

Silver Lake Mustang News

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From the Principal

Dear Silver Lake Families,

I hope that this message finds you and your family healthy and safe. With all that has happened in our nation in the last few weeks, this is a reminder of our roles and responsibilities as parents and educators. We are responsible for shaping and molding our children to be the future leaders and citizens who will eventually take over our roles. It is important that we teach them to stand firm in their beliefs for what is right. Being part of Silver Lake, I have no doubt that our students will excel in their roles in our community, our workplace, and our families to bring equity and safety to every person when they are given the opportunity. Please continue having courageous conversations with your students and with others to ensure that we continue to have positive progress in our world. Please always teach our students compassion, kindness, and empathy. This is how we become [stronger together](#).

As we are wrapping up the year, here are few reminders and updates. Our students will be allowed to keep their Chromebooks until August 3rd unless you are moving onto another school. This will help students be able to access iReady during the summer. As you have heard in my previous communications, our students are engaging in the iReady diagnostic in both reading and math. They have until June 12th to complete the assessment. These diagnostics will provide important information for teachers to plan for supports for this year and next year. Additionally, the diagnostics will set a new pathway of lessons for your students to match their skills. Please let your teachers know once your student has completed their diagnostic or if

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JUNE EVENTS

Please keep checking your email, our school website, and the EPS District website for upcoming events and other informational updates

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5:30 pm - 5th Grade Moving UP Ceremony via Zoom. Invite for ceremony will be emailed out prior to event. 5th grade families, please check your email for official invitation closer to event date.





you have other questions regarding it. Also, please access this link for district resources:

<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/35852>



You may have noticed some iReady yard signs around your neighborhood. As a way to recognize student effort and achievement, Mrs. Surowiec and I passed out these yard signs recognizing students who went above and beyond their iReady goals (3 math lessons & 2 reading lessons per week) for the entire month of May. We plan to make this type of recognition an ongoing thing so please continue to support your student's learning and achievement.



In the upcoming weeks, I will be sharing more updates on our plans that include 5th grade celebration, yearbook distribution, etc. Please reach out to your teachers and me as needed. Thank you for supporting our students, our school, and our community. Go Mustangs.

Daniel Natividad, Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Attendance at Silver Lake (from an Online Learning perspective):

I am amazed by all the work our students are achieving online. I have been able to see them in the zoom classes as well as view their projects in the google classroom. I see their use of i-Ready and it is encouraging to know that our students are engaging in whatever way they can each week. This engagement is how we determine "Attendance" for our current online learning environment. Teachers and staff are monitoring, supporting, and making connections to help students remain engaged online.

If you need help don't hesitate to reach out to any one on staff. We are aware that day by day family's abilities to engage in distance learning changes, so communication is very important. We are all partners in this process and want to be as supportive as we can be. We look forward to the day when attendance is not only learning and engagement in activities, but also being present in our school building. Until then, let's continue to push forward and engage in distance learning tasks as much as possible. #LearningNeverStops

Matt Arnold, Assistant Principal



From the Counselor

We made it to June! This year brought many, many unexpected changes but here we are in the last few weeks of the school year. I wanted to thank all of you for your participation in your child's education, your willingness to flow with constant change, and your ability to connect your student's with online technology. We all made it, but we couldn't have done it without you, families, as our partners!

I have a feeling that the summer is going to feel much longer than usual. Please take this time to continue to connect with your children and check in with their emotional well-beings. Ask them questions about how they are feeling and continue to listen to their responses. Remind them that it is okay to feel how they are feeling. The more they are able to talk, the more aware they will become of their emotions and how to manage and cope with those emotions.

One of the good things that has come out of the current pandemic are the many free resources that have become available. One of my new favorites is Imagination Neighborhood (imaginationneighborhood.org). This is a podcast of creative, silly stories that helps tackle feelings we have as we are growing up, and gives ideas for fun activities kids can do at home, in the car, or anywhere else parents and kids are together.

As always, please reach out to me with questions you have. I am always happy to help! Enjoy your summer and I sure hope to see you all soon!

Stay Safe and Healthy,

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District News

COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage



Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

www.everettsd.org/COVID-19. Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ's and more related to school building closure.



What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won't be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Schools conducted personal item pick-up days in late-May for families to collect your student's essential items, which were pre-bagged and labeled by staff.

There will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 1-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)



If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it's time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school's kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children's book "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" Registration also reserves your child's spot in *Everett Ready*, our





transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district's transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district's [immunizations webpage](#).

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program.

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program?

Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).





The 2020 capital projects bond



Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged \$317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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