From the Principal

September 2019

Dear Jackson Families,

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer! Our staff is busily preparing for what we know will be a phenomenal school year. We work hard to ensure each student receives the attention that a child needs to have success at school. We look forward to serving all our students and families and know you will have a great year at Jackson Elementary! We would like to extend another big thank you to our PTA and families who supported our Art Docent program, facilitated various fundraisers to raise money for field trips, and helped staff with events and clubs around our school. Your support for our students and staff helps make Jackson an amazing place to be!

This year Jackson will have a fulltime Assistant Principal! Jennifer Reyes will continue working at Jackson in a fulltime capacity. We are excited to have Jennifer remain with us to help us continue to learn and grow! She is enthusiastic to join us fulltime and brings lots of strengths in the areas of academic supports and social justice.

We also have several new staff members and a staff change at Jackson this year. The following teachers and staff are new to the Jackson team:

- Sarah Reames – Dev. Kindergarten
- Christina Iversen - .5 EL Teacher
- Diane Schultz - School Psychologist
- Charlene Dooley – Dev. Kinder Para Educator
- Sarah Speidel – Dev. Kinder Para Educator
- Julie Harvey – Para Educator (General Education)
- Cindy Hansen – Office Assistant
- Becky Milles – 2/3 grade split classroom
- Stacy Gay - Kindergarten

*School dismisses at 2:15 pm
Jackson is a culturally rich community and we are passionate about helping each student achieve academic and social emotional excellence. We have a highly qualified teaching staff and continue to learn and grow professionally to serve the needs of our diverse learners and their families. We ensure our students have viable and motivating learning experiences that align with 21st century skills.

We continue to provide enrichment and athletic experiences such as, two Lego Robotics Teams, our PTA sponsored Lego Build Club, Girls on the Run, Fiber Arts Club, Foreign Language for Youth, and our after-school Soccer Club. Our third graders will participate in the Make a Splash swim program sponsored by the YMCA and once again, 5th graders will attend overnight camp at Cedar Springs in the fall.

The safety and wellbeing of students is important to us at Jackson, and we are always committed to keeping our students safe. If your child expresses any concern to you regarding our school, please let their teacher or the office know. We want to make sure we are creating a safe optimal learning environment for all students.

We are a late start school. Students should arrive at 8:50am if they eat breakfast at school. If students are not eating breakfast or participating in before school programs, they should arrive at 9:00am when adult supervision is provided. The final bell rings at 9:15am and all students should be in class, ready to learn and work at that time.

When students arrive before school, they should line up in their designated line in the gym. Their teacher will meet them and take them to class. They should not enter the building and go to their classroom. They should go directly to the gym. If a student arrives late, they should stop by the office for a tardy slip.

As a reminder, I would like for us to work together to ensure all of our students come to school on time every day. Did you know that missing even two days of school per month puts students at significant increased risk of academic failure and eventual dropout? This includes excused and unexcused absences, and it is true for students across all grade levels, from K up to 12.

I look forward to us having a fantastic school year!

Warmest Regards,

Falicia Green
Principal
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 [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.

Elementary 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.

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-Vinto 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

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