From the Principal

Food Drive Success!
Our annual Food Drive was once again a great success, with our students raising $6,800.00 in donations, collecting 10,347 cans, and providing Thanksgiving meals for over 200 Everett families. This is the kind of tradition that makes Everett High School a special place. The students really do care about their community and feel a connection to EHS that goes beyond the school walls and extends out into all of Everett. Thanks to our students and to our teachers for supporting this massive effort to provide support for our local families.

Holiday Concert December 11 at 7:00 PM in Auditorium
Come join us for our Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in the Civic Auditorium. Celebrate the times with an evening of music from our band, choir and orchestra as they provide music that will reflect the joy and possibility of the season.

PTA Meeting December 19 at 6:00 PM
Please join us for our December PTA meeting. Come offer your perspective and get involved in supporting the school. This month’s meeting we will be meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm at the El Paraiso Mexican Grill located at 2801 Colby Ave in Everett. Come get involved!
Barb Lawrence, Everett High School PTA

Attendance Progress!
We have made some strong gains this year in on-time attendance with our campaign focused on making sure all students are attending regularly. Regular attendance is one of the primary factors in academic success, and it also prepares students for success after high school. Please continue to reinforce the importance of attendance to your student, even though at times they may think that missing a day won’t be an issue, because every day matters!

No School December 23- January 3
We will be enjoying the Winter Break from December 23- January 3, with school back in session on January 6. We all wish you the best break and a Happy New Year!
A note from EHS PTA

Did you know you can join the PTA at any time during the calendar school year? When you join your membership dues are helping your student and others have access to activities that would otherwise not be available. Did you also know that in addition to benefitting others you can also SAVE money by joining PTA? Sign up for PTA today and then log in to the WSPTA website to look at all the discounts available to members. Membership numbers: EHS currently has 1380 students enrolled and 107 PTA members. We are constantly trying to have a good representation of our population...Please help by joining today. It is super easy to join, just go to EHS website, click on the Parent link and follow the prompts to the forms.

The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student’s chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Graduation rates jump to 95.9%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 12th year in a row. Now 95.9 percent of our students graduate on time, the highest rate on record. The increase in graduation rates can be attributed to the strategically aligned work of district and school staff. It is a focus for everyone, no matter their role in our school district, to ensure each one of our students graduates ready for college and career.

Bond 2020

The Everett School District’s board of directors on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, approved placing a $317.4 million capital bond on the April 28, 2020 ballot to fund STEM career-connected learning pathways for students, ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students, increase safety and security and ensure students have enough room to learn by adding 21st century learning classroom space.

The 2020 capital projects bond prepares our students for the future by:

- Giving our students facilities and tools necessary for STEM career pathways
  - The bond funds modernization and upgrades to high school classrooms to support the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) career pathway programs and new science standards.

- Increasing safety and security for students and schools
  - Secure locks and keying systems will be added districtwide.
  - Access control systems at two high schools
  - Upgrades to fire alarm systems, security systems and fencing
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- **Ensuring students have enough room to learn by adding 21st century classroom space, modernizing and repairing building systems**
  - Adds new elementary school classrooms throughout the district to reduce overcrowding, keep class sizes low and keep more kids at their neighborhood schools
  - Repairs aging school systems in our schools like HVAC, roofing and flooring replacements, that extends the longevity of schools

- **Providing equitable access and opportunities for students** by funding capital projects at all schools throughout our district, while reducing the overall school district tax rate

More information is available on the [Capital Bond 2020](#) district webpage.

### 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here is a quick refresher of what it is and why it is essential that everyone is counted.

- **Everyone counts.** The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.
- **It’s about fair representation.** Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
- **It’s in the constitution.** The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- **It’s about $675 billion.** The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.
- **It’s about redistricting.** After each decade’s census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- **Taking part is your civic duty.** Completing the census is mandatory: it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say, “I COUNT!”

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

**Look for your invitation to respond starting in mid-March.**

### Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department’s webpage](#).
New Transitional Kindergarten Program

Everett Public Schools is offering a Transitional Kindergarten program this winter for children scheduled to enter kindergarten in the upcoming fall. The program will focus on basic academic, social and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened in early January and may qualify based on ability and/or need. This program is located at several of the elementary schools in our district; sites will be determined based on enrollment. The anticipated start date is January 28, 2020.

Transitional Kindergarten will run through the last day of school, which is currently June 15, 2020.

To qualify for screening, children must:
- be 5 years old by August 31, 2020
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs

If you are interested and believe your child qualifies for this program, please visit our website at [https://www.everettsd.org/earlylearning](https://www.everettsd.org/earlylearning) and submit the Transitional Kindergarten form by December 6, 2019. For assistance, contact Helen Cooley at 425-385-4088 or Early Learning at 425-385-4024.

Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district’s Parent Tools webpage:
- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools Kids In Transition (KIT) program – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the Parents tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:
- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district’s website at [https://www.everettsd.org/](https://www.everettsd.org/)
- watch district Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts
Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you kale grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month in our Kale Caesar salad and on the salad bar!

Did you know that just one serving of kale has more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at https://www.everettsd.org. It’s not easy being green! Don’t kale my vibe!

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