

Garfield Tiger News

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Garfield Families,

It is hard to believe we are already heading into October with the leaves changing, temperatures cooling to remind us, it is the Fall Season. We have had such a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you so much for working with us in our new safety measures and for ensuring your students are here on time, every day. Attendance matters!

The other sign of Fall is a lot more coughs, sneezes and running noses! When should you keep your child home? Please see the notice from our nurse and health room assistant regarding when your child should stay home.

iREADY

Your children have been hard at work as they complete the iReady diagnostic tests in Reading and Mathematics. This important district tool allows us to individually support and customize learning for each of our students. We are all striving to help each student succeed and be the best they can be!

TIGER PRIDE!

Our September Tiger Pride awards were given at the classroom level. Each class earned a special PAWSitive award and received a popsicle party from Mrs. Stilwell and Mr. Radcliff. It was fun to celebrate all the fantastic PAWSitive behaviors we have been seeing! We are committed to our 4 core values of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Safe and Being Kind. Students continue to receive PAWS tickets when they are “caught” being PAWSitive 😊 Weekly school drawings are held and students come and receive prizes!

SAFETY and REMINDERS

- Breakfast is served from 8:40 am – 9:00 am. At 9:00 am all students enter the under-covered area and await their teacher.
- Students that are not eating breakfast at school can arrive starting at 9:00 am and enter through the gate on 23rd street.
- Teachers will bring students up to class by 9:10am. Classes begin in the classrooms at 9:15 am.
- The playground is off limits immediately before and after school. This is for safety reasons all students are expected to go home promptly after school using designated walkways.

Kathleen Stilwell
Principal

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Attendance Line

425-385-4705
GAAttendance@everettsd.org

Oct. 1

Curbside Pick-up -
Last Names A-M 4:30-6:30 PM
Online Meet with the Principal @6:30 PM

Oct. 2

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dimissal
Curbside Pick-up -
Last Names N-Z 4:30-6:30 PM

Oct. 8

Online Showcase of Learning @
6:30-7:30 PM

Oct. 9

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dimissal

Oct. 16

No School (All Students)

Oct. 23

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dimissal

Oct. 30

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dimissal



TITLE I

Garfield is a Title I School 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 that goal. At Garfield we are fortunate to have a math and reading coach as well as several para-educators to support our students. These individuals work with students in small groups and 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. We also benefit from a joint agreement between Everett Public Schools and Sea Mar to provide mental health support to our Apple Health eligible students during the school day. More details will be included in our Annual Garfield Elementary Title I Update in the October 15th student packet. Look for that and the upcoming events to review the School-Parent Compact. Your partnership is vital to our success and we look forward to working with you to determine the best ways to support our children!

SHOWCASE OF LEARNING

Here at Garfield, we are dedicated to the very best for each of our students. We work hard to ensure rigorous, relevant and engaging instruction is happening in each of our classrooms.

Your students will be showing off all the great learning they have been doing in their classrooms on **October 24th 5:00 pm – 6:30pm**. More information will be coming but make sure this special event is on your calendars! You won't want to miss it!!

The Garfield teachers and staff are incredibly focused and dedicated to ensuring each student succeeds socially, emotionally and academically and has equitable access to boundless opportunities ahead. If you have any questions, concerns and/or comments please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (425) 385-4700 or email kstilwell@everettsd.org.

Thank you so much – it is an honor and privilege to serve this wonderful community!

Sincerely,
Kathleen M. Stilwell

ATTENDANCE:

This year will be more important to report your student's absences.

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

GAEattendance@everettsd.org

If you are unable to email please call

Attendance line at 425-385-4705

If you are planning on a vacation over the holidays, please let the office know in order for it to be excused. If you have further questions please refer to the Policy 3122 & 3122P.



2020 High School & Beyond Event

The High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual this year. The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling has been in the process of designing remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country. The Washington-specific portion will take place live from October 19-23. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until December 31st.

The virtual event site is available here: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>.

In order to participate, register using the blue button in the top right-hand corner of the page. Once registered, you will be able to preview the college fair booths beginning on September 15 all the way through December 31. College representatives and presentation will be “live” during the days and times below:

Washington student week live times October 19 - 23, 2020	
Date	Time
Monday, Oct 19	9 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, Oct 20	4 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. AND 4 - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22	4 - 7 p.m.

Parent University

Everett Public Schools Parent University is available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Website refresh

Feedback from families and the community to improve navigation and the layout of the district’s website was integrated into the redesign, which launched October 1. The new site features inviting visuals, reduced clicks and a standard experience with navigation among all school sites. The interface is user-friendly, attractive and a welcome change.



Community survey about strategic plan

The district is engaging the community as we start the process of creating a new strategic plan. Please look for a survey coming out on October 12 on the district website to provide your input.

Let's Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on October 19 from 5 – 6 p.m. (topic to be determined). We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email, RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting. Let's Connect!

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.



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 of the calls.

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.



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 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.**



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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:**
• Mary O'Brien
• 425-385-4106
• MO'brien@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

• **Section 504 Coordinator:**
• Dave Peters
• 425-385-4063
• DPeters@everettsd.org
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• **ADA Coordinator:**
• Randi Seaberg
• 425-385-4104
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