From the Principal
Dear Forest View Community –
Happy May to all of you! I hope that this newsletter finds all of you well and in good spirits during this time of school closure, economic stress, and pandemic. Challenging times for sure! I know that you are all doing everything you can to support your families; I especially know that you are doing all you can to support your learners at home. I hope that you are putting your mental and emotional health very high on the priority list as well.

I have been so happy these past several weeks to see more and more students engaged. Your teachers and I check in every week to review student lists, and I am so encouraged to see how many of you are helping your children engage in learning activities while at home. All your teachers have been hard at work to learn how to best engage your children with at home learning, and you’ve seen an amazing number of activities and platforms established to do this. This has also been a learning experience for you – learning how to incorporate activities, Zoom meetings, and assignments into daily schedules including your own work schedules. Each family’s situation is unique, and if your experience is anything like mine, some days are easier while others prove to be quite challenging. No matter what, please put your family’s wellness first.

Thank you so much for your support for learning during school closure. Remember that there is no playbook for how to do this – as a parent, as a student, or as a teacher. We are all figuring this out together one day at a time. Keep up great lines of communication with your teachers to ask questions, give feedback, give and receive encouragement, and sometimes just acknowledge how tough this all is. That’s okay! Many of our teachers are also parent-teaching at home too and know just what you are going through. And, if you are having an especially tough day, just drop me a quick email and we can commiserate. We are all going to get through this, and in our rear-view mirrors this will become something that we overcame and grew from.

I know that many of you have questions about how we are ending the school year – picking up belongings, report cards, the summer, and especially what school will look like in the fall. Unfortunately, right now there are more questions than answers. Very soon I will share with you the procedure and timeline for student belonging pickup, fifth grade celebration, Chromebook check in, etc... Summer school will be a remote learning experience, and not in person, and will be extended an additional fifth week – invites will be going home to 2nd – 4th graders in the next two weeks. The school team is moving ahead with the new principal selection process, and the new principal will share all the important information about coming back to school in the fall as soon as he or she knows. I will share information and plans with you as they are finalized through Blackboard – phone, email, and text message. In the meantime, you can help us out a great deal by letting your teachers know if you are planning on leaving Forest View elementary over the summer so we can accurately plan for fall classes.
Our teachers are doing a great job reaching out to families who are not engaged, as well as providing learning opportunities for those that are. Social-emotional well-being of children is a key foundation for both personal and academic growth. Now that students’ initial questions about coronavirus have faded, they may have deeper questions, or you may be seeing stronger feelings. Our counselor, Merriah Sample, continues to engage with students via phone, email, Google Classroom, and Zoom meetings. I encourage you to reach out to Mrs Sample if you feel your child could use social-emotional support. Her email is msample@everettsd.org.

I also want to encourage you to follow our specialists plans each week. They are working to provide additional optional experiences for your children in PE, art, music, technology, and library/research. They are providing a weekly guide to learning experiences that is shared through classroom Google Classrooms or their websites.

Finally, if you need anything, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me, Mrs Sternberg, Mrs Sample, or your teacher and ask for help. We all will do whatever we can to provide or connect you with resources that you may need.

I wish you all well – keep reading, keep working hard, students – get your iReady minutes in, and most of all take good care of yourselves.

Mr. Larama

A Message from Ms. Sternberg

Dear Families,

As Ms. Bjorneby (3rd grade teacher) recently wrote in her newsletter to parents, “I know that thank you is not enough, but I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart” is a message I completely agree with. The changes in your life must be incredibly overwhelming. I want you to know how much we all appreciate you for what you are doing. As we move into more formally tracking engagement, we are also here to help.

Last week, Ms. Nye and I passed out many musical recorders to third-grade families. It was so wonderful to see the smiling faces, six feet back. I saw a lot of understanding and compassion which we all appreciate right now.

We are anxious to get back to what we love- teaching children, collaborating as a staff and being with families. In the meantime, please take care of you- we know you are doing your best. If you need anything, please reach out.

All my Best,
Annette
asternberg@everettsd.org

Forest View Field Work

With many years of hard use, our district grounds team is taking advantage of the closure to rejuvenate fields at several schools. Earlier in April the team began the process at Forest View. This is a multistep process that requires our field to be closed through the summer so that the necessary care and reseeding can take hold. The field work will also make it safer for all to enjoy the field.

Please do not go on or use the field while it is being rejuvenated and repaired. We are all looking forward to our renewed fields to play on and use this fall!
School closure resources
Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

3-D printers loaned to help support local health care systems

Everett Public Schools is grateful to be able to loan ten 3-D printers, through an agreement with Ignition Partners, to support manufacturing N95 masks, visors and other critical medical and safety equipment for our local health care systems. Click for full article.

Frequently Asked Questions

Did you know we have an FAQ page on our district website? We actively add content as we develop answers that apply to our students, staff and community. If you do not see your question answered, there is also an ‘Ask a Question’ form where you may submit your question. Hoping this is a helpful resource for all!

Emergency meal schedule update


Due to physical distancing standards, and for the safety of our staff, meals will no longer be delivered directly to homes.

How families can help:
• Please take advantage of curbside pickup and stay in your car
• Avoid socializing with other families
• Leave the school property immediately after receiving your meals
• If you do walk-up, stand six feet behind the family in front of you, only stand in line with people you live with
• Pick up your meals at a later time in the meal service
• Pick the meal option for your child
• Follow directions provided by Everett Public Schools staff

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes to keep everyone safe.

Social & Emotional Health during school closure

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.
Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person’s characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Please visit the district’s website for links and resources for social & emotional health.

**Kindergarten registration**

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten online. Please visit the registration page on the district’s website. If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8, 2020.

**National School Nurse Day**

National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2020, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. In 1972, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) created National School Nurse Day to recognize school nurses and acknowledge their role in the educational setting. NASN applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the health, safety, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year – School Nurses: Supporting Students in Times of Crisis – reinforces the changing times of 2020. This year, more than ever, all members of our school communities, school nurses included, have been required to take on unprecedented roles and adapt quickly to changes in their jobs. It is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the health care of their school communities to help make a healthier place for children and families to learn and grow during this crisis.

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