From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are coming to the end of our school year! I want to thank you parents for all the support that you have given to our staff this year. Your commitment and your partnership with us as we went to remote learning has been beyond amazing. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness and partnership.

As we get closer to the end of the school year, I wanted to communicate to you that our drop off of Chromebooks, hot spots, library books, student text books and other supplies that may have been borrowed from the school/teacher will be on Wednesday, June 17th. Further communication will be forthcoming with the times for the drop off. If you did not receive your students’ personal belongings at the earlier pickup, these will also be available on that date. Please look for more communication on this early next week.

Kindergarten registration continues and we look forward to having any of your children with us for the 2020-21 school year. The link for enrollment is https://www.everettsd.org/enrollment. Cedar Wood will be hosting Everett Ready the week of August 17-21 to all incoming kindergarten students. This program will acquaint your child with our school and preparing them for a successful kindergarten year. Additionally, we will be having a Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for parents on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 pm. More information will be sent to you during the summer months regarding this orientation meeting.

Finally, we have had a rough spring with Covid-19 and the other events which are happening in our community and nation. Included in this newsletter are some children’s books which address racism and diversity. I am including these if these will be useful for you as a family.

Thank you for all your grace, kindness, and support for our staff during this entire school year, but especially during the last few months. I wish you a wonderful and restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

My best,

Bruce Rhodes, Principal
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Books parents can read with their children:

- Different Just Like Me by Lori Mitchell
- All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color by Katie Kissinger
- We’re Different, We’re the Same (Sesame Street) by Bobbi Kates and Joe Mathieu
- Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles and Jerome Lagarrigue
- Happy In Our Skin by Fran Manushkin
- Whoever You Are by Mem Fox and Leslie Staub
- A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory
- The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
- The Colors of Us by Karen Katz
- Let’s Talk About Race by Julius Lester
- Teammates by Peter Golenbock
- Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatuih
- Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged! by Jody Nyasha Warner and Richard Rudnicki
- Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey
- Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America by Carole Boston Weatherford and Jamey Christoph
- That’s Not Fair! Emma Tenayuca’s Struggle for Justice by Carmen Tafolla and Sharyll Tenayuca
- Something Happened in Our Town: A Child’s Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano
- A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara
- Skin Again by Bell Hooks
- It’s OK to be Different: A Children’s Picture Book About Diversity and Kindness by Sharon Purtill and Sujata Saha
- We’re All Wonders by R.J. Palacio
- Look What Brown Can Do! (An everyday modern Black History book for Children ages 5-7) by T. Marie Harris
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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ON THE INTERNET:

- “Beyond the Golden Rule: A PARENTS GUIDE to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice” a Teaching Tolerance Publication @ https://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/general/beyond_golden_rule.pdf
- Teaching Tolerance: Race & Ethnicity @ https://www.tolerance.org/topics/race-ethnicity
- Teaching Kids Ages 5-8 to Respect Diversity @ https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/teaching-kids-ages-5-8-to-respect-diversity
- How to Teach Children About Cultural Awareness and Diversity @ https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-teach-children-about-cultural-awareness-and-diversity
- How to Talk to Kids About Race and Cultural Diversity @ https://www.verywellfamily.com/teaching-kids-about-race-and-cultural-diversity-621099
- Raising a Child Who Respects Difference found in Parents Magazine @ https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/teaching-tolerance/raising-a-child-who-respects-difference/
- Teaching Diversity: A Place to Begin @ https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/teaching-diversity-place-begin-0/
- Anti-Defamation League (books for children) @ https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resources-for-educators-parents-families/childrens-literature?page=1
COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage [www.everettsd.org/COVID-19](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID-19). Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ’s and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won’t be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Schools will be conducting personal item pick-up days in late-May for families to collect your student’s essential items, which will be pre-bagged and labeled by staff. You will receive more specific information on pick-up times from your school next week, but the dates are: elementary schools, May 26 and 27; middle and high schools, May 28 and 29.

There will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 12-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure. Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure. June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the
same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

**Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)**

If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it’s time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org). Register now to access information about your school’s kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children’s book “Kindergarten, Here I Come!” Registration also reserves your child’s spot in **Everett Ready**, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district’s transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

**Vaccinations for next year**

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child’s school. We’ll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district’s [immunizations webpage](http://www.everettsd.org).

**Summer school**

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

**Summer Reading Program**

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school’s website for details about this summer’s reading program.
School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year’s school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school’s website under Our School around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.

The 2020 capital projects bond

Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged $317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer** – Mary O’Brien, MO’brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, RBallbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- **ADA Coordinator** – Randi Seaberg, RSeaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213

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