Welcome to Kindergarten 2023-24
Thank you for coming!

Introductions:
- Administration
- Teachers
- PTA
At EPS, Kindergarten begins with **Everett Ready** a transition-into-kindergarten program

- **Monday, August 21 – Thursday, August 24**
- **Half-day: 3 hours / day** - 8:35 am to 11:35 am/pm
- **Transportation provided for qualified students**
  (if student is enrolled and registered for Everett Ready before August)
- **Parent meeting on August 21st at 8:35**

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Build relationships with teachers & peers

Become familiar with the school campus

Learn school routines

Explore classroom materials

Feel safe & confident

www.everettsd.org/everettready
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 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 6, 2023

First day of school for kindergarten
Monday, September 11, 2023

Family Connection Meetings
Wednesday, September 6 to Friday, September 8

Your student’s teacher will contact you in late August to schedule your one-on-one meeting.
21st Century Skills

Character (Growth Mindset)

Citizenship

Collaboration

The 6 C's of Education
21st Century Skills

Critical Thinking

Communication

Creativity
A Day in Kindergarten

Specialists include:
Physical Education, Library, Music, and STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Plan – Do – Reflect (PDR)

A model of play-based learning

**PLAN**
Choice with intention

**DO**
Develops competent thinkers, decision makers, & problem solvers

**REFLECT**
Remembering & reflecting with analysis

- 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
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 to be successful in both academic and social situations.
The big ideas in kindergarten include; representing and comparing whole numbers, initially with sets of objects; understanding and applying addition and subtraction; and describing shapes and space. More time in kindergarten is devoted to numbers than to other topics.

The mathematical work for kindergarten is partitioned into 8 units:
1. Math in Our World
2. Numbers 1–10
3. Flat Shapes All Around Us
4. Understanding Addition and Subtraction
5. Composing and Decomposing Numbers to 10
6. Numbers 0-20
7. Solid Shapes All Around Us
8. Putting It All Together
Science

Learn about…
• Life science
• Physical science

Apply…
• Next Generation Science Standards practices and crosscutting concepts

Participate in STEM engineering challenges
• Ask questions
• Observe
• Gather information
• Design
• Test
• Compare possible solutions
Reach for Reading

Reading Foundational Skills

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Sight words
- Shared reading
- Small flexible groups
- Independent practice
Writing Foundations

Learning how stories work
Telling about a memory

- What happened?
- Who was there?
- Where did it happen?
- How did you feel?
- What did you say?
Fine Motor Development

- Pencil grip
- Correct letter and number formation
- Letter proportion and spacing
- Building stamina for writing
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, or Transitional Kindergarten, they are already EPS students so don't need to re-enroll. Just complete and return the following three documents that have been provided by your student’s teacher:

- Everett Ready Registration Form
- Kindergarten Questionnaire
- Kindergarten Transportation
IMPORTANT

- Make sure that your child’s **vaccination** is completed before their 1\textsuperscript{st} day of school attendance:
  - Everett Ready - August 21
  - or
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} day of school - September 11

- 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.
Before / After School Care

EPS partners with the YMCA to provide before and after school care

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

- **local Child Care** – [Woodside School Child Care Referral and Day Care list](#)
Transportation

Bus Transportation

- Provided for students that 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
www.everettsd.org/transportation
Food and Nutrition Services

Students:
- may bring lunch from home
- breakfast and lunch is available to any child attending Woodside, free of cost

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.* Free & Reduced School Meals Application

For additional information and forms: https://www.everettsd.org/foodsservices
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
- Ask for help
Parents and families have a very important role as their child's first teacher.

These guidelines, available in multiple languages, highlight some of the skills that will help your child prepare for kindergarten.

www.everettsd.org/kindergarten
Summer Activity Kit

- Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines
- Summer Bucket list to support Kindergarten readiness
- Important K Dates To Remember!
- “Kindergarten Here I Come”
- Bookmark (reading and math strategies)
Getting Ready for Kindergarten

- Plan to attend **Everett Ready**
  - Monday, August 21 to Thursday, August 24
  - [www.everettsd.org/everettready](http://www.everettsd.org/everettready)
- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Help your child learn their personal information (first and last name)
- Get supplies ready and labeled
- Visit the school playground over the summer
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures
Additional Support

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

• Dr Betty Cobbs
• Special Services  -  425-385-5250
Blackboard Connect 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 six elementary schools across Everett Public Schools: Cedar Wood, Jackson, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake.

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

- Preschool education
- Family services
- Health & nutrition services

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 for more information.
PTA / Natural Leaders

Stay up to date with PTA events and volunteer opportunities by joining the PTA newsletter.

To be in the PTA, you don’t have to volunteer. To volunteer, you don’t have to be in the PTA.

Everyone is welcome! Join the Woodside Elementary PTA.

PTA Individual Membership: $10
Family Membership $25 (one-time fee)

Scan the QR Code to join.

Contact Us

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Some fun things the PTA does:

- Popcorn Fridays
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Art Docent
- Book Fair
- Field Day
- Monster Mash / Harvest Party
- Movie Nights
- Yearbook
- Valentine’s Candy Grams
Woodside PTA presents: Tiny Toucans
PARK AND POPSICLES
PLAYDATES

Incoming Kindergarteners & families please join us for popsicles at the park this summer. We are aiming to build connections before the first day of school and assist in answering any questions you might have about the school, ahead of the big first day.

DATES:
Monday, July 10th at 10am
Highland Park
16123 Highlands Park SE
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Thursday, July 27th at 5pm
Highland Park
16123 Highlands Park SE
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Wednesday, August 16th at 1pm
Woodside Elementary School
Playground
THANK YOU!