From the Principal

Welcome Back!

I want to welcome all our Eisenhower families to the 2020-21 school year. This edition of the Newsletter has a lot of information as the start of school is different than ever before. Families will receive a significant amount of information over the next week or two and then the flow will slow down.

Starting next week, I will send a weekly email on Friday attempting to answer Frequently Asked Questions and keep everyone up to date as we navigate this unique start. Teachers will update their Canvas page every Monday morning by 7:45 for the week to allow for a snapshot of the plans and activities in every class for the week.

Each year I am nervous and excited for the start of school. This year is no exception. I am more excited than ever about the possibilities this year holds and I look forward to going on this great adventure with all of you. As always, please reach out with any compliments or concerns you may have throughout the year.

Kevin Allen – Principal

First Day Photos

Yearbook needs our help! Please share with us your student’s 1st Day Photo. Let’s see those Eisenhower Patriots on their first day of school 2020!

Please submit photos to: mfessler@everettsd.org We may also choose some First Day Photos to post on our social media.

First Day Log-in

Log-in information for Zoom calls and links to student lessons will be in staff Canvas pages. This way, all teachers will have a consistent spot to post coursework and links to resources. First period teachers will email parents/students the Zoom link for 1st Period on the first day to expedite student log-in. Teachers will ONLY be sending this information, and
will send any other introductory information, after the first day of school, unless it is necessary for your student. This is to streamline communication, as we know how much communication comes out to parents the first week of school.

**First Week Schedule**

The schedule for Weds. 9/9-Fri. 9/11 will be a 2.5-hour early release schedule each day, and is as follows:

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**Fall Entry Conferences**

We are excited to announce our Fall Entry Conferences. We want to use the first week to ensure all our students and parents have the tools they need to access school. Part of our plan is for each teacher to have 20-minute sessions for you to learn about their class, routines and expectations.

Conferences will take place on Wednesday 9/9 through Friday 9/11 at these times: 1:00 – 1:20, 1:30 – 1:50, 2:00 – 2:20 and 2:30 – 2:50 pm. Zoom links will be made available Tuesday afternoon.

**ChromeBooks**

The ChromeBooks that were distributed for student use is due to voter support of the 2016 Levy, which also supported teacher training, and wifi upgrades to our building this summer. We know that many families have other devices at home.
We recommend all students should check out a ChromeBook for a couple of reasons. First, use of non-district devices to access digital resources may be limited by non-district technology. Second, when we are back live in school, students will need ChromeBooks and outside devices are not able to access district wi-fi.

Repairs to ChromeBooks are covered by the district unless the damage is thought to be malicious. If one of the district ChromeBooks is stolen, please file a police report, and provide the report # to us as we will work with police to recover devices.

**ChromeBook Passwords**

- 6th graders: student ID numbers and passwords do not change when transitioning schools. Student ID and password from last year should still work.
- 7th and 8th graders: passwords do not automatically reset. You should be able to log in with last year’s password.
- Students new to the district: Use your student ID as your login. Your password is your birthdate month/date: MMDD
- To reset your password, email Ms. Mahajan who will reset it. NMahajan@everettsd.org

**Accessing Canvas**

Teachers will all be using Canvas as a common landing page and platform this year. Canvas will be accessible by both students and parents. The easiest way to access Canvas is by going to the district web page, selecting “Students,” and then clicking on Canvas. Please note that enrollment of students in Canvas will happen closer to school opening, when student schedules are set.

**Accessing Student Email**

All students have an Everett School District email account. We encourage them to use these for communication with teachers and staff, as this streamlines the process. Updates and announcements will also be sent to student email
addresses via the Canvas system. On the student ChromeBook, click “apps.everettsd.org bookmarks” and then “Office 365.” This opens the student’s Microsoft Office menu. Click on “Outlook” and students will be able to use email to communicate with staff.

**Live Assistance Line**

Beginning the first day of school 9/9, and continuing until at least Friday, 9/18 we will be offering live assistance for parents and students. This will run from 8am-3pm each day. We know that sometimes it can be hard to navigate who to contact with your question. Our office staff will be available by phone and email. If they can’t answer a question, they will forward your question/concern on to the appropriate party to contact you. Please note that this is NOT tech support. Please contact Okorten@everettsd.org or call (425)385-7512.

**Technology Support**

For login assistance and basic technology questions, you can contact nmahajan@everettsd.org or visit https://www.everettsd.org/Page/32723

**Attendance**

Attendance will be taken each class period. If your student will be absent, please email EISattendance@everettsd.org. Please include your student’s name, ID#, and reason for absence.

**Course Fees**

We know we are in trying times. ASB (student government) cards will not be sold at this time. ASB will continue to function to support our students. Yearbooks will be available, and we will notify you when online purchasing is available. Families needing to rent a musical instrument should coordinate with their music teacher to arrange rental, payment for these can be made online at https://wa-everett.intouchreceipting.com/.

