From the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians of Forest View Elementary Students,

Welcome to October! It’s been a great first month of school and your children have been hard working, engaged, and passionate learners. Thank you for your support in helping to ensure that your child has a successful start to the new school year. Thank you for attending our Back-to-School Bash, Curriculum Night(s), and our September PTA meeting. Your support always matters!

The Everett Public Schools’ High School and Beyond Week will take place October 7-11. Heatherwood Middle School will be hosting the “Mapping your Future: What you Can Do Now to Chart your Course” evening seminar for south Everett families on Thursday, October 10 at 5:30. The keynote speaker is Jeff Utecht. He will be talking about ways to build digital citizenship, along with preparing for the future in the Digital Age. Jeff Utecht is a highly engaging speaker, and I know that you will want to join me in hearing what he has to say! Dinner (pizza) is free for all participants.

After the keynote presentation families are invited to tour the college and career fair at Jackson Highschool. Learn about cool careers – it’s never too early for elementary students!

Forest View will be supporting this district focus by having a “Favorite College/University Spirit Day” This Wednesday, October 9 to emphasize the importance of being life-long learners. We will also have a “Dress Your Best for Success Spirit Day” on Thursday, October 10, to stress the importance of presenting yourself in a professional manner when preparing for a career and interviewing for a job. Teachers will also be talking about their decision making and thought processes for choosing colleges and career paths. At home, I highly encourage you to engage your elementary children in the same conversations – share your decisions, dreams, and ask your children what they are thinking about for their future. It is never too early to start making a plan!

Over the past few weeks our K through 5th grade teachers have administered the iReady reading fall diagnostic assessment (1st through 5th grade also administered iReady math diagnostic). The iReady assessment is a
standards-aligned, computer adaptive assessment that measures how students are progressing toward grade level standards. Students are provided with personalized online learning based on their diagnostic results which helps students fill in learning gaps and allows them to learn at grade level. **iReady** does not replace daily instruction that students already receive, nor does it replace the curriculum. Here is the district **iReady** link: https://www.everettsd.org/Page/29542

Our first and second grade teachers are currently administering the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). This assessment tool provides teachers with excellent information to show us your child’s reading progress. Please take the time to listen to your child read and/or read to them every day. **Reading is the number one skill for success in school and a significant indicator for success in life.**

This month we are so excited to host another PTA Fun Run – the big day is October 16th. We cannot express how grateful we are to our PTA and parent community for their continuing support. Every year you all, through your generous donations to the PTA Fun Run Fundraiser, help fund many incredible and enriching experiences for our student body. Again, this year your fundraiser is bringing in guest speakers and assemblies, paying for popcorn Friday’s, supporting evening family events, providing teachers funds for classroom supplies, and many more things to support each Forest View student. I can’t wait to see the results of this year’s Fun Run – and I’m ready for whatever “extra” incentives that the PTA can cook up!

Finally, I wanted to emphasize to parents that student safety is the highest priority at Forest View. Please do not drop your child off, or allow them to walk/ride to school, before 8:55 a.m. as we do not have supervision for students outside or on the playground area in the morning. After the school day finishes, all students should immediately go home. Students who are picked-up at the end of the day and supervised by their parents may stay on the playground. Students not supervised by their parents must go home. Thank you for your support.

Our students are off to a great start in demonstrating “**The Forest View Way**” expectations to **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**. Parents, thank you for your continued support in making Forest View Elementary a great place to learn. Let’s make it an outstanding October!

Darren Larama,
Principal, Forest View Elementary

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**Follow our story on Twitter:**
[@ForestViewES](https://twitter.com/ForestViewES)

Check out all of the amazing things happening at our school!

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**Counselor Message – Mrs. Sample**

Did you know that if you qualify for free and reduced lunch you may also qualify for Operation School Bell? Operation School Bell is a non-profit organization that provides brand new school clothes for your child. If you qualify and give permission Mrs. Sample will contact OSB and schedule an appointment for your student to go to Operation School Bell during their school day to receive new clothes, underwear, socks and a winter jacket. If you would like your student to participate in Operation School Bell, please complete the paperwork included with this letter and return it to your child’s teacher. If you have any questions about Operation School Bell or any other resources (ie. financial aid for 5th grade camp & school supplies/backpack) that might be beneficial to your family, please contact Merriah Sample, School Counselor at (425)385-7910 or by email [msample@everettsd.org](mailto:msample@everettsd.org).
School Pictures – October 14 and 15
Smile! It’s picture day time!
- Kindergarten, First, Second, Third grade .... October 14th
- Fourth, Fifth, and Life Skills .... October 15th

Art Teacher Message – Mrs. Russell & Mrs. Platteborze

Mrs. Platteborze and Mrs. Russell welcome you to Forest View Art!
One of our goals this year is to make art a positive experience for every student. We will encourage each of our students to use their creative brains to express themselves through their art. Students will work with a variety of materials including various paints, markers, colored pencils, oil pastels and chalk. Our curriculum educates students on the elements of art and principles of design as well as, integrating content from their classrooms. We teach the skill of craftsmanship as a way to encourage each student to try their best, allowing them to produce their best art. It’s going to be a great year!

