From the Principal

Greetings Hawthorne Hawks! Holiday season has officially begun. Here are Hawthorne, we have a lot to be thankful for. We have three new additions to our staff: Ian Miller, Administrative Paraeducator; Sherry Maxx, Resource Paraeducator; and Angelie Paramore, our new Achieve Paraeducator. Laura Danner, formerly and Achieve program para, has taken a position here at Hawthorne in the ECEAP program. We are excited about these members of our community. Please give them a warm welcome!

Hawthorne has some exciting events coming up. Many of our students have earned great prizes during our PTA sponsored Believe Kids Fundraiser. One of these prizes is a field trip to Arena Sports for our top selling students. This will occur the morning of December 3rd, from 8:45-11:45. We still need parent volunteers to chaperone. Please let the front office, or Christina Meyer (PTA president) know if you can attend.

On December 12th, our Kindergarten students will be performing “The Very, Very Gingerbread Man” at 6:30 pm in the Hawthorne Cafeteria. Performers should arrive at 6:15 pm.

Our PTA is also hosting a family event on December 13th. There will be holiday crafts, cocoa, and popcorn! We hope you and your family can come!

School Uniforms

Thank you for continuing to send your students to school in approved school uniforms: navy or khaki pants, navy or white polo shirt, and our red Hawks sweatshirt to keep the chills away.

- If you no longer have the Hawks logo sweatshirt, students may wear any red, non hoodie sweatshirt free of logos.
- During the winter months we expect students to wear coats, heavy jackets, or heavy outer sweaters to school, but we will ask our students to remove their outer clothes once they get to school. It is confusing for younger students to see non-uniform clothes in the hallways and common areas.
- Additionally, if your student has damaged or heavily soiled their uniform, or it is otherwise unwearable – you may receive a phone call to come to school and provide a change of uniform. We try to outfit students in replacements, but do not keep extra changes in all size ran

Hawthorne’s Uniform Guidelines are attached to the back of this newsletter.

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Dec. 6
Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 Dismissal

Dec. 12
The Very, Very, Gingerbread Man 6:30pm

Dec. 12
Fundraiser Order Pickup
2:50pm to 3:45pm

Dec. 13
Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 Dismissal

Dec. 13
PTA Family Event 5:30pm

Dec. 16
PTA Meeting 6:30pm

Dec. 20
Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 Dismissal

Dec. 23 to Jan. 6
No School – Winter Break
Natural Leaders: Empowering Families
Natural Leaders are parent leaders from multicultural families who want to learn more about the education system. Their goal is to support partnerships between families, community and schools. Natural Leaders take on a leadership role, building relationships with families in their community. They identify what helps these families be successful in school and help to implement these ideas. They collaborate with the community and school, sharing a common goal of both adults and children achieving success in school. Student academic success is tied to family engagement in school. Please consider becoming a Natural Leader and making a difference at Hawthorne. For more information, email Rachel Allen at RAllen@everettsd.org

Watch D.O.G.S. is a program that helps get male role models into our school. Volunteers may find themselves spending the day helping in classrooms, playing games with kids at lunch, patrolling hallways and any number of other activities that help our students and school be the best they can be. We will be getting this going toward the end of January, so please keep an eye out for more information to come.

Sincerely,
Tanya Brinck, Assistant Principal
Paige Nguyen, Principal

Upcoming events and important dates:
November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday
December 3rd: Arena Sports Day field trip from 8:45-11:45
December 12: Kindergarten presents, “The Very, Very, Gingerbread Man” @ 6:30, flyer attached to this newsletter
December 13: PTA Family night - Holiday Crafts, popcorn and Cocoa @ 6:00 pm
December 20: Early release: 1:35 pm
December 23-January 3: Winter break

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

- **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:](https://www.everettsd.org/parenttools)

• 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 – 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

**Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18**

Find forms, information and evening events on the **Highly Capable website**. Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

**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](https://www.everettsd.org). It’s not easy being green! Don’t kale my vibe!