



# Welcome to Kindergarten 2024-2025

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# Welcome to Penny Creek Elementary



## Thank you for joining us today!

Introductions:

- Administration
- Teachers
- PTA and Boy Scouts Make sure to stop by both of their tables





At EPS, Kindergarten begins with **Everett Ready** a transition-into-kindergarten program

- **Monday, August 19 to Thursday, August 22** (current dates\*)
- Half-day: **3 hours / day** - 9:10-12:10
- Transportation provided for qualified students  
(If student is enrolled and registered for Everett Ready by July 31)
- Family meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:15 (tentative date)



\* visit website [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready) in August for confirmation on program dates

## Family Connection Meeting

- Welcomes you into the Washington K-12 system as partners in your child's education through a family conference with your child's teacher.
- The meetings take place during the first 3 school days (dates to be released in August) when grades 1-12 students are starting school.
- This is an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher, share information about your child, and ask questions.

## Whole-Child Assessment

Helps kindergarten teachers learn about the skills and strengths of the children in their classrooms so they can meet the needs of each child.

## Early Learning Collaboration

Aligns practices of early learning professionals and kindergarten teachers to support smooth transitions for children.

# Welcome to Kindergarten



First day of school (grades 1 to 12) – Wednesday, September 4, 2024\*



## Family Connection Meetings

**Wednesday, September 4 to Friday, September 6\***

Your student's teacher will contact you in late August to schedule your one-on-one meeting

First day of attendance for kindergarteners  
**Monday, September 9, 2024\***



\* visit district website [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) in August for confirmation on dates / check



# A Day in Kindergarten



**Morning Welcome Circle**

**Social Emotional Learning**

**Literacy - Reading & Writing**

*Lunch & Recess*

**Math**

**Plan-Do-Reflect**

*Recess*

**Specialist**

**Science**

**Closing Circle**



Specialists may include:

Physical Education, Library, Music, Art, and STEM  
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)



# Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)



## A model of play-based learning

### PLAN

Choice with intention

- Enhances creativity, critical thinking & problem-solving
- Contributes to the development of self-regulation & social skills
- Promotes physical well-being & coordination
- Encourages reading & writing
- Enhances communication & collaboration
- Develops character & citizenship

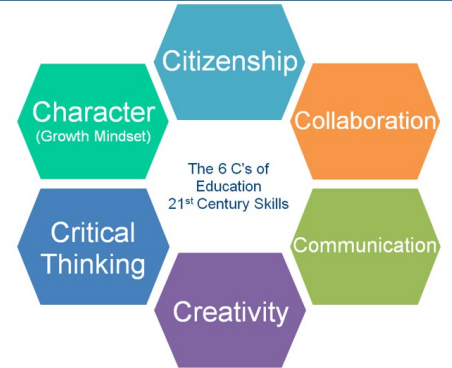
### DO

Develops competent thinkers, decision makers, & problem solvers

### REFLECT

Remembering & reflecting with analysis

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills





# Second Step™ – Social Emotional Learning



The Second Step™ curriculum promotes self-regulation: the ability to monitor and manage emotions, thoughts, and behaviors.

Helps children focus their attention on learning when they might be distracted by others, upset by a problem, or excited about an upcoming event.

Increases the ability to self-regulate and helps children get along better, engage with teachers and their peers, and promoting positive social goals and values.

It's a key to school readiness that supports children's ability be successful in both academic and social situations.



# Multilingual Learner (ML) Program



- The program provides structured language acquisition instructions to students whose native language is not English and qualified Native American students
- Students are assessed measuring their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Scores indicate if support is required
- ML services are available at all our schools



# Current Students (Preschool / Transitional Kindergarten)



If you have a student currently attending an EPS early learning program: ECEAP Preschool, Developmental Preschool (DPK), or Transitional Kindergarten (TK), they are already EPS students and **do not need** to be re-enrolled. Before end of school year, your student's teacher will send you forms to be completed and returned to your school:

- Everett Ready Registration Form
- Kindergarten Questionnaire
- Kindergarten Transportation
- Updated Certificate of Immunization

All forms are also available on website [www.everettsd/kindergartenenrollment](http://www.everettsd/kindergartenenrollment)

# Immunization Status & Health History



## IMPORTANT

- Make sure that your child's **vaccination** is completed before their 1<sup>st</sup> day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready - August 19
  - or
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of school - September 9
- Complete / submit the '**Annual Health History**' by mid-July, at the latest, if your child:
  - has a life-threatening condition / a medical plan
  - and
  - will be attending Everett Ready.

**Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)**

Child's Last Name: LAURE First Name: LAURE Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/01/2013 CID-10 Number: 1410628

Parent/Guardian Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date] School/Health Care Provider Signature: [Signature] Date: [Date]

**COMPLETE**

Vaccine	Required for School	Completed	Exemption
DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Yes	Yes	No
Polio (Poliovirus, Poliovirus)	Yes	Yes	No
Hepatitis B	Yes	Yes	No
MM (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Yes	Yes	No
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Yes	Yes	No
PCV (Pneumococcal)	Yes	Yes	No
HPV (Human Papillomavirus)	Yes	Yes	No

**EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL HEALTH HISTORY FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Student Name: Last: [Name] First: [Name] MI: [Initials] Birth Date: [Date]

School: [Name] Grade: [Grade] Student ID# [ID]

We require an updated Annual Health History each school year; the information provided will be shared with:

1. ☒ All medical conditions or conditions that require medical attention at school. (Please check only if applicable)

2. ☒ All medications (includes prescription, over-the-counter, and herbal supplements). (Please check only if applicable)

3. ☒ All allergies (includes food, environmental, and drug allergies). (Please check only if applicable)

4. ☒ All chronic conditions (includes asthma, diabetes, heart disease, etc.). (Please check only if applicable)

5. ☒ All other conditions that could affect your child's learning or safety. (Please check only if applicable)

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# Before / After School Care



EPS partners with the **YMCA** and the **Boys and Girls Club** to provide before and after school care at many of our schools.

There are also community childcare programs that transport students to and from some schools for before and after school care.

Once your student is enrolled, contact your neighborhood school to find out what options are available for the 2024-2025 school year.

- **YMCA** – visit <https://www.ymca-snoco.org/programs/1044/school-age-care/?locations=-1>
- **Boys & Girls** – visit <https://bgcsc.org/clubs/everett-club/childcare/>



# Transportation



## Bus Transportation

- Provided for students who reside outside a half-mile radius of the school
- Designated bus stops located along routes in central locations
- Routes are available on the district website prior to the start of school
- Route information is communicated to families via automated phone call and email prior to start of school
- All students have assigned seats with kindergartners in front of bus

For additional information and forms: [www.everettsd.org/busroutes](http://www.everettsd.org/busroutes)  
[www.everettsd.org/transportation](http://www.everettsd.org/transportation) 425-385-4144

# Food and Nutrition Services



## Students:

- may bring breakfast and/or lunch from home
- may purchase\* either a hot or cold meal at school

**Families** can set up an online account for school meals\*



**School meals** are prepared to be free of these allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish and pork. If your student has other allergies, you can submit a *Special Dietary Accommodation Request* form.

*\*Free and reduced meals are available. Meals provided at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) sites are offered at no charge to families.*

For additional information and forms: <https://www.everettsd.org/foodservices>



# Family Involvement



## Ways to support your child's learning

- Make attendance a priority
- Come to school and family events
- Participate in WaKIDS family meeting and parent-teacher conferences
- Help with class projects/work
- Volunteer
- Join PTA or Natural Leaders



*Being involved in your student's school sends a positive message about the importance of education!*

# Creating Independence



- Independently use the bathroom
- Put on, zip, and button coat
- Blow own nose
- Wash hands
- Open food & lunch containers
- Clean up small spills
- Put away materials
- Work on tying shoes (or wear Velcro shoes)
- Ask for help



# Summer Activity Kit



- Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines
- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- “Kindergarten Here I Come” book
- Bookmark (reading and math strategies)



