

# Emerson Falcon News

EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal and Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! Thank you to everyone that came to our Back to School event in August. It was a pleasure to see our families. We have had an amazing start to our school year. Our students are already busy learning and making new friends. Our schoolwide theme is "SOARing into Kindness" which will support our Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) at Emerson. As you have noticed as you have entered our school, we have a new office entryway. This is one more way that the Everett School District is ensuring your students safety. When you come to school during the school day, please ring the bell on the left side of the doors and our office staff will open the doors.

We would like to welcome Ms. Jessica Corneille, our new Assistant Principal. She comes to us from Palm Beach Florida. She has an extensive background in literacy and instruction. She is a valuable asset to our school, please stop by and meet her.

We value our partnerships with our parents. Throughout the year, we will have a variety of family events in the evening. We hope you are able to come enjoy new learning and lots of fun. We also are seeking volunteers to help our school be the best. Volunteers need to complete a volunteer application on the district website. Once approved, we have many areas that we would love your support with (classroom help, office help, recess assistance). We have an active WATCHDOGS program that provides male volunteers to work with our students. We will have a WATCHDOGS Kickoff coming up soon. Please consider volunteering. Your student would love to have you help at their school.

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**Sept. 4th**

First day of school 1-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Sept. 9th**

First day KK

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Meeting/ Library 6-7pm

**Sept. 18th**

Picture day

PTA Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>

Emerson Library 6-7 pm

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We are having a Dessert/Coffee with the Principals at Emerson on September 17 at 5:30. We will be reviewing the great things happening at Emerson and ideas that you have to make Emerson the best school ever! We hope to see you there. Childcare will be provided.

Emerson Curriculum Night will be on Oct. 10. Please mark your calendar. More information will be sent home at the end of September.

This is going to be an amazing year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by to see us or give us a call. Thank you for your support and for sending your amazing students to Emerson!

**Dawn Weddle and Jessica Corneille**

**DESSERT WITH THE PRINCIPALS  
SEPT. 17 AT 5:30  
IN THE EMERSON LIBRARY  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

**September is Attendance Awareness Month**



School attendance is extremely important. Please make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. If you check out your student early, it counts as a ½ day absence.

Beginning September 16 through the end of the month, if your child is here every day on time for the entire day, they will be entered in a drawing at the end of the month.

## From the Gym

### Gary Niegemann

## SEPTEMBER WORKING TOGETHER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Help a younger sibling or friend learn a new skill.		CHILDREN NEED MODELS MORE THAN THEY NEED CRITICS.		Stand facing a partner 1' away with palms out. Fall forward & catch each other. Push back to a balance. How far apart can you get?	Find a jump rope & a partner. Can both of you jump the same rope?	
While in contact, alternate sit-ups & push-ups with a partner.	Surprise someone with a good deed.	Find a partner & place a long strip of tape on the floor. Can you pass each other without stepping off?	Work cooperatively to learn & perform a new partner gymnastic stunt.	Invent an exercise that moves a ball from partner to partner.	Find a balloon & play a volleyball game over a chair.	Help with a family meal and later work off those calories with a run.
With a partner, create a sliding dance on towels.	How many collective laps (add them together) can you & a friend run around the house in 15 minutes?	Go on a shadow run with a partner. Everywhere your partner jogs, you follow.	Play a partner catching game with a ball. Each time you catch it, take a step back.	Teach your family an activity you learned in P.E.	Do 3 or more special acts of kindness to different people at school.	Spend 30 minutes helping a neighbor. Name _____ Job _____
For 10 or more minutes, practice sending & receiving a ball with a family member or friend.	Throw a knotted towel in the air and catch it cooperatively with a partner without using hands.	Create a dance that includes lifting your partner.	Find 4 people & form a circle. Shake right hands with someone across from you and left with a different person. Can you re-form a circle without releasing hands?	Shadow a partner dribbling a ball first with hands & second with feet.	Sit back to back, interlock arms, push against each other and try to stand up.	Organize a family game.
Lie shoulder to shoulder; place inside arms over your partner's back & try to do a one-arm push-up.	Sit back to back with a partner. Place a ball between your backs & try to turn around without dropping the ball.	Sit facing a partner with legs apart. Hold hands; as one leans forward the other leans back.	Take turns spotting each other's headstands or handstands.	Tie 2 bicycle inner tubes together & place around partner's waist. Begin a slow jog apart.	Place an ice cube on your counter and do an exercise routine with a partner until it melts.	Sit facing a partner. One partner's legs are inside & the other's outside. Practice squeezing in & out.

## From the Library

Hello from our Emerson library! Well, Library is off to a WONDERFUL start and It is so FANTASTIC to see everyone. 1st-5th grade students have begun checking out books. The 1st graders have a form for you to read, sign and return before they are able to bring the book home. Please come visit us in our beautiful library before or after school and you can check out the books too! Stay tuned for more information about our book fair during Conference Week. Call or email me if you have any questions, 425-385-6208.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Doud  
Teacher-Librarian

## 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](mailto: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.

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

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## 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](http://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 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](mailto: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](http://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>



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[www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, [rclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:rclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250