From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new year which I anticipate will be a fabulous year for our students and families.

Below you will find some important informational pieces which I want to share with you for the month of January:

- January 9 – PTA Meeting at 6:30. Before the meeting I will host at 6 pm a coffee chat for parents that wish to come and meet with me
- January 19- Robotics Competition at Amazon Headquarters. Mrs. Kim’s Robotics Team did excellent in the first round and now are in the semi-finals

As we begin the month of January, the instructional days are full of great learning and preparation for grades 3-5 for our Smarter Balance Assessments which will begin in May. Attendance is extremely important for students to continue to progress in their learning. Research has suggested that if a student misses more than 10 days in a school year that their academic progress is diminished. Please make every effort to have your child in school unless they are ill.

As always, we are here to serve you and your children. Should you have any questions or just want to come and chat with me, please feel free to contact our office and set up and appointment.

One more thing I wish to share with our Cedar Wood families is that our fabulous Office Manager, Criss Bowsher will be moving on to Jackson Elementary School as Office Manager. Criss has been an integral part of our community for nearly a decade and she will be sorely missed by all of us! Please stop in and wish her the best! I am pleased to announce that Stephanie Ortiz-Contreras our office assistant will be our new office manager beginning January 21, 2020.

Have a wonderful January and New Year!

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Rhodes
Principal
January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about board members online. You can also watch past school board meetings on the district’s YouTube channel.

Good Citizenship Day

Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

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/
- watch district Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts

Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at https://www.everettsd.org

I have so many potato jokes. I just don’t know where to starch.
Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **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.

### 3 easy ways

Text or call

- 📞 855-637-2095
- 💌 1350@alert1.us
- 🌐 [http://1350.alert1.us](http://1350.alert1.us)