From the Principal

November means the holiday season is upon us, which of course means the Annual Food Drive is here. We also will salute our Veteran’s at our Veteran’s Day assembly on November 7 with no school on November 11 for the day of remembrance. Our fall drama production of William Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream* is also this month, and we finish strong with a plan on delivery day to provide meals for over 150 families on November 26.

Food Drive This Month!

We are excited to kick off our Annual Food Drive on the first day of November! As in past years, our students will be collecting food and money donations during the month of November for families and for local food banks. Last year, we fed over 200 families, stocked the shelves at local food banks, and raised close to $10,000 of financial support. This is a wonderful example of how our students and families rally to support families in our local community during this holiday season. Students will be gathering donations at local grocery stores, and we have a school-wide CHAMPS class competition to see which class can get the highest level of donations. Please consider supporting this effort by donating non-perishable food items, a donation, or by purchasing the food bags at your local grocery store. We are partnering with Safeway, Albertson’s and QFC during the drive. Participating students will be signing up for shifts during C.H.A.M.P.S. time.

Fall Drama Production is *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

Come out for an evening of Shakespeare as our drama program presents William Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. There will be four evening performances and two matinee performances in the Little Theater. The last few productions have sold out, so be sure to go to our website and buy your tickets online now. Evening performances will be at 7:30 pm on November 15, 16, 22, and...
23. Matinee performances will be at 2:30 pm on November 16 and 23. Come out and enjoy the arts at EHS!

**Academic Support**

The first quarter has ended, so it’s a great time to check your student’s progress online. The link to login to check your student’s grade is located in the upper right corner of our website, and it looks like this:

If you notice that your student is struggling, please encourage her or him to take advantage of our Academic Support System. During the week there are many opportunities for your child to get additional support. The full support schedule is attached so that you are aware of the times and days available for additional support for each subject.

**Fall Band Concert**

Everett High Instrumental Music Concert, featuring Jazz Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Orchestra will take place in the Auditorium on Wednesday, November 6th at 7 pm. The concert is free and all are welcome to attend.

**Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18**

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

**Remember to vote Nov. 5**

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 5 – postage is not required for ballots.

**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 strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions.

Join us! [http://www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs)

**Did you miss a call from us?**
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email 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. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

School performance report

Our school’s performance report is available online on each school’s website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website. Click on “State Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.

Test scores show … our students rock!

Did you know that our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state’s average assessment scores in every subject! Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel. We have more work to do and are going to accomplish it by focusing on reading at early levels and strong monitoring and collaboration.

FAFSA season has begun!

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. According to the Snohomish Health District’s Washington Healthy Youth Survey:

11% of 8th graders, 23% of 10th graders and 31% of 12th graders currently use vapes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District’s webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. [www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products](http://www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products)
Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

*Snohomish County Emergency Management* has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.

Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child’s online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the “buddy lists.” Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry’s Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).

Food and nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you mushrooms grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our vegetable medley and on the salad bar.

Did you know that mushrooms are composed of 90% water and contain over a dozen vitamin and minerals? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at [https://www.everettsd.org](https://www.everettsd.org). Don’t leave me, I’m a fungi!
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.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O’Brien, MO’Erien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250