

Tiger Tribune

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Garfield Students and Families!

From the Principal

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I would like to welcome each of you to the 2021-2022 school year at Garfield Elementary. We are gearing up for an exciting launch and another awesome school year. As we return this year, there continues to be some challenges, something we are well-versed in by now. We will be adhering to all protocols, procedures and guidelines to ensure a safe and successful opening on September 8. At Garfield we are focused on taking care of the hearts and minds of each student. This is why we will be placing an emphasis on social-emotional learning in addition to academics. The welcoming, inclusive, courageous culture at Garfield ensures that each student, family, and staff member have a strong sense of belonging and safety to grow and succeed.

Stay Connected!

- Look for the Tiger News from Principal Stilwell delivered to your email on Sundays. If you do not receive these please contact us at (425) 385-4700 so we can update your contact information to ensure you getting this communication.
- Have a question? Please do not hesitate to call our main office at (425) 385-4700 or stop by the office window. We are happy to answer any questions and provide necessary resources.

Looking forward to a wonderful year filled with a tremendous amount of learning, growth and fun! **This is going to be a great year!**

Best regards,

Kathy Stilwell

ATTENDANCE:

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

GAEattendance@everettsd.org

If you are unable to email please call the attendance line at 425-385-4705

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September 2

Kindergarten Orientation Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm

September 7

Drive-through Curbside Meet your Teacher
4:00 – 5:30 pm

September 8

First Day of School for Grades 1-5

September 10

Learning Improvement Friday @2:15 pm

September 13

First Day of School for Kindergarten

September 17

Learning Improvement Friday @2:15 pm

September 20

Let's Connect Online Event
5:00 – 6:00 pm

September 24

Learning Improvement Friday @2:15 pm



Strategic Plan refresh

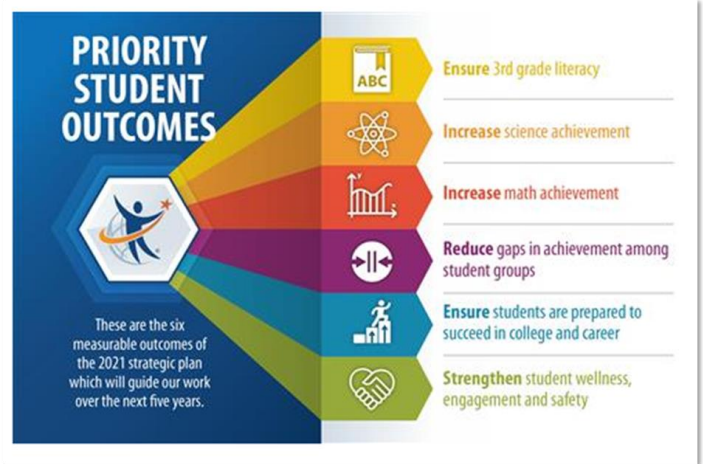
The Everett School district has a refreshed strategic plan for 2021-26. This ambitious, exciting and comprehensive effort will guide Everett Public Schools for the next five years and aims to bring everyone together to meet the needs of all students. The mission, vision and core values remain unchanged.



Mission – To inspire, educate and prepare each student to achieve to high standards, contribute to our community and thrive in a global society.

Vision – Our students will lead and shape the future. They will be well-rounded, healthy and flexible thinkers with a global perspective who can access resources and collaborate. They will demonstrate empathy, pride and advocacy for self, school and community while respecting the diversity and worth of others. They will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

Six **Priority Student Outcomes** are agreed upon targets for 2021-26 and will be achieved through six strategic priorities.



Each **Strategic Priority** has initiatives created for the first year of the strategic plan. These 2021-22 initiatives will

help meet the theme goals which will ultimately help the district achieve our Priority Student Outcomes. Each initiative is assigned a sponsor, an owner and team members.

Follow Strategic Plan progress at <https://www.everettsd.org/StrategicPlan>





2021-22 Calendar

The 2021-22 calendar was part of our contract negotiations this year. We will keep you posted as the calendar is finalized and will distribute the Student Art Calendar through your student's school when it is available.



Meals free 2021-22 school year



Along with returning to 100% in-person this fall, we are also able to continue serving FREE meals to all children until June 30, 2022! Free meals are available this school year for all on-site students! The meal program is federally funded, and meal costs are reimbursed by the USDA. To find out the menu for breakfast and lunch at your student's school, please visit the food and nutrition website on everettsd.org.

Families who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals should still complete an annual application form. Approved free and reduced applications help fund other programs and can also help waive other fees for your family. Applications are available online or at your student's school.

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.

2021-22 Immunization Records

As a reminder as of August 1, 2020, a change in state immunization rules has affected two areas of immunization compliance:

- The definition of "conditional status" has been clarified. **Students must turn in their immunization paperwork on or before the first day of in-person learning.**
- All new immunization records from students need to be **medically verified**.

A medically verified record includes one or more of the following and can be submitted by email to

EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System
- A physical copy of the CIS with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from your MyIR account.



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.

Ways to stay in touch and 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 twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, teachers, 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 to download your copy.

STAY CONNECTED

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.





What Every Parent Needs to Know video series



The Everett PTSA Council collaborated with Everett Public Schools staff and Washington Family Engagement to develop video resources for families which provide fundamental information to navigate school systems, advocate for their student(s), and actively participate in public education.

The project of five videos, entitled "What Every Parent Needs to Know," provides an overview of topics that parents felt were essential for building a foundation for authentic parent and family engagement. Video topics include: Student Education Rights, Get Engaged in Your Children's Education, What to Do About Bullying, Advocating for Your Student and Understanding Public Schools.

The initial material was created by Washington Family Engagement and further reviewed by parent and community groups, as well as Everett School District staff, to ensure accuracy, relevancy, and access. The videos were recorded by various district staff and are available on the district's Parent University webpage, with translations recorded and available in Spanish, and subtitles in Russian, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

Care Solace resource



Everett Public Schools fosters a culture that promotes the health, safety and well-being of students, parents and staff. To continuously support this commitment, the district has partnered with **Care Solace**.

Care Solace is an [online resource](#) with a live 24/7 concierge meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health-related programs and counseling services. Care Solace is a tool for school staff and families to connect with community-based mental healthcare resources and providers. Their proprietary care navigation system taps into a vast database of mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted local therapists and programs in minutes. Care Solace is available for use by district families and staff at no cost.

New assistance icon on website

The district's main webpage has a new 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

Assistance





ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2021-22

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 Early Learning.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.



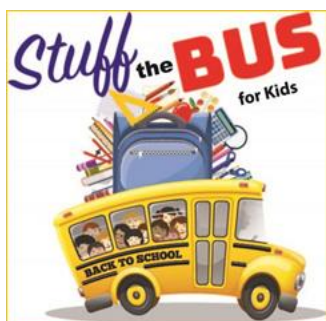
Kids in Transition program

Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify 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 and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure students experiencing homelessness have access to free school meals, school supplies, and uniforms. KIT can help students access extended day or summer school classes and provide access to tutoring when needed. The KIT Program can also cover fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is in the best interest of the student.

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 the KIT Program at 425-385-4032.



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 2,000 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.

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.





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.

3 easy ways

Text or call
 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

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

FOR EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

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.

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 general counsel 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.

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.

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.



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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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