

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb 27 3:30 – 4:20 pm Spanish Club 5:00 – 7:00 pm Natural Leaders STEM Night	28	March 1 9:30 – 10:30 am Natural Leaders; Parent Forum, Café 3:30 – 4:00 pm STOMP	2 8:30 – 9:00 am STOMP 3:30 – 4:00 pm STOMP	3 8:30 – 9:00 am STOMP 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field 2:15 pm - LIF Release
6 3:30 – 4:20 pm Spanish Club 5:00 – 7:00 pm Natural Leaders STEM Night	7 8:30 – 9:00 am STOMP 9:30 am – Kinder Awards Assembly* 3:30 – 4:00 pm STOMP	8 9:30 am – 1 st Grade Awards Assembly*	9 9:30 am – 2 nd Grade Awards Assembly* 6:30 – 7:30 pm All School Music Concert, Everett Civic Auditorium	10 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field Free Popcorn Friday 2:15 pm - LIF Release
13 9:30 am – 3 rd Grade Awards Assembly* 3:30 – 4:20 pm Spanish Club 5:00 – 7:00 pm Natural Leaders STEM Night	14 9:30 am – 4 th Grade Awards Assembly* Kinder Field Trips, Various Times	15 9:30 am – 5 th Grade Awards Assembly* Kinder Field Trips, Various Times	16	17 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field 2:15 pm - LIF Release
20 3:30 – 4:20 pm Spanish Club 5:00 – 7:00 pm Natural Leaders STEM Night	21	22	23 5:30 – 7:00 pm Seussa-Palooza Reading Night, 1 st Grade 6:30 – 8:00 pm Heatherwood Middle School 5 th Grade Family Night, HWD MS	24 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field 1:00 pm Early Release 6:30 – 8:00 pm PTA Dance, Café&Gym
27 Conference Week 1:00 pm Early Release	28 Conference Week 1:00 pm Early Release	29 Conference Week 1:00 pm Early Release 6:30 pm Eisenhower Middle School 6 th Grade Info Night, IKE MS	30 Conference Week 1:00 pm Early Release	31 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field Conference Week 1:00 pm Early Release
April 3 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	4 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	5 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	6 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	7 Spring Break NO SCHOOL
10 3:30 – 4:20 pm Spanish Club	11	12 9:30 – 10:30 am Natural Leaders; Parent Forum, Café Spring Soccer Starts 4/12 (ends May 31 st) Info to follow	13 6:30 pm Reptile Man Program, Café	14 8:30 – 8:50 am Mustang Miler Club, field

***Awards Assemblies:** Parents of award winners will be notified and invited.

Stay up to date by checking our district webpage at www.everettsd.org and our school webpage at www.everettsd.org/silverlakees

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Family Involvement: A Critical Component of School Success

This month I would like to focus on the multiple ways our parents, guardians, and families get involved in school and how important that is. New this year at Silver Lake Elementary is our Natural Leaders Parent Forum series, monthly presentations to inform and educate parents. These are free and parents can bring their younger children if necessary. Our next Parent Forum is on Wednesday, March 1st. Natural Leaders facilitator Sandra Mejia and Tammy Farber will discuss Cultural Readiness and Assimilation and I will share how best to navigate the educational system when looking for information. The forum is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in our Silver Lake cafeteria and there will be a Spanish interpreter available. We hope to see you on March 1st and for some of the remaining Parent Forum dates and topics for the year:

Wednesday, April 12th: Domestic Violence (Mica Harasek and law enforcement representative)

Wednesday, May 3rd: Nutrition and the Everett Public Schools Student Wellness Policy (Elizabeth Nunes)

Wednesday, June 7th: Transition to Middle School (Elizabeth Nunes, Rhonda Atrengenio)

We need to hear from our parents on how we are serving you. Each year Everett Public Schools conducts the Educational Effectiveness Survey, a perceptual survey done by staff, parents, and our 4th and 5th grade students. We will be sending home hard copies of the parent survey with our students on Thursday, March 16th. If you would prefer to do yours online, below is the link to that survey, with an option to complete it in Spanish, too:

<https://www.research.net/r/eps-parent-2017>

In advance, thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. We will also have hard copies available or access to computers for the online survey during parent conferences the last week of March. The survey closes on Friday, March 31st.

Speaking of parent conferences, our teachers look forward to meeting with each parent/guardian personally during parent conference week, March 27th-31st. You will receive information from your child's teacher about the conference schedule.

Finally, know that you do not have to wait for a parent forum or parent conferences to call if you have questions, concerns, or needs. We are here to serve your children and your families. Please contact your child's teacher, the office staff, or me if you want to set up a meeting to discuss any issues that arise.

As always, THANK YOU for being our partners in this important work helping your child enjoy learning and prepare for a bright future!

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

MUSIC CONCERT

2415 Colby Ave,
Everett, WA 98201

The Grades 1-5 Music Concert is here!!

Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Everett Civic Auditorium

IT'S FREE!



1ST GRADE SEUSSA-PALOOZA READING NIGHT

First Grade will be hosting a Seussa-Palooza Reading Night on Thursday, March 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm! All first grade students and their families are invited to participate in this family literacy night. Seussa-palooza Reading Night will give students access to books they can keep which are at their "just-right" level. It also provides parents with tools to support their students as they continue to develop and hone their literacy skills. It is our goal to create a memorable, positive experience so that reading at home together can be a fun shared family activity where they are developing the love of reading together.

BOX TOPS!

