaDee T., Camryn S.

New Attendance Policy

Parents please email your student’s absences using the attendance email address below:

**GAEattendance@everettsd.org**

If you are unable to email please call

Attendance line at 425-385-4705

From the PTA:

**Winterfest 2018**

**FEBRUARY 9th from 6-8 PM**

Pizza, drinks, and Italian Sodas will be available for purchase at the event

**Change in ticket sales**

Ticket sales for raffle prizes will be before and after school

**MONDAY the 5th - FRIDAY the 9th**

Monday-Friday: 8:30-9AM & Monday-Thursday 3:30-4PM

**Students need an adult to purchase tickets**

Access a teacher’s website from a smartphone

Use this nifty help sheet for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone.
Are you registered to vote?
Students studied Dr. King’s legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under QuickLinks on the district website.

Free tax preparation
United Way certified volunteers offer FREE tax preparation at several locations in Everett and throughout Snohomish County for families who made less than $66,000 in 2017. Call 2-1-1 or visit the United Way website for more information.

Did you know?
Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our School Performance Report is linked directly from our school’s home page. (Look under QuickLinks for a link to OSPI Washington State School Report Card.) At that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Do you have a student in special education?
Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on their Facebook page.

Lunch payments just got easier
Want to see your student’s lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. A new icon inside the app gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef’s hat icon.

The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

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.
**Career readiness**

Did you know our state will add 740,000 jobs in the next five years? But, according to a University of Washington research study, there is now a mismatch between the jobs opening and local residents seeking those positions. As a result, many local openings are filled by people from outside our region. Washington Roundtable members believe in the concept of “Washington jobs for Washington kids.” For that concept to be a reality, Washington high school graduates must go on to earn a postsecondary credential. Today, fewer than 1 in 3 do so.

The 2018 Capital Bond funds will pay to transform portions of each existing three high schools into high tech vocational learning and training centers. In these centers students will gain a head start on credentials that could enable them to live and work right here in our communities. The fourth high school (funding of which will be provided in the 2018 Capital Bond) will include a high tech vocational learning center in its design. Hear what local leaders are saying about the career pathways plan and creating opportunities for students.

**Kindergarten registration begins in March**

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins on March 5, 2018, 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 the transportation office at 425-385-4144.