

Tiger Tribune

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Hello Garfield Families,

Happy New Year! I love this time of new beginnings, renewed hope and fresh energy! I am certain 2022 will be filled promise and I am excited about the days ahead.

We have our Tiger Pride assemblies celebrating our students of the month as well as attendance on Friday January 7! This will be online (zoom) so I hope you are able to join us for this celebration of all of our amazing Tigers. Also, this month is our Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly on January 14 at 1:35 pm. This is always a special event here at Garfield and I hope you will join us for this online (zoom) assembly. Look for more details in your weekly Tiger News from Principal Stilwell.

Please consider attending our Garfield PTA meeting this month. This meeting will be on zoom **Monday January 10 at 6:30 pm**, This is an excellent opportunity to connect with Garfield families and staff as well as get informed. Join the meeting on zoom at: <https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/99459501631>. Kathy Reeves, Everett Public Schools Director of Communication, will be presenting at the meeting with information regarding the Replacement Levies on the February 8 ballot. Come, learn more and get your questions regarding the levies answered.

With the renewed energy a New Year brings, let's work together to ensure you and your student(s) feel supported and have all that is necessary for achieving success. Please reach out if you have any questions or need any additional support. And thank you for all that you do to support your student(s) and our staff here at Garfield Elementary. We are grateful for you!

Warm Wishes,

Mrs. Kathleen Stilwell
Principal

ATTENDANCE:

Please email your student's absences using the attendance email address:

GAAttendance@everettsd.org

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

Kathleen Stilwell
Principal

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January 3

School resumes, Welcome Back!

January 7

Tiger Pride Assemblies (online)

- 1:35 pm Grades 3-5
- 1:55 pm Grades K-2

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

January 10

PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm

January 14

Martin Luther King, Jr.
assembly, 1:35 pm (online)
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

January 17

Martin Luther King Jr Day, No
School

January 21

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

January 24

Let's Connect Event, TBD

January 28

End of First Semester
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 pm Dismissal

January 31

Teacher Workday, No School



January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the sixth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

Replacement levies on February 8 ballot

Everett Public Schools has two replacement levy measures on the February 8, 2022 ballot. Both levies replace existing levies that expire at the end of 2022.

Having good schools and facilities has a positive effect on our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community, which will improve our quality of life, keep crime down, and help increase the values of our homes.

All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or family income. This funding will ensure all students in Everett Public Schools have the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.



Proposition 1 – Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O)

Local EP&O levy funding allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our students, which goes beyond the minimum funded by the state. For instance, the state funds 3 district nurses and we have 12. They fund \$35 million for special education that costs us \$45 million to provide. This levy covers these and other basic operating expenses.

Proposition 2 – Replacement Capital Levy

The replacement capital levy provides funding to acquire, improve or maintain school facilities in the four categories below:

- **Technology \$96M**
Our students benefit from ongoing integration of technology into their learning.
- **Increased safety and security \$2M**
Our students will learn in buildings that are safer and more secure
- **Equal access, same experience \$172M**
Every student in our district will have the same opportunity to learn in well-functioning, safe and modern spaces.
- **Maintenance and mandatory upgrades \$54M**
Our facilities are valuable community assets and will be maintained to increase their life expectancy and comply with state mandated upgrades.

For more information, please visit www.everettsd.org/2022Levies.



Save the date - Let's Connect

Please save the date for the Let's Connect on January 24. Have your questions answered and find out more information about the two replacement levies on the February 8 ballot.

More information on how to register will be coming soon.



Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#).

First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends January 28. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 11.





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.

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.

3 easy ways

Text or call
855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

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

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL
911!

Good Citizenship Day

Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 14. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.



Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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