Silver Lake Elementary, 12815 Bothell Everett Hwy, Everett, WA 98208 phone 425-385-6900, fax 425-385-6902

Principal, Elizabeth Nunes – Assistant Principal, Mica Harasek – Counselor, Rhonda Atrengenio

Attendance, 425-385-6905 – Health Room, 425-385-6906

A big thank you to all who sent in BoxTops for our collection contest! There were some classes that collected over 400 each, with Mrs. Homchick's class coming in 1st with 503 Boxtops! As a school we collected 5977 which converts to \$597 for our PTA. The contest is over but that doesn't mean you need to stop collecting! We collect all year and submit them in October and March to the company. BoxTops can be sent in anytime and new collection sheets will be sent home soon. Don't forget to check the expiration dates as you collect. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Martinez at MMartinez@everetsd.org.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2017?

Registration for 2017-18 is open.

FREE full-day kindergarten is available at all district elementary schools.

MUSTANG MILER CLUB

MUSTANG MILER CLUB – Offered before school on Friday mornings

Silver Lake Elementary Mustang Miler Club is offered before school, from **8:30 am-8:50 am** on **FRIDAY** mornings. The program is open to any grade level student who has submitted a permission slip and can be dropped off at the school at 8:30 am. Students will be supervised as they jog or walk laps on our school track. Your student can begin as soon as their permission slip is turned in!

All participants need to have a signed permission slip, supportive shoes, and warm clothing as the club will take place in most weather conditions. There is no fee to participate and students will earn key chain charms for completing miles throughout the program.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the *Quicklinks* section on the district home page.

It is critical that your child is here for all testing dates. Please note the following and in advance, thank you for not scheduling any appointments on the day your child is due to be assessed.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
April 2017	Spring Break 3	Spring Break 4	Spring Break 5	Spring Break 6	Spring Break 7
	10	11	12	13	14 TDS System is down – No SBA Testing (Interim or summative)
	17	18 Gr. 3 ELA CAT 1 & 2	19 Gr. 4 ELA CAT 1 & 2	20 Gr. 5 ELA CAT 1 & 2	21
	24 WLA Exam Gr 7 – 12	25 Gr. 3 ELA PT 1 & 2	26 Gr. 4 ELA PT 1 & 2	27 Gr. 5 ELA PT 1 & 2	28 TDS System is down – No SBA Testing (Interim or summative)
May 2017	1	2 Gr. 3 Math CAT 1 & 2	3 Gr. 4 Math CAT 1 & 2	4 Gr. 5 Math CAT 1 & 2	5
	8	9 Gr. 3 Math PT 1	10 Gr. 4 Math PT 1	11 Gr. 5 Math PT 1	12
	15 Gr. 5 MSP Science PGS Gr. 3-8	16 Move CB PGS Gr. 3-8	17 PGS Gr. 3-8	18 PGS Gr. 3-8	19 PGS Gr. 3-8
	22 CHS, EHS, JHS, SHS ELA CAT 1 & 2	23 CHS, EHS, JHS, SHS ELA PT 1 & 2	24 SHS Math CAT 1 & 2, PT 1	25 CHS, EHS, JHS ELA PT 1 & 2 SHS Math CAT 1 & 2, PT 1	26
	29 Memorial Day No School	30	31 CHS, EHS, JHS Math CAT 1 & 2, PT 1	1	2 MSP Science Test Window Apr. 17 – June 2

AROUND THE SCHOOL WITH MRS. ATREGENIO, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Technology is a part of our everyday lives. It has clearly made many tasks easier for us, but for students, it has also brought about issues and situations that many are not yet equipped to handle. Texting, twittering, Facebook, online gaming, and constantly changing apps all keep students and parents constantly catching up to both the technology, and the tricky situations that can accompany their use.

These social networks can be the forum for rumors, belittling, inappropriate language and pictures, as well as bullying. Elementary school need not be a time where children are exposed to these elements, but unfortunately, via this technology many are. These are situations happening after school hours and off campus, but since our children do not know how to handle them, they are overflowing into the school day. It is up to each individual family to decide which types of technology your children are able to access, and it is your responsibility to talk with your children about their potential negative sides. When tricky social issues come up online, children of this age are often at a loss on how to problem solve, and are often drawn into inappropriate situations.

If you are interested in learning more, please go to Connect Safely at:

<http://www.connectsafely.org/?gclid=CN7j27-7sZ8CFRwTagodJTcWow>

or go directly to their tips for social networking at:

<http://www.connectsafely.org/Safety-Tips/social-web-tips-for-parents.html>

Another great resource regarding cyber-bullying is:

(<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/cyberbullying/stop-cyberbullying>)

Stay informed, communicate expectations and limits; each will make a huge difference in the daily lives of our students.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free tax preparation

United Way certified volunteers offer FREE tax preparation at several locations in Everett and throughout Snohomish County for families who made less than \$64,000 in 2016. Call 2-1-1 or visit the United Way website for more information.

Access a teacher's website from a smartphone

Use this nifty [help sheet](#) for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone. Or pick up a hardcopy of this help sheet in the school office.

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to *OSPI Washington State School Report Card*.) At that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Are you registered to vote?

Students studied Dr. King's legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under *QuickLinks* on the district website or pick up a paper registration form in your school office.

3 easy ways

- Text or call
855-637-2095
- 1350@alert1.us
- <http://1350.alert1.us>

Report it! Everett Public Schools Safety Tip Line

Students, parents or other community members who have a concern about safety in Everett Public Schools or know something about a possible threat to safety, are urged to call or text the safety tip line at, **855-637-2095**. Or you can email 1350@alert1.us or enter a tip online. Those who report can choose to remain anonymous while providing information that might protect our students.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We email approved flyers from community organizations to guardians through a system called [Peachjar](#). The flyers are also posted on each school's website. Look for the Peachjar button in the Quicklinks section of the school homepage to view flyers and register others who might also want to receive the flyers.



3 ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of any district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements right to your email box about twice a month. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).



The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: **Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, seaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104 **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250 **Address:** 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201