



From the principal

Welcome back!

We are so excited for the new year upon us. Our Theme for the year is “Make Every Second Count Because Each Student MATTERS.” We believe every student can and will succeed. We need to work together to make it happen. Thank you for being a part of our village as we help our pack members during their middle school years.

Sense of Belonging: We are working hard to ensure each student feel like a member of our Pack. Please encourage your students to participate in extra curricular activities. We have clubs and athletics available for our students. Clubs and Fall Sports begin September 9. Lists of clubs and their meeting dates are posted in the cafeteria. For information about our athletic opportunities visit our website: <https://www.everetsd.org/domain/1593>

Make every second count because each student matters.

Evergreen Sports Registration: www.everetschools.rankonesport.com Sixth grade students can participate but not compete for Cross Country, Wrestling, and Track.

Welcome Back Pack Night: September 12 (flier on the next page)

Families with last name starting with

- A-I (5:00-6:45pm)
- J-Q (5:30-7:15pm)
- R-Z (6:00-7:45pm)

Picture Day: September 16 **Online Access Key:** 782AMCH6 http://ios.mydorian.com/login_shoot

Paper Order forms were handed out to students **Questions:** call 1-800-826-3535

Evergreen 1:1 Chromebook Distribution: September 16 through English classes.

Required Forms: <https://www.everetsd.org/Page/23798>

These devices are intended for school purposes and are the responsibility of individual students to whom they are checked out. Please remind your student to take care of their device, and to make sure they keep it in a secure location when not using it at school. The biggest issue we have encountered is theft when students leave the device unattended or when it is left unsecured and visible in a car. Students will be receiving their laptops through their English classes. Please make sure you have signed the checkout form and have your student return into her or his English teacher. These devices will be the student's responsibility for the year and will be checked back in during June. Please look at the student technology handbook for more information about the care and upkeep of these student devices.

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Sept 4
First Day of School

Sept 6
Learning Improvement Friday

Sept 12
Welcome Back Pack Night-
Family Open House

Sept 13
Learning Improvement Friday



You are invited to our first annual Welcome BackPack Night!



During this event you are invited to:

- Enjoy dinner with our school community
- Meet your student’s teachers
- Walk your child’s schedule
- Hear about upcoming events, activities/clubs/support offered, and information on the new Chromebooks coming home September 16!
- Learn about how to support your middle schooler at home

Rotation 1:	Families: Last name A-I
5:00-5:30pm	Dinner served in cafeteria
5:50-6:15pm	Presentation in library by our school psychologist, Susan Smoots, “Social development in middle school”
5:30-6:15pm	Meet the teachers/Tour EMS
6:15-6:45pm	Important Info presented in gym

Rotation 2:	Families: Last name J-Q
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner served in cafeteria
6:00-6:45pm	Meet the teachers/Tour EMS
6:20-6:45pm	Presentation in library by our school psychologist, Susan Smoots, “Social development in middle school”
6:50-7:15pm	Important Info presented in gym

Rotation 3:	Families: Last name R-Z
6:00-6:30pm	Dinner served in cafeteria
6:50-7:15pm	Presentation in library by our school psychologist, Susan Smoots, “Social development in middle school”
6:30-7:15pm	Meet the teachers/Tour EMS
7:20-7:45pm	Important Info presented in gym

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.

Elementary and 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.

High school students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them during transition periods, at lunch, and before/after the school day. Students are expected to silence their cell phones and other PEDs before entering a 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 effect 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 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@everetsd.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.everetsd.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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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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'Brien@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