From the Principal

Welcome Eisenhower Families,

The start of the school year is one of my favorite times of the year as students are full of energy and excited about the new possibilities that the school year holds. As a parent I particularly liked the middle school years because of the energy, silliness and unpredictability each day, and sometimes each hour, could bring with my own children.

These years are some of the most transformative in your child’s life and the changes that occur over these three years are perhaps more significant than any other three years in a person’s life. The changes in the physical, emotional and intellectual make up of middle school students is what makes these years so fun and fascinating.

My wife Trish and I often felt the middle school years, with our own children, were like walking into a movie theater only we never knew what type of movie we were going to see. With Maddie was it going to be a comedy or drama? Was Xander featuring a horror movie or a thriller today? Where Mitchell and Aisley going to flip in the middle of the movie script and we would be left wondering what happened? With four kids it felt like we were trapped in a multiplex theater each day for years and we were never quite certain what we were going to encounter at any given moment.

Just like middle school students we are always changing at Eisenhower. We want to make sure parents are aware that the district policy around cell phones in school has been clarified. Students in middle school are expected to turn off their cell phone and store the phone in their back pack prior to entering the building. It must remain off and in the backpack throughout the school day including if they are attending after school activities.

Students will be receiving individual chromebooks on September 17th. The Student Technology Use Agreement form must be signed by the student and parent and on file prior to students receiving their chromebook. Please be looking for information on that in the next week.

Whichever movie you are watching in your child at any given time we, at Eisenhower, are here to partner with you through these years of exciting change and growth.

Respectfully,
Kevin Allen
FALL SPORTS START ON  
SEPT 9TH

Please make sure you and your student have completed all of the paperwork in Rank One:  

They must have a current Sports physical on file in our main office to participate.

Parents! Please plan to join us for Curriculum night on Thursday, September 19th. More information will be coming home soon!

If your student is absent, please email:  
EISAttendance@everettsd.org  
Within 24 hours

Did you know you can purchase some of your students school items, and pay athletic fees online? You can also check your entire purchase history! Visit the Payments online page here:  
https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4804

Picture Retake day is Wednesday, October 9th. Students that missed Patriot Day will get their ID or ASB card picture taken on this day.

Ms. Dilling’s Classroom is A202 this year. To get to her classroom, students will go into the gym, down the stairs, and it will be on the left side of the gym in the basement.
Applications for Robotics team are here! Get them from and Ms. Sanders in C116. Interested students should turn in completed applications to Ms. Sanders by Friday, Sept 20.

Robotics Team meets Tuesdays starting Sept 24th after school until 4pm. There is an activity bus for students who ride the bus home.

Competition will likely be December 7, 8, 14, or 15th.

Any parents are welcome to volunteer to help during club meetings and/or the competition! Please email Ms. Sanders at ssanders-ode@everettsd.org with any questions.
Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device policy 3246 and procedure 3246P which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Middle school students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student’s backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student's records.

2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide.

Access your family’s immunization information
To access your family's immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for MyIR to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.

### Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for InTouch announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

![InTouch](image)

### Mobile app

Families can download the district mobile app to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

### Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.

### ECEAP preschool is now enrolling for 2019-20

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with Snohomish County Human Services and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.
Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It’s easy! You can register online at http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use Peachjar to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the Quicklinks section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren’t already receiving them.

Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Act. Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes. We help students with the fees required to take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the KIT website or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.

Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

Backpacks for students in need

www.everettsd.org
Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

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