

Tiger Tribune

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Hello Garfield Families,

Welcome to spring and the month of April! Conference week was a great success, and we really appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to make your child's education a priority. We also hope you were able to enjoy some time to rest and relax over spring break. A big thank you to all parents and guardians that participated in the EPS School Stakeholder Survey, your feedback is important to our ongoing school improvement efforts at Garfield.

State Assessment Window: Garfield third through fifth grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math with the Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT) and Performance Tasks (PT). Fifth grade students will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment in Science (WCAS) this spring. Thank you for your support in helping to ensure that your child is attending school every day so that they are fully prepared for these important state assessments. You can access the testing information and details in the Quicklinks section of the district homepage or by going to the following link:
<http://everettsd.schoolwires.net/Page/16044>.

Here is the Garfield Elementary School 2022 state assessment schedule for 3rd-5th grade students:

	ELA CAT	ELA PT	Math PT	Math CAT	WCAS Science
Mrs. Goetsch's Class	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/29
3 rd Grade	4/27	5/17	5/4	5/11	
4 th Grade	4/26	5/3	5/10	5/24	
5 th Grade	4/28	5/25	5/12	5/19	5/5

Kathleen Stilwell
Principal

Brent Radcliff
Assistant Principal

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April 4-8

Spring Break

April 15

Tiger Pride Asswmbles

LIF -2:15 Release

April 22

LIF -2:15 Release

April 28

Storybook Theatre K-2

April 29

LIF -2:15 Release

May 2-6

Teacher Appreciation Week

Brent Radcliff, Assistant Principal



Garfield Elementary is a Title I School

Garfield Elementary participates in the Title I Program. Title I, Part A is part of the *Every Student Succeeds Act*. Its goal is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a highquality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards.

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 that goal. This update is intended to provide you with important information about this law.

You have the right to request regular information or meetings about Title I at Garfield Elementary School. Please contact the principal if you would like more information. Contact information is below.

Please Share Your Thoughts!

Call (425) 385-4700 or email: Bradcliff@everettsd.org

- Principal: Brent Radcliff Bradcliff@everettsd.org
- Math Specialist: Monica Wagenhoffer mwagonhoffer@everettsd.org
- Reading Specialist: Kris Green kgreen@everettsd.org
- ELL: Kendra Drake kdrake@everettsd.org

District and School Report Card Information

Are you interested in knowing how your child's school did on state assessments? How different groups of children performed compared to other schools? You can find out by going to washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us. The Report Card contains information about test results as well as other statistics about the school. To find results for Everett Public Schools, use the box for the School or District Name under the line reading *I want to see data for a school or school district*, type in the name of the school or district, and press **go**.

Citizen Complaints

If you believe that the law that applies to federal programs like Title I has been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. First contact your child's school. If you can't reach a solution, you can file a Citizen Complaint through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Information on how to do this is attached.

Right to Request Teacher and Paraeducator Qualifications

All parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) or instructional paraeducators. If you request this information about your child's teacher, the district will provide you with the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status for which Washington qualifications or certification has been waived;
3. The college major of the teacher and any graduate degree or certificate; and
4. Whether your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals, and if so, whether those paraprofessionals meet state/federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



If you request this information about your child's instructional paraeducator, the district can provide information about the paraeducator's professional qualifications as required by ESSA.

If you would like to request this information, please contact Christopher Fulford at 425-385-4039.

Parent Involvement Policy

School Parental Involvement Procedures

- Parents and staff will review the previous year's parent involvement procedures and the results of the parent survey at the annual Title 1 meeting in the fall.
- Procedures will be revised as needed and will be posted in the building and on the building website.

Annual Title 1 Parent Involvement Meeting

- The annual meeting will be held within the six weeks of the start of school.
- All parents will be invited to this meeting through the school newsletter and a ConnectEd call.
- The agenda of the meeting will include:
 - An explanation of Title 1 requirements
 - An opportunity for input into the procedures for parent involvement, the school-parent-student compact and the parent involvement budget and plan.

Notification

- Parents are notified of their student's participation in programs that include reading, math and English-language support in the first weeks of school, and through individual planning meetings and conferences.
- Parent – teacher conferences are held twice a year, in November and in March.
- Curriculum Night will provide detailed information about each grade level curriculum, assessments, and levels of expected achievement.
- Frequent family events include information about the curriculum.
- Report cards are sent home each trimester.
- Student academic progress is closely monitored, and interventions are established for students identified in grade-level teams or by the school Student Study Team.

School-Parent Compact

- Each Title 1 school shall jointly develop with parents a school-parent-student compact that outlines how parents, the staff, and students will share the responsibilities for improved student academic achievement.
- The compact will be discussed with families during the October parent-teacher conference.

Additional Opportunities for Involvement

- Meetings and events will be held throughout the year to increase parents' knowledge about the curriculum and how to better support their child academically.
- Parents are encouraged to join the Parent-Teacher Association and participate in PTA events.
- Parents are welcome to volunteer or observe in classrooms, as allowable.
- Office staff disseminate pertinent information about programs for parents and families, such as Head Start and ECEAP, Boys & Girls Club, etc.
- The Counselor and Family Support staff communicate with families regarding community resources and resolve situations that impede student progress.

Efforts to Ensure All Parents Are Included

- Translation of written materials into the parents' language is provided when practicable.
- Interpreters are provided for conferences and events.
- Childcare is provided at school events.
- School meetings and conferences are offered at a variety of times.
- School staff is available by phone and by email.
- Teachers make individual phone calls to parents of students not making adequate academic progress.
- Parents can schedule meetings with all school staff members at any time to discuss their child's progress.



Kindergarten registration is open

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2022? Registration is open. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online!](#) A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



Dual-language Spanish Immersion Program

The dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School is an option for fall 2022. Families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand. This program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program.

Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the Emerson attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted. More information is available at www.everettsd.org/DualLanguageSpanish.

Easy access with district app



There is an app for that! Download and log into the district app with your LMS password to access your student’s info quickly and easily, including grades, assignments and more. Set your delivery preferences for notifications from your selected schools and district. Quickly access contact information and connect with the press of a button. Customize the app to view the schools and feeds that you care about most, all in your native language. Your home for district and school communications. Simply the fastest way to be informed. Learn more at www.everettsd.org/MobileApp.

2022-23 calendar available

Our 2022-23 student calendar is available in English and Spanish. Visit the district’s website under announcements on the homepage to view details.



Let’s Connect



The April Let’s Connect will focus on Family and Community Engagement and will be led by each school. More information on your school’s date and how to register will be coming soon.



Thank you, volunteers!

April 18-22 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week, which provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success.

We are grateful for the support our school community volunteers have given to support student success. Your help matters. Thank you so much.



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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:**

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