

Everett Seagull News

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From the Principal

Seagulls Families,

Welcome to March! College Basketball Fans talk about March Madness, but it has been in full swing at Everett High.

Last week we spent four days at the Tacoma Dome supporting and cheering our Girls Basketball Team who qualified for the Quarterfinals in the WIAA Hardwood Classic State Championships for the first time in 41 years. Our team was bolstered by amazing cheer squad who lead our Seagull Fans in spirit all week! Thank you to ALL the fans that traveled to Tacoma and watched from home! Thank you to all who supported our Rooter Buses allowing students to travel safely to the game and attend. A huge congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team who fought hard, played their best and demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. They returned to Everett with the 6th Place team in state. #GoGulls

As winter sports ended, our Spring Sports kicked off with snow on the ground. Congrats to the Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis and Track student athletes who started the new season. Whether it's track and field, soccer, tennis, or baseball or fastpitch, participating in extracurricular activities or club not only fosters physical health but also teaches valuable life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience. Please continue to encourage your child to get connected with an activity at school.

As we enter into 3rd quarter, I encourage both students and parents to ensure all assignments are completed and submitted on time. Encourage your child to reach out to their teachers if they need any assistance or clarification. Just a reminder Academic Support is available in the library every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Wednesday, March 13th: SAT for all juniors (all other grades late start)
- Friday, March 22nd Regular Schedule (no early dismissal)
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- April 1st: Spring Break Begins

Kelly Shepherd Principal

Mission – We collectively ensure that each student learns and grows at high levels.

March 7

ML Family Night, 5:30 pm (Library)

March 8

Band and Orchestra Bridging Concert, 6:00 pm (Auditorium)

March 9-10

Drama Production, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on 3/9, 2:00 pm on 3/10 (Little Theatre) SOLD OUT

March 13

SAT Day (11th grade) / 3 ½ hour late start for non-testers

March 15

Spring Fling, 7:00 – 10:00pm (gym)

March 22

Full Day of school for high school (release at 2:05 pm)

March 25

Choir Corridor Concert, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)

March 29

Full Day of school for high school (release at 2:05 pm)

April 1-5

Spring Break; no school



We value your involvement in your child's education and encourage you to stay engaged.

Go Gulls!

Kelly Shepherd
Principal

A message from PTA



We are actively seeking individuals who are passionate about making a difference in our school to serve on the EHS PTA Executive Board for the next school year, 2024 – 2025. If you are interested in taking a leadership role and contributing to the future success of our PTA, we encourage you to reach out. The volunteer involvement is not as time consuming as you may think.

Most notable, the **Everett High Auction** is coming up on **Saturday, April 20th**. The planning is coming along well, much to the compliments of our mighty co-chairs and supportive leads. We have more local business sponsorships than ever, and procurements are steadily being gathered. If you are interested in sponsorship, procurement, the Blue & Gold Club Dessert Dash or volunteering – YES, we need you - please visit [EHS Auction 2024 \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org). If you are interested in co-chairing the auction in 2025, please give us a shout. Please feel free to email me at EHSPTA@outlook.com.

Go GULLS!

Brenda White
PTA President, 2023 - 2024

Annual Student Art Shows



Everett Public Schools, in partnership with the Everett Public Schools Foundation, is celebrating 26 years of student art shows.

The elementary art show will be on display at the Community Resource Center (CRC) (3900 Broadway) from February 16 to March 28, 2024. There will be an elementary art show open house on February 29, 2024, from 6 – 7 p.m. for families to view the art show in the evening.

High school art will be displayed for public viewing from April 11 to May 2. All participating students, their family members and friends are invited to the High School Art Show Reception on May 2, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Middle school art will be displayed for public viewing from May 9 to May 30. All participating student artists and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Middle School Art Show reception on May 30, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.



Cyber Kidnapping



Cyber Kidnapping is not actual, physical kidnapping, but a scam to extort money from victims, and there have been several cases in Western Washington schools recently. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently released a bulletin warning of an increase in so-called “cyber-kidnapping” cases nationwide.