Summer Bucket List to support kindergarten readiness		
<p>Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher. Children learn in different ways and at different rates. They come to school with varying skills. The activities on this bucket list are fun ways to work with your child this summer to help them be more ready for school. They can complete the bucket for every day or just when they have time.</p>		
<p><b>Social/Emotional</b></p>		
1	Play Simon Says Outside. Give two sets of directions each turn (sit, jump) also clap your hands and jump.	
2	Follow directions and get ready for bed online (go, dinner, bath, brush teeth, read bed time story, go to bed).	
3	Emotion game. Act out different emotions and see if your family can guess. How many can you act out? Can you guess?	
4	Drop a spot in your house that is safe when you get frustrated or sad. What will you do there to help calm down?	
5	Being dressed and ready for a trip to the park or to school?	
6	Tell a family member all the things you can do by yourself (get a snack, brush your teeth, get dressed).	
7	Go a random act of kindness. How did it make you feel?	
8	Clean your room or play area.	
9	Do a chore to help your family or home.	
10	Take or bring in a new piece you have never seen.	
11	Share a toy with a friend or sibling.	
12	Plan and carry out a random act of kindness.	
13	Play with a friend outside.	
<p><b>Physical</b></p>		
1	Play an outside family game.	
2	Use sidewalk chalk to create a line obstacle course. Draw straight, curly and zig zag lines to follow over the sidewalk.	
3	Play a game with a ball where you need to throw, catch and kick the ball.	
4	Play catch with a friend or family member. How many times can you catch the ball in a row without dropping it?	
5	Use magazines, newspaper or junk mail to cut out pictures you like. Cut out the pictures and glue them to make a collage.	
6	Use sidewalk chalk to draw your favorite things.	
7	Practice skip, jump, and balance as you are ready for kindergarten.	
<p><b>Language</b></p>		
1	Act out your favorite story!	
2	Play I Spy during a nature walk with an adult. Give them 5 clues to see if they can guess what you spy!	
3	Talk about the weather. How many words can you use to describe it? (sunny, hot, windy, etc. Name 10!)	
4	Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Tell a family member as many details as you can about your animal.	
5	Tell a family member that does not live with you and tell them about your kindergarten summer bucket list.	
6	Ask a family member to tell you a story about when they were a kindergarten.	
7	Tell a family member a story about something funny that happened to you.	

# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
  - Monday, August 19 to Thursday, August 22 (current dates)
  - [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)
- Develop a consistent home and bedtime routine.
- Help your child learn their personal information (first and last name)
- Purchase school supplies. Supply list will be posted on PCE website in late spring.
- Visit the school playground over the summer.
- Label coats, backpacks, lunchboxes and water bottles.



If you have concerns about your child's development or readiness for kindergarten, please contact:

Special Services - 425-385-5250





## STAY CONNECTED



**ParentSquare (replacing current apps)** keeps you updated through phone call, text messages and email. When you register with your school, make sure you enter up to date contact information and you will receive emergency messages, absences, school and district information and more.



**District App** combines content from the parent alert system, district website, district social media sites and the parent and student portals to provide a one-stop-shop for information. Push notifications are used in emergencies. Download the free Everett Public Schools mobile app, available in the online iTunes and Google Play app stores.



**Social media** is a great way to keep informed about school and district events and happenings. The district and schools have various social media accounts. Visit our social media directory on the website to find the ones you want to follow. (Departments/Communication/Social Media Directory)



# ECEAP – Early Learning Programs for your Younger Child



Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a **FREE preschool program** serving 3 and 4 year old students and located at seven elementary schools across EPS:

Cedar Wood, Jackson, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, Silver Lake, and the 7<sup>th</sup> location to be determined soon.

ECEAP supports student learning and the whole family through these services:

- Preschool education
- Family services
- Health & nutrition services



[www.everettsd.org/eceap](http://www.everettsd.org/eceap)

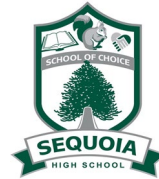




**Play and Learn** is a school-year program for children birth through 5 years and their parents or caregivers. Together they engage in play-based learning that enhances brain development and supports school readiness.

Play and learn is currently serving families Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 12:00 at Mill Creek City Hall North, Everett Public Library, Sequoia High School Gym.

Visit website [www.everettsd.org/playandlearn](http://www.everettsd.org/playandlearn) for more information.





# THANK YOU!