Technology Teacher Message – Mrs. Hoyer

In September we made sure all 675 students were able to log in to their 1:1 Chromebooks. After going over lab expectations and rules regarding Chromebook usage students in 3rd – 5th started their technology journals. Kindergarten - 2nd Grade began learning about using the track pad and keyboard. This month Kindergarten – 2nd Grade will continue to focus on how to use a Chromebook, learning the keyboard, and controlling that cursor. 3rd – 5th grade will also work on their keyboarding skills, but will also be learning about digital citizenship, organizing their Google Drive, and taking notes while conducting research.
For more information on Digital Citizenship I highly recommend Common Sense Media at www.commonsensemedia.org
Mrs. Hoyer - mhoyer@everettsd.org

Music Teacher Message – Mrs. Nye

Music is in full swing here at Forest View! Grades 2-5 will soon start preparing for our winter concert on December 2nd at the Everett Civic Auditorium. Meanwhile, we are busy reviewing our rhythm and melody basics. Kindergarten is working on accessing their singing vs. speaking voice, matching pitch, and keeping a steady beat. First and Second grades are working on quarter note, eight note and quarter rest, and our so, mi, la hand signs. Grades 3-5 are working sixteenth notes, half notes, and re, do hand signs. Our biggest focus during these first few weeks of school has been about building community in the music room. We are learning how to play cooperative games and be respectful of everyone. Ask your student what games they are learning in music!
If you are interested in being a parent volunteer for our concert, helping with any costumes or sets, please email me at knye@everettsd.org.

What’s New in the Library – Mrs. Finlinson

The library at Forest View is a place for students to develop a love for learning and books. My goal is for students to stretch themselves as readers and thinkers this year. Students will have the opportunity to learn about
various genres, authors and award-winning books. They will analyze sources and share their opinions about what they have read. Students will also grow their awareness of their own reading interests.

Grades 3-5 have a “take what you need” checkout system this year. Students in these grades may checkout 1-4 books each week. The purpose of this system is to engage students in the process of determining their own reading needs. Students will evaluate the types of books that meet their needs and how many books they will read in a week’s time.

Grades K-2 have been exploring the different types of books available in the library. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are practicing taking 1 book back and forth between school and home right now. 2nd graders may checkout 2 books a week. 

Please help your child find a safe place to keep his/her book at home and a system for remembering to return the book.

If you have any questions, please email me at mfinlinson@everettsd.org. Marlow FInlinson

Parent Tip: Read Aloud to your child!

It’s important to read aloud to children of all ages

- Reading aloud presents books as sources of pleasant, valuable, and exciting experiences. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own.
- Reading aloud gives children background knowledge, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. The more adults read aloud to children, the larger their vocabularies will grow and the more they will know about the world and their place in it.
- Reading aloud lets parents and teachers be role models for reading. When children see adults excited about reading, they will catch their enthusiasm.
- Reading aloud can introduce books and types of literature—poetry, short stories, biographies—children might not discover on their own.
- Reading aloud introduces the language of books, which differs from language heard in daily conversations, on television, and in movies. Book language is more descriptive and uses more formal grammatical structures.
- Reading aloud lets children use their imaginations to explore people, places, times, and events beyond their own experiences.
- Reading aloud gives children and adults something to talk about. Talking supports the development of reading and writing skills.
- Reading aloud supports the development of thinking skills as children and adults discuss books, articles, and other texts they read together.
- Reading aloud is fun.


Bedtime Math App

The Bedtime Math app for iPhone/iPad or Android, available in both English and Spanish, is a great way for families with kids ages 3-9 to have fun with math together! Click for the daily math problem, a surprise problem, or any math problem in our archive, which you can browse to find your favorite topics. After downloading the app, select Community Edition, enter the Code: WA and select Everett School District and Forest View Elementary.

Enjoy math stories at home! http://bedtimemath.org/bedtimemath-app/

Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a high need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions. Join us! https://www.everettsd.org/jobs
Access to public records (updated information)
District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. Parents or guardians seeking education records may simply request those records from their individual schools, as they are entitled to such records under state and federal law and through district policy and procedure. The district’s office of general counsel handles public records requests. Records may be requested in person, by phone or by sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org. Wendy Snider is available to answer public records questions at 425-385-4188.

Delayed start or closed schools
If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 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](https://www.facebook.com/EverettSchools), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/EverettSchools) or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/everythingeverett/) accounts

Did you miss a call from us?
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?
If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Back-to-school safety reminders
It’s helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:
- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, stop for buses when they have the stop arm out

Mobile app
Families can [download the district mobile app](https://www.everettsd.org/) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

Mapping your future
Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

www.everettsd.org
• Enjoy free pizza
• Keynote speaker: **2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age**
• Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high school students!
• Visit the college & career fair
• Get help with financial aid and college admissions
• Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
• Interpreters available

### Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at $10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

**Test dates:** Nov. 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020

**Fall registration:** Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2019

**Spring registration:** Jan. 13 – Feb. 14, 2020

Also, check out the [new practice site](#) which was created to give students an overview of each kind of exam. Students can search their language and see what their specific exam will entail. There may even be a practice test available.

### Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

• Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
• Filter calendar items by category
• Export calendar items to your personal calendar
• Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
• Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar