Dear Families,

As we move into second semester it’s always an interesting transition for students. Our sixth graders have settled into life in middle school and eighth graders begin to recognize the reality that high school is fast approaching.

I always look forward to this part of the school year because it’s the time when I see the most growth in our students. The change in maturity, during the course of second semester, always seems to outpace that of first semester. Many students who were quite squirrely during the first semester often settle down, and students who were reluctant learners become more willing to comply. I don’t know why this is. Perhaps more day light and vitamin D for students makes the difference.

This is a key time for families to connect with their student and capitalize on the maturity that seems to be inherent with this time of year. I always suggest starting small, such as one or two times a week setting aside 20 to 30 minutes to work on, or review, school work with your student. This can be as simple as having your child explain how to do their math work, talk about the writing they are doing in English, showing you how to look up their work on the teacher’s site, or simply organizing their backpack.

By engaging in the conversation with your student, but not judging or correcting their efforts (unless they ask), you will be able to tap into their growth during this time. If you shy away from correction and build the relationship around school that is not combative, it will create an atmosphere of collaboration with your child. Later, when your student begins to take classes for high school credit you will be able to have a difficult conversation, if necessary, because you have built a collaborative relationship around school.

I look forward to watching your students continue to grow and mature as we head into second semester.

Respectfully,
Kevin
Please consider sending in some extra Kleenex, pencils, paper, erasers and pens to help out our classrooms for second semester.

Wrestling starts February 19th

All students may participate in wrestling, but only 7th and 8th graders may compete.

You must have all paperwork filled out through Rank One prior to the start date: 

Students have to have a current physical form on file in the office.

Sky’s the Limit

Winter semi-formal all school dance
Thursday, February 13th
3-5pm

Entrance fee is $1 with ASB, $3 without

There will be concessions and photos available for $1 each

**Students must stay the entire time (no early pick ups) and must be picked up at 5pm sharp.

There will be a PTSA meeting on February 4th at 7pm in the library. Please join us to find out what the PTSA is up to!

As part of their annual Music-A-Thon fundraiser, Eisenhower Band Booster Club is hosting an Ice Cream Social, Thursday February 20th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the school. Join the band students in the last hour of their 12 hour music marathon! For more information email the booster club at ikebandboosters@gmail.com.

We have our annual ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment) for all EL students during the month of February. Parents will be notified as to the specific times and dates their kids will be assessed. The results from these 4 tests will determine their child's English class placement for the next school year. The results will be sent home in late May. If parents have any questions, please contact Margaret Ames mames@everettsd.org or Lydia Maltos lmaltos@everettsd.org. 425-385-7538.

Thanks
Eisenhower Middle School is inviting our families of diverse cultures to participate and showcase their unique culture through game, music and food at our “One World, many stories” Multicultural Night

“One World, many stories”

This will take place on March 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Join us at our school for a fun night of multicultural activities!

Enjoy crafts, arts, handmade food, music, dance, games and more

We want to count on your participation for this night’s festivities!

Do you have a special tradition, custom, or craft from your culture you want to share with our families?
Do you want to showcase your culture in any other way?
Contact us at: eisenhower.mcultural@gmail.com

Tear off and return to the office by February 14, 2020

Yes, I want to be involved and share my culture!

☐ Sharing a dish with recipe  ☐ With a talent/entertainment  ☐ I have a traditional costume
☐ Poster  ☐ Board  ☐ Other way, how: ____________________________

Your Name: ___________________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Phone Number: __________________________ Culture or Country Representing: __________________________
Student’s Name: __________________________ Teacher: __________________________
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Earn world language credit
Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English?

Students in grades 7 through 12 can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in the content areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language.

- Students can earn up to four credits, depending upon the level of proficiency they demonstrate on the assessments across all four content areas.
- Students will earn proficiency-based high school credits, may meet the world language credit requirement for graduation, and may qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma.

March 18, 2020
Register January 13 - February 14

Registration:
Students must register and pay the $10 testing fee to the high school or middle school treasurer within the registration window.

ATTENTION:
Students retaking the same language exam in the same school year will pay the full price of the exam which varies by test vendor. Please confirm price with school before registering.

Test day schedule

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Most tests are untimed and students finish around noon. ALTA writing tests are limited to one hour.

If you have questions about:
- a specific language exam, contact WLA@everettsd.org. There are many languages available.
- high school credit, contact your school counselor
- registering and paying for the tests, contact your high school treasurer or middle school office manager

For more information, see the [World Language Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact WLA@everettsd.org.

Curriculum, Assessment, and Special Programs Department
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Eisenhower Middle School

Here’s what the April 28th Capital Bond will fund at our school.

- Replace locksets and keying system
- Upgrade technology infrastructure electrical systems
- Upgrade student information system
- Upgrade HVAC controls system
- Upgrade after hours intrusion detection security system

$33.7M Add 36 new elementary classrooms at 8 schools
$165M Replace Madison, Jackson, Lowell elementary schools
$46.4M Modernize and upgrade buildings for STEM career pathways and new science standards
$33.3M Modernize and upgrade schools cafeterias, kitchens and auditoriums
$17.9M Upgrade HVAC, roofing and flooring systems
$5.7M Improve safety and security
$6.2M Replace aging playground equipment, synthetic turf and track at Memorial Stadium and other playfields
$8.9M Upgrade technology infrastructure

Learn more at: www.everettsd.org/bond2020
Everett School Board Welcomes Two New Members

This November voters elected two new members to the Everett School District Board. April Berg will fill position 2, the seat vacated by the retirement of longtime school board director Carol Andrews. Berg lives in Mill Creek and is a planning commissioner for the city. She has four children, two in university, one at Henry M. Jackson High School and one at Heatherwood Middle School.

Andrew J. Nicholls will fill position 1, the seat held by Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar who was appointed to the board in September 2018. Nicholls is a research social worker with the VA Puget Sound Medical Center and has two children who will soon be entering school in the district’s north end.

Lunch payments are easy with the app

Want to see your student’s lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you’re logged into the district’s mobile app, you can find and pay your student’s lunch balance under your student’s info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student’s lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef’s hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. 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.

Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don’t give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.commonsensemedia.org.

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 2, 2020, at all district elementary schools.
Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. This year OSPI is using a new application to do this and will require a little more effort to find the data available for Everett Public Schools. You can access the 2017-18 data on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card.

Optionally you can click on See all schools and districts and navigate the to the district or school you want to select.

Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student’s potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on their Facebook page.

Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans! Be sure to give them a try this month in our homemade hummus, black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and are an excellent of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at https://www.everettsd.org

I’ve bean thinking about you...
2020 capital projects bond - community open house meetings

Everett Public Schools is placing a $317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide crucial funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety and security and make necessary school improvements.

Upcoming Community Open House meetings are scheduled, and we encourage everyone to attend one:

What the 2020 capital projects bond will fund at our school?

Please see the attached flyer for a list of school specific projects.