## Evergreen Family News!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

## NOTES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Hello Evergreen Families and Students!

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and it is going to be a great year. Staff have been planning and preparing for weeks now and we can't wait to see our students! We are all looking forward to students being in the building after a hopefully, long and restful summer.

You can expect to receive this newsletter on a weekly basis as there is always a lot of great stuff to share!

Here are some key pieces of information that may help you plan for this week:

#### Picture Day is Tuesday!

All students will be getting their pictures taken this coming Tuesday (9/13). There will be retakes on a later date for those students who aren't at school this Tuesday. Students received order forms to bring home this week if you wanted to order pictures or learn more.

#### Chromebooks:

Students at Evergreen MS receive a Chromebook device to support their learning. These devices are checked out to the student through our library system. Students will receive a stylus and a charger to go with their device. This check out process will take place over the first five days of school.

**PE Clothing**: Students can purchase and wear clothing provided from the school or they are welcome to wear clothing from home. They are required to wear a light colored t-shirt (or sweatshirt) that students can write their names on. They are welcome to wear PE style shorts, sweatpants, or other soft fabric pants in a darker color. Shoes must be soft bottomed and they need to be the type that do not leave dark marks on the flooring. Please call the main office if you are interested in purchasing any PE clothing. Students do not need PE clothing for the first week of school.

We can't wait to see you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## PICTURE DAY / DORIAN STUDIO

Parents, please remember that **PICTURE DAY is this coming Tuesday, September 13th!** 

Order envelopes went home this week, please check your child's backpack. Students should have completed order forms ready to turn in on picture day. All order forms must be given to the photographer before taking their picture. Teachers and office staff will not be collecting money or envelopes at all.



For picture day information and to securely order online please visit <a href="https://mydorian.com/order/">https://mydorian.com/order/</a>

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL MOD PIZZA FUNDAISER - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH!

Support Evergreen Middle School PTA all day by eating MOD pizza and showing your fundraiser flyer or mentioning the fundraiser at checkout or ordering online with the digital coupon code MODF9623 on the day of the fundraiser.

PTA President and School Admin will be on site from 5-7 PM, make sure you say 'Hi'!

Thank YOU for your support!!!



### PTA MEETING

Our FIRST scheduled PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 PM in our school library. We hope you can join us!

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES!

### **ASB**

Are you trying to think of ways for your son or daughter to get involved in school?

Look no further than our Associated Student Body! ASB provides students with a plethora of opportunities to connect with their peers, learn a new skill and broaden their horizons. Interested in gaming or technology? Seek out Magic the Gathering or the First Tech Challenge! Are you creative? Join the Art Club or Drama Club. Have a passion for the law? Run for ASB office and take on a leadership role. Would you like to get to know other students who share a similar cultural background or identity? You might want to look into our Rainbow Unity Club

American Heritage Clubs! Make sure your student pays attention to the announcements as clubs will begin to meet soon.

## SPORTS, ANOTHER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Fall sports is fast approaching! Its not to late to sign up. The first practice for the following sports is Monday, Sept. 12th so register your student athlete ASAP:

- Football (Grades 7th & 8th)
- Softball Fastpitch (Grades 7th & 8th)
- Cross Country (Grades 6th, 7th & 8th)

All athletic registration forms are done electronically via our new on-line service called **FinalForms.** 

To register your student athlete, please go to FinalForms: <a href="https://everett-wa.finalforms.com/">https://everett-wa.finalforms.com/</a> click \*NEW ACCOUNT then follow the prompts.

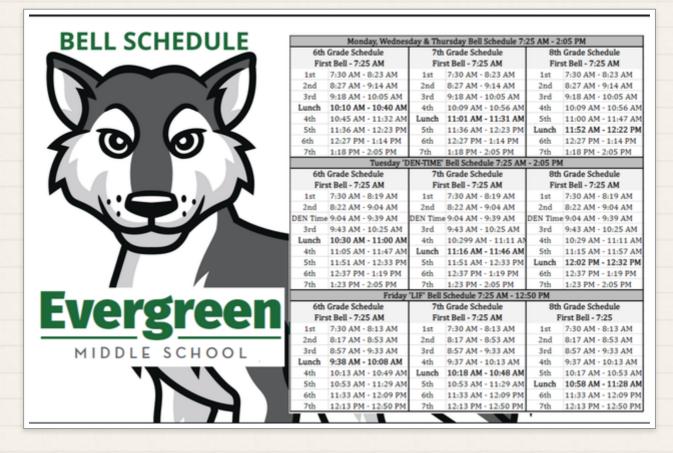
Click <u>here</u> for instructions on how to register. If you require further support with FinalForms, click <u>Get Help</u>

There are no tryouts, all students will participate. However, in order to play you must have a current physical on file which you can upload directly to FinalForms.

Let's Go Timberwolves!

STUDENT RESOURCES!

BELL SCHEDULE



LIBRARY INFORMATION

## **EVERGREEN LIBRARY NEWS**

### PACK PICKS ARE BACK!

This year we will have 30 titles on our Pack Pick list. This is a diverse list of books that cover different genres like graphic novels, mystery, and survival. Set a goal for yourself and for every book you read off the list, collect your pin from Ms. White and enter our monthly drawing on the library's Canvas page.



#### SUMMER READING

Did you do your summer reading? Turn in your bookmark into the library by Friday, Sept. 9.



#### **UPCOMING AFTER- SCHOOL EVENTS:**

- Design your own pencil pouchusing Sharpies you will decorate your own canvas pouch
- Buddy Book Club- read a book with an old friend or meet someone new
- Parent Paws Book Club- Looking for a way to connect with your middle schooler? Read a book together!



SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER HERE!



## **Book Clubs**

Support our library by buying books! Every purchase helps the library buy more books.



Scan to shop the middle school flyer



Scan to see Ms.
White's page and recommendations

Order due date: 9/16/2022

Class Code: HHR9X



### HOW TO FIND YOUR SCHEDULE!

Check Schedules in HAC. Parents can also access student's schedules, grades, attendance, and student information through the Home Access Center and Gradebook. Learn more about how to do this in this short 3 minute video: How to Check Your Students Schedule for Parents. Parents have found this tool incredibly valuable in helping support their student's academics. If you do not have a username or password for the Home Access Center, please email the LMS team at LMS@everettsd.org with your name, student name(s), student ID# and/or DOB and school they attend. They will respond with your login/password by email. Unfortunately, the system will only send information to the email on file with the school. Therefore, if you need to update your email, please do that with our front office.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your studen'ts schedule, please contact your students school counselor. Their email can be found on the Evergreen Website under counseling. School counselors are also available during school hours to support students in academic, personal social development, and help them plan for the future.

Link to Counselor Contact: <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2030">https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2030</a>

Link to How to Check Schedules in HAC for students:

https://www.wevideo.com/view/2545277413

Link to How to Check Your Students Schedule for Parents: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
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Grades and More: <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4701">https://www.everettsd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4701</a>

## WORLD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

The **World Language Assessment** is a wonderful opportunity for students in grades 7-12 to receive recognition for their proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding a language other than English, earn additional high school world language credits, and free up space in class schedules. Qualifying



students may earn the Seal of Biliteracy, special recognition that is very meaningful for many students and families.

Registration costs \$10 and is open through September 30. Fall testing will take place in midlate October. Spring test registration will open January 3 and testing will take place in mid-February.

You may click on <u>this link</u> for more information and rewsources for WLA. Your child may also access practice materials here.

Fall registration is open now through September 30. **Register in your school office today!** *Scan QR code to learn more.* 



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

## LMS RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS/FAMILIES

Did you know we have a LMS SIS Documentation Portal with resources at your fingertips for eSchoolsPlus, Enrollment, Gradebook, Reporting, Meetings, and Communications?

Do you want up to date information for your families?
This is where you can go to find the latest version of our Parent Promotions Handouts
Click on the link <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/LMS">www.everettsd.org/LMS</a> for more information.



Website: www.everettsd.org/LMS

#### Stay informed!!! Activate your LMS parent/guardian account now!

The Learning Management Services (LMS) team is a service group within the Learning and Information Technology Services (LITS) department providing families support in utilizing our district applications for information management and instructional access. LMS applications offer parents and students secure online access to student information. With just a few clicks, you can stay informed about student progress or examine unofficial transcripts and test scores.



#### What can I use my parent account for?

LMS parent/guardian accounts allow parents to access to the following systems:

#### Home Access Center (HAC) year report cards (gr 6-12), transcripts (gr 7-12), discipline, view IEP plan, as well as view transportatio Parents will also be able to access links within HAC to: Enroll a new student Complete the Annual Student Information Update Form Secondary students will be able to: Request next year's courses each Spring This system allows parents & students to view information in real-time, such as current grades Parents & students can set up weekly notifications in Gradebook to alert them for missing ass falling grades\*. \*Notifications preferences must be reset each semester as the notifications are tied to specific semester schedules discussions. Parent accounts allow parents to login in as an observer to their student(s) within the platform. Parents will be able to view content, message teachers, help their student stay on track. \* Parents will also receive notifications from Canvas for Announcements, Assignments, Disc District App The app allows parents to have all their online resources and communications in one hub. Parents can manage their district communications here. By default, parents will receive messages in the format of × phone, email and text. Within the app, parents can set a preference\* \*Parents must have at least one method of communication, they cannot remove all modes

#### How do I get a login/password?

Email the LMS team at LMS@everettsd.org with your name, student name(s), student ID# and/or DOB and school they attend. We will respond with your login/password by email. Our system will only send information to the email on file with the school.

Updated: July 26, 2021

## WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH AND STAY CONNECTED



On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for <a href="InTouch">InTouch</a> announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box monthly. You can also follow us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.

Visit our social media directory at <a href="www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory">www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory</a> to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, teachers, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!

Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is very important. One resources available for families is our "Stay Connected" chart, which will show you the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district's website at <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/communications">www.everettsd.org/communications</a> to download your copy.

Please also make sure your student's school has your updated contact information so the district can communicate effectively with you.







## **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

If your child is using bus transportation to travel to and from Evergreen, you should have been contacted by transportation to let you know what stop and what time for your student to take the bus. If you have not received that information, please reach out via the Everett PS website and click on the bus icon located across the upper portion of your screen. From there you can click on the 2022-23 Find Bus Routes by School icon. Answer three quick questions and you will get your bus information!

Here is that link:

https://www.everettsd.org/busroutes

# BIG CHANGES WITH SCHOOL MEALS FOR 2022-23 (FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR OUR STUDENTS)



There are big changes happening with school meals for the 2022-

23 school year that are important for you to understand. As we

continue to return to 'normal,' the USDA is no longer able to extend the 'free meals for all' waiver we have appreciated the last two school years.

However, our state recently passed a new bill that eases the transition, called the Community Eligibility Provision, or CEP for short. CEP is a free meal service option for schools and school districts who have a 40 percent or higher number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Everett Public Schools worked hard to group the largest number of schools possible that kept the average percentage above the program threshold and because of this, 18 of our schools qualify for this program, including our school.

This means that breakfast and lunches are free to all students at these schools, regardless of free and reduced lunch qualifications.

Families at these schools will fill out a household income report, which has been emailed directly to you, in place of the free and reduced lunch application. This report is important to provide students access to free waivers and other services.

We are so excited to be able to use this new program to offer free meals to the students in our district who may need some extra support and to all of our students, no matter where they

learn, we will continue to offer nutritious and delicious meals that include seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, scratch-made whole grain foods and lean proteins, with vegetarian and gluten free options too.

There has never been a better time to eat school meals. We look forward to serving you soon.



United States Department of Agriculture

#### The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

#### What Does It Mean For Your School or Local Educational Agency?

#### What does it do?

- Allows schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) located in low-income areas to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students
- Eliminates the burden of collecting household applications to determine eligibility for school meal programs

#### Who benefits? Everyone!

#### Students

Access to free nutritious meals for all students, no stigma, and less time spent in cashier lines and more time to eat nutritious meals

#### Parents

No household application means less paperwork and no worries about lunch accounts

#### School staff

Streamlined meal service operation and more time for students to consume their food

#### Administrators

Reduced paperwork and administrative costs, no need to track unpaid meal charges, improved program integrity, and more nourished students ready to learn and grow



#### Who can participate?

 Schools and LEAs with a minimum Identified Student Percentage (≥40 percent) in the prior school year

Identified students = those certified for free meals without the use of household applications (for example those directly certified through SNAP).

- Available to:
  - o All schools in an LEA
  - o A group of schools in an LEA
  - An individual school in an LEA

#### Background

- Authorized by Congress as a part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.
- Phased in over a period of 3 years, starting with D.C., Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and Massachusetts.
- Available nationwide beginning July 1, 2014 (School Year 2014-15).

#### What must interested schools and LEAs do?

- Meet eligibility requirements.
- Serve free breakfasts and lunches to all students during the 4-year cycle.
- Count total breakfasts and total lunches served to students daily.
- Agree not to collect household applications for school meal programs.
- Determine if non-Federal funds are needed to cover costs above USDA reimbursement.

#### What do interested schools and LEAs do next?

- Determine if CEP is right for you.
- Contact your State for more information: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/contacts/State Directory.htm.
- If eligible, submit required documentation to your State Agency.

## NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

## COMMUNITY TRANSIT FREE TO YOUTH 18 AND UNDER

Starting September 1, youth 18 and under can ride all Community Transit services for free. That includes buses, DART paratransit service and vanpools (if they belong to a vanpool). Teens aged 13-18 are strongly encouraged to get a Youth ORCA card to use for fare "payment" Community Transit will be providing them at a



for fare "payment." Community Transit will be providing them at our high schools before school starts and middle schools when they get further shipments. For more information visit Youth Fares Community Transit.

Art credit: Chunqi Zhao, Everett Career Link summer intern at the transit dept. for the city of Everett and H.M. Jackson High School senior.

## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent

education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.

## SBA PRELIMINARY SCORES RELEASED

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) student preliminary scores are available for families & students in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September.



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Go to <u>www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation</u> to find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores.

How do I get the test scores? Under Quick Links, click How to view SBA scores for instructions. If you don't have a HAC account or have questions, contact <a href="LMS@everettsd.org">LMS@everettsd.org</a>. Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores will be released in September. They will be put in HAC as soon as they arrive, and Individual Student Score Reports will be sent home through the normal school channels.

## ACCESS YOUR FAMILY'S IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

To access your family's immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for **MyIR** to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, childcare and camp programs.

## HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR MOBILE APP?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. Download and log into the district app to access your student's info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

- 2. Search Everett Public Schools
- 3. Then select our app for free download

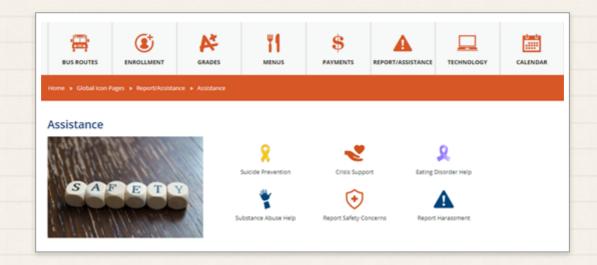
Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.



## ASSISTANCE ICON ON WEBSITE

The district's main webpage has an icon, "report/assistance," with resources and assistance for students and families on:

- · Suicide Prevention
- · Crisis Support
- · Eating Disorder Help
- · Substance Abuse Help
- · Report Safety Concerns
- · Report Harassment



## ECEAP PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-23

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and



four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. We have both school-day classroom schedules and half-day (AM and PM) classroom schedules, depending on the school location. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the <u>district ECEAP</u> website or call 425-385-4628.

## KIDS IN TRANSITION PROGRAM

Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify for two federal programs which provide support for children and youth whose housing is highly mobile: those who meet the more inclusive definition of homeless under the federal <a href="McKinney-Vento Homeless Act">McKinney-Vento Homeless Act</a> and those who are eligible for <a href="Foster Care">Foster Care</a> <a href="Education support">Education support</a>.



Students who are in foster care placement (where a child welfare agency has placement, care and authority) or those who are without a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence may qualify for this additional support.

The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extracurricular involvement. We ensure eligible students have access to free school meals, school
supplies and uniforms. KIT may help students access extended day or summer school classes
or coordinate access to additional academic support or tutoring when needed. The KIT
Program may also cover, or coordinate waivers for, fees required to take part in activities such
as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT can also help set up
transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is
feasible and in the best interest of the student. We also partner with the Family Resource
Center and other community agencies to connect families and students to resources as
needed.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,350 students through our KIT support at some time during the school year. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/KIT">www.everettsd.org/KIT</a> to learn who your school's KIT support staff is; or contact the KIT Office at 425-385-4032.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES EFLYERS

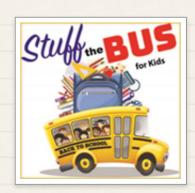
We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers.



You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.

## BACKPACKS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. In August, the EPS Foundation delivered over 3,400 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and are making them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.



Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks are available for pick up at each school.

## SAFETY TIP LINE

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.



## ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

The district's records may be requested by the public, and many records are fully or partially available for public viewing. As our business is most often about students, families, and staff, some of the information contained in certain records may be protected under federal and state privacy laws.

For additional information related to district <u>public records policy</u> and <u>procedures</u>, including how to make a public records request, please visit our district public records webpage at <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/publicrecords">https://www.everettsd.org/publicrecords</a>.

## YOUR STUDENT'S RECORDS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student's records. To view or request copies of your own student's records, please contact the office of the school your student attends.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the <u>Snohomish County webpage</u> for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit <a href="www.everettsd.org/jobs">www.everettsd.org/jobs</a> for jobs posted and how to apply.



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