

Tiger Tribune

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy Fall Garfield Students and Families!

What an amazing start to the school year we have had! Hard to believe we are already headed into October. Students have been working hard and engaged in rigorous learning. I have been so impressed with our Tigers and how they have been so flexible and so committed to learning.

iReady

iReady diagnostic tests in Math and Reading for our 1st – 5th graders are finishing up in early October. We will be using this data to help determine the growth areas specific for each student.

Showcase of Learning (curriculum night)

We have our Showcase of Learning this month as well! This is an opportunity to learn about your student's classroom, teacher and what they will be learning this year. We will have a live zoom and then recorded sessions from each teacher. These will all be posted and available on our website through the month of October.

SBA

Our 4th and 5th graders will be taking their 2021 SBA tests in October. We are excited for our students to have this opportunity to show what they know and for us to have data that will guide their learning paths and identify their needs. They will be taking the previous grade level assessment, 4th grade taking 3rd grade assessments and 5th grade taking 4th grade assessments.

Title I

Garfield Elementary participates in the Title I Program. As a Title I school, we qualify for federal grant money which we use for additional staffing, parent involvement, staff development, and extended school day opportunities to help us meet our goals.

At Garfield we are fortunate to have a math and reading coach as well as several paraeducators to support our students. These individuals work with students in small groups and individually in the classrooms to provide the support needed to strengthen their academic skills. We have a family support specialist that can connect our families with resources in the community. More details are included in our Annual Garfield Elementary Title I Update included in the Tiger News on October 10, 2021. Your partnership is vital to our success and we look forward to working with you to determine the best ways to support our children!

Best regards,
Kathleen Stilwell, Principal

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Principal

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Attendance Line

425-385-4705
GAAttendance@everettsd.org

October 8

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

October 13

Picture Day

October 14

Online Showcase of Learning
5:00 – 6:00 pm

October 15

Teacher Workday
No School

October 18

Let's Connect Event
5:00 -6:00 pm

October 22

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

October 29

Early Release
1:00 pm Dismissal

Nov 1- 5

Conferences, early release
1:00 pm Dismissal

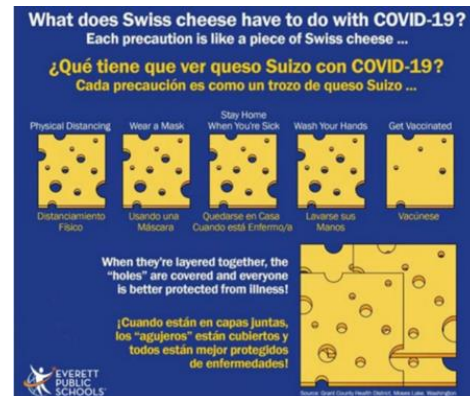


ATTENDANCE:

Parents and guardians please email your student’s absences using the attendance email address: **GAEattendance@everettsd.org**
 If you are unable to email, please call the attendance line at **425-385-4705**

Healthy habits make a difference!

What does Swiss cheese have to do with COVID? Each precaution is like a slice of Swiss cheese. When they are layered together, the “holes” are covered, and everyone is better protected from illness. Thank you for doing your part to wear masks, practice social distancing, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands and get vaccinated when eligible.



It is very important for everyone to wear a mask properly:

- Put it over your face and mouth
- Be sure your mask fits snugly against the sides of your face and under your chin
- Make sure you can breathe easily

The updated [2021-22 COVID Family Handbook](#) provides information on what we are doing to keep students and staff safe while at school and what the process is if there is a COVID case in your child's class. It also shares things you can do to help keep your child and their classmates healthy. It is available on the district’s website under the “Our District” tab on the COVID 2021-22 page. Thank you for being great partners in our community's health.

Hi, I’m Chatbot Chet!



Chatbot Chet is the newest member of our communications family and is available 24/7 to help answer questions.

Click the tab located on the lower right side of any EPS web page and “Let’s Talk!”

Parent University

Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child’s education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children.



Our goal is to increase collaboration and involvement between schools, families, and the community; to educate, empower and connect families with resources that build parent and student confidence, enhance character development, and promote life skills to increase the likelihood of family success in academic endeavors.



Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time. You will find Parent University, at www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.

Bus safety reminder

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops.

Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street.

Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt--STOP!

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In

When to stop when school bus lights are flashing or stop bar is out

- 2-lane roadway: both directions stop**
- 3+ lanes: stop if traveling same direction as bus**
- Turning lane: stop if traveling same direction as bus**
- Median: stop if traveling same direction as bus**

\$430 fine if violating any of the above

City of Bellevue Transportation Department 2019



Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**

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 for jobs posted and how to apply.

WE ARE HIRING!

- BUS DRIVERS
- CUSTODIAL
- FOOD & NUTRITION
- HEALTH ROOM ASSISTANTS
- PARAEducATORS
- SUBSTITUTES
- TEACHERS

Join our team!

We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more.

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For more information or to apply, please click headline.

Did you miss a call from us?

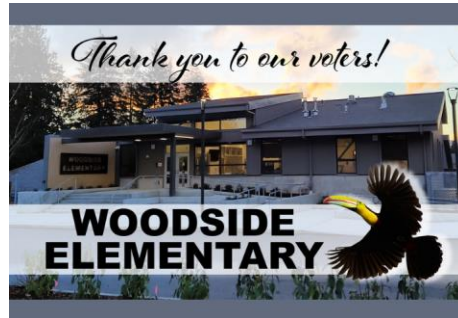
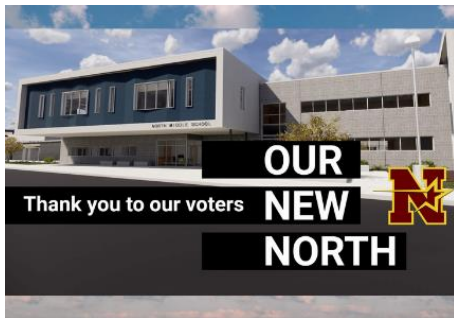
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school.

Is your contact information up to date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

2016 Capital project showcase!

Thanks to community support for the 2016 Capital Bond, the North Middle and Woodside Elementary partial replacement and modernization projects are complete! Students and staff are enjoying their new schools. Curious how they look? Visit the district's homepage under school announcements to watch the celebration videos or click the images below to link directly to them.



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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:**
• Kevin Allen
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