From the Principal

It is hard to believe that it is already June 2019. I am so excited for the completion of Tambark Creek Elementary School. We will be having at least two Open House opportunities at the school in August. This will allow families and students to get a tour, enjoy fun activities, and have a special treat. I will be sure to publish the dates on the Tambark Creek website and send out a Connect Ed. phone call.

Our Kindergarten Meet and Greet event will be held on Thursday, June 13 at Cedar Wood Elementary School from 6:00 to 7:30pm. We will have kindergarten activities for the students and three information rotation sessions for the parents. The kindergarten teachers, counselor, ELA coach, EL coach and administrators will be presenting and working with the kinder students. I look forward to seeing you all at Cedar Wood. An invitation was sent to your home.

I hope you have a great rest of the school year and enjoy your summer vacation. I will be in contact with all of you throughout the summer months keeping you up to date on the construction and the dates for our August get togethers as well as next school year information.

From the Assistant Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families,
My name is Monique Beane and I am your new assistant principal. I am currently completing my fourth year as the principal of Garfield Elementary School in north Everett. Prior to Garfield, I spent twelve years in the Issaquah School District. In Issaquah, I served four years as an elementary principal and as a vice principal at two middle schools. I am excited for the opportunity to open Tambark Creek Elementary with Mrs. O’Connor-Weaver. Moving from Garfield was not an easy decision, but the right decision for my family. I also live in the Mill Creek area, so I am sure that I will see many of you around town.
From Gerard Holzman, Planning Principal

Tambark Creek is Almost Ready!

Final construction inside is moving quickly - now in its final month. Carpets and flooring installation are under way in the classrooms and the gym. Heating, plumbing, and lighting systems are being tested. The basketball hoops have been hung in the gym and the outdoor covered play areas. A wooden fence has been installed around the wetlands. New playground toys will soon be built. Driveways and parking lots are being paved. We are excited that our families will soon be able to see the inside of a finished Tambark Creek Elementary. The many large windows throughout Tambark Creek Elementary allow natural light in the classrooms, in the shared breakout learning spaces, in the library overlooking the wetlands, and in the hallways throughout. Classrooms have been organized to allow for teacher guided instruction, small group student collaboration, and each classroom has a window nest for independent reading and thinking. In late July, furniture will be arriving and installed in classrooms, followed by the technology to support student learning - ready for teacher and student use at the beginning of the new school year. What a beautiful space for learning we will soon have to share with you!
When does school end this year?

June 21 will be the last day of school and it is a full day with a regular dismissal time. Reminder: Friday, June 7, students will be released 2.5 hours early and Friday, June 14, students will be released 75 minutes early.

SBA scores are coming soon

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the district assessment website.

How do I get the test scores?

Instructions are online. If you don’t have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 10th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students. This year they have requests for over 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies. 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. 16-18.

URGENT NEED: The Foundation needs 700 high school backpacks. To purchase and donate a backpack and other preassembled schools supply kits, they have partnered with Supply All Kids, or you can contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

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.

Do you have a personal exemption for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)? That exemption may not be valid for next school year due to a new state law. Learn more on the Washington State Department of Health’s website.

Summer school registration is open!

Registration materials are now online. 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 and at Cascade 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. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school’s website for details about this summer’s reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.

**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 many children qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 8 through Aug. 15 at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](http://www.everettsd.org).

**Change to assessment requirements**

The Washington State Legislature recently passed a bill creating multiple ways to meet required graduation assessments. School districts are required to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both mathematics and English language arts to all 10th graders. Passing each of these assessments is the first “pathway” among a set of multiple pathways to graduate. Students identify their pathway in their High School and Beyond Plan. Students in the class of 2021 and beyond must still earn 24 credits to obtain a high school diploma.

For a complete list of graduation assessment requirement options, please visit the district [graduation website](http://www.everettsd.org) under the *Students* tab.