From the Principal

Hello Garfield Families,

This is an extraordinary time as we all work together to get through this global health crisis. During these times, I have found tremendous inspiration from all of you. Thank you for all the support you are providing your children during this uncertain and unprecedented time. I have found a great deal of hope as I see community members reach out and support one another, resources shared and teachers and staff working hard to connect with each and every Garfield student. The innovation and creativity during this time has been truly amazing as we continue to provide meaningful, rigorous learning opportunities for our students. My heart is full of gratitude for all that we are doing together to provide structure and support for our students.

Resources available during this time:

- Lunch and breakfast curbside pick-up at Garfield Monday – Friday from 11:30am until 12:30 pm.
- Technology support is available on the technology web page.
- Please contact your child’s teacher for all instructional and daily schedule questions and support.
- COVID-19 school related questions, visit district FAQ page.
- For additional support, you can submit a question to the school district and they will respond within one working day.
- Attention 5th Grade parents: Middle School Registration information and procedures are available.

Please make sure you are taking care of you and your loved one’s needs. This is a time when we must all be alone yet together. As we are practicing safe social distancing it may feel you are alone but please know the Garfield staff are here for you. Reach out – call or email me at any time regarding any questions, concerns or thoughts. We will get through this and we will do it the Garfield way – together! We are an incredibly strong community and I am so grateful for all the love and support surrounding us.

Stay home, stay well and stay strong.

All the Best,
Kathleen Stilwell, Principal
School closure resources

Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions

Did you know we have an FAQ page on our district website? We actively add content as we develop answers that apply to our students, staff and community. If you do not see your question answered, there is also an 'Ask a Question' form where you may submit your question. Hoping this is a helpful resource for all!

i-Ready Refrigerator Tips

Great ideas for parents and students to help manage and engage in i-Ready during the closure. These are also available in the Quicklinks section of the Garfield website.
Emergency meal schedule update


**Meals are available for curbside pick-up from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at:**
- Evergreen Middle School
- Cedar Wood Elementary School
- Garfield Elementary School
- Hawthorne Elementary School
- Jefferson Elementary School
- Lowell Elementary School
- Silver Lake Elementary School

How families can help:
- Please take advantage of curbside pickup and stay in your car
- Avoid socializing with other families
- Leave the school property immediately after receiving your meals
- If you do walk-up, stand six feet behind the family in front of you, only stand in line with people you live with
- Pick up your meals at a later time in the meal service
- Pick the meal option for your child
- Follow directions provided by Everett Public Schools staff

**Social & Emotional Health during school closure**

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person’s characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Please visit the district’s website for links and resources for social & emotional health.

**3-D printers loaned to help support local health care systems**

Everett Public Schools is grateful to be able to loan ten 3-D printers, through an agreement with Ignition Partners, to support manufacturing N95 masks, visors and other critical medical and safety equipment for our local health care systems. [Click for full article.](#)
Kindergarten registration

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten online. Please visit the registration page on the district’s website. If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8, 2020.

National School Nurse Day

National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2020, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. In 1972, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) created National School Nurse Day to recognize school nurses and acknowledge their role in the educational setting. NASN applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the health, safety, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year – School Nurses: Supporting Students in Times of Crisis – reinforces the changing times of 2020. This year, more than ever, all members of our school communities, school nurses included, have been required to take on unprecedented roles and adapt quickly to changes in their jobs. It is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the health care of their school communities to help make a healthier place for children and families to learn and grow during this crisis.