What happens is, the caller claims to have kidnapped a loved one and says they will hurt them if a ransom is not paid. They then demand payment through the purchase of gift cards or a wire transfer. The FBI states these calls typically target those whose first language is not English. The calls are usually from another area code and are not from the “victim’s” phone. The callers go to great lengths to keep you on the phone so that you cannot call your loved one and/or law enforcement.

The following is guidance for those who find themselves in this situation:

- Stay calm
- Ask to speak to the “victim” directly
- Have a family safe word that is not easily discovered
- Ask the caller to answer questions only the “victim” would know
- Use alternative methods to contact the “victim”
- Report the incident to law enforcement

For additional information, visit the [FBI site on cyber kidnapping](#).

School Stakeholder Annual Survey – your voice is important



To guide the Everett Public Schools’ continuous improvement process, each year schools survey students, families and staff. This information helps us to understand our specific strengths and challenges that impact school quality.

If you have a student in our schools, you’re an important part of our team. By taking this quick survey each year, you help us figure out what’s working well and what we can improve. We also look at how students are doing, attendance, behavior, and different programs to set goals for making our school even better.

Students in grades 3-12 will be taking this survey in class. Families will be invited through social media, on the school homepages under the announcements and through normal channels of communications from principals to parents to take the survey which runs February 26 to March 29.



Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.

Daylight saving time begins March 10

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Ahead, Summertime and Daylight-Saving Time.

School Social Worker Week



March 4-8 is National School Social Work week and it’s a great time to recognize and celebrate their work. School social workers help students with behavioral, emotional, and developmental challenges, including those with learning disabilities and living through traumatic experiences and drug addicts. They liaise with the school and parents to assess the condition of these students and provide assistance to enable the student to achieve academic excellence and emotional wellbeing. Please take a moment to thank them to show your appreciation.

Education Support Professionals Week

March 11-15 help us recognize the important work education support staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, food and nutrition services professionals, bus drivers and many other education support staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



Miss the Promoting Healthy Digital Habits Let’s Connect?



Last month, parents and community members attended a Let’s Connect at Cascade High School to hear University of Washington assistant professor Dr. Magis-Weinberg talk about promoting healthy digital habits. The digital world presents both opportunities and risks. While young people today are highly familiar with technology, they cannot simply unlock all its benefits without guidance and support. Additionally, there are measures we can take to prevent online harms from occurring. Watch the live-streamed video on [Parent University](#).



Kindergarten registration begins this month



Will your child be 5 years old by August 31? On March 4, you can complete your child's online enrollment for kindergarten. An easy and quick process as detailed in the [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) available in multiple languages on our website www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. You can also enroll in-person at your neighborhood school or [download a printable packet](#), complete it, and deliver it to your child's home school with the required documents.

Enrolling early in March will ensure invitations to your school's kindergarten events and participation in Everett Ready, a transition-into-kindergarten program offered for four days in August to all enrolled kindergarteners – more information will be available in June on www.everettsd.org/everettready.

EPS offers the following **Choice Programs** beginning in kindergarten– early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Click on the links for more information on the programs:

- [Lighthouse Cooperative](#) – Housed at Jefferson Elementary School

This K-5 program features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement via weekly classroom volunteering and support for enrichment activities such as field trips and parent-led specialty lessons.

- [Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program](#) – Located at Emerson Elementary School

Students are immersed in the Spanish language and culture with the majority of instruction being in Spanish. Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary school attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students.

- [Port Gardner Family Partnership K-12](#) – located on Sequoia High School Campus

Port Gardner K-12 is a parent partnership program, where parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children. Our program is a blend of on-site classes taught by certificated teachers, and remote classes taught by parents/guardians in the home.

Note: Choice Programs will require a [school transfer](#) approval if not located at your child's home school.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!

Take the State High School & Beyond Plan