**School Photos**

Our photographer, Dorian Studios, is not taking school photos until at least January. We will communicate potential picture availability in the future.

**Library**

We are working to set-up online ordering and curbside checkout for library books. We will also use this process to pass out novels for ELA classes. We will communicate out when the system is ready.

**School Supply List**

Students will need limited supplies for school, specifically paper, writing utensils and highlighters. We recommend headphones for use on the Chromebook if possible. Some classes may request students have a few other items; teachers will notify students of these items. If you need assistance with acquiring supplies, please contact the main office at (425) 385-7500.
Dedicated Workspace for Students

Adolescents thrive in consistency. We have created a daily schedule to try to enhance consistency. We recommend creating a dedicated space for your students to study at home. Whether it be a folding table, desk, or corner of a dining room, having space for their ChromeBook and a pad of paper for notes.

Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule, beginning Monday, September 14th.
Does your student need to keep medications at school? Find the forms here: https://www.everettsd.org/healthservices to take with you to your students next doctor appointment.

Do you qualify for Free and Reduced lunch? Please fill out the Free and Reduced lunch form online here: https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4830

You can find the updated meal pick up and ordering schedule during remote learning here: https://www.everettsd.org/Page/37728

Get help buying groceries while schools are closed. The deadline to apply for a Pandemic EBT has been extended to Friday, September 11 at 5pm. https://medium.com/@waOSPI/what-is-pandemic-ebt-a7a086fcaf94

Please take time to fill out the Student Housing Questionnaire here: https://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-13427

Clothes for Kids is open for students in need by appointment this fall. You can come by the school to pick up a requisition form on September 2, 3, 4 or 8th between 8am-3pm.

Have you moved or do you need to update your contact information? Please email or call our registrar, Colleen Bledsoe at CBledsoe@everettsd.org or (425)385-7510

Did you miss our Drive thru pick up events? Please plan to come by for our final drive thru event on Tuesday, September 8th between 11am and 3pm. Your student can pick up a Chromebook and other materials for the school year.
**Adventure Together**

Our theme to kick off the school year is **Adventure Together**. We chose “Adventure” because this school year is kicking off remotely, but not like it was in the spring. This year will look and feel much different and will be a new, exciting and challenging adventure for students, teachers and families. And, “Together” because we are all in this together. Although this start to school will feel different to everyone, we encourage taking on this challenge with courage, knowing we will all learn and grow as we navigate new and unexpected situations.

We are here for every student, every family, every teacher, every staff member. We are a team! Let’s Adventure Together!

**Parent University**

Starting September 2, Everett Public Schools will have a Parent University available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at [www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21)

**Learning model status**

Everett Public Schools will begin the 2020-21 school year with 100% remote learning using our staged approach to reopening. As the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise across our state and in our region, it has become clear at this time that our more robust remote learning model will be the safest way to form the foundation for student learning this fall.
Staged reentry to schools will be determined by the impacts of a changing COVID-19 pandemic, available resources, direction from Snohomish Health District, OSPI and our Governor. Having the flexibility and agility to move to different models will enable Everett Public Schools to provide the best education possible in whatever scenario presents itself.

The current status is 100% remote learning. Visit the learning model status webpage to get to know the five stages.

Attendance procedures

We look forward to teaching your child every day. Regular attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is engaged in learning to benefit from an excellent education. If your child will miss remote learning, 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. Teachers will use digital Gradebook attendance to log student attendance daily. K-5 students will have attendance taken daily at the beginning of the day during their morning meeting. Grades 6-12 will have attendance taken in every class period.

2020-21 Immunization Changes

The way schools collect immunization records and comply with immunization rules has changed for the 2020-21 school year. As of August 1, 2020, a change in state immunization rules has affected three areas of immunization compliance:

- The definition of “conditional status” has been clarified. Students must turn in their immunization paperwork on or before the first day of in-person learning.
- All new immunization records from students need to be medically verified.
- The Tdap vaccine requirement for 6th through 12th graders has been changed to a 7th through 12th grade requirement.

A medically verified record includes one or more of the following and can be submitted by email to EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System
- A physical copy of the CIS with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from your MyIR account.

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, childcare and camp programs.

Ways to stay in touch

On the communications department 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.

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.

Social & emotional health

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person’s characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. Please visit the district’s social & emotional health webpage for more information.
ECEAP preschool is now enrolling for 2020-21

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.

ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child’s first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes.

The ECEAP preschool program is located at Cedar Wood (new for 2020-21), Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child’s first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628, email eceap@everettsd.org or visit our website.

Kids in Transition program

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 students experiencing homelessness have access to free school meals, school supplies, and uniforms. KIT can help students access extended day or summer school classes and provide access to tutoring when needed. The KIT Program can also cover fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is in the best interest of the student. 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 the KIT Program at 425-385-4032.
Backpacks for students in need

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 1,900 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 31, the week before school.

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.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? 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.

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 general counsel 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.
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.

Register to vote!

It’s easy! You can register online at [http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration](http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration) or stop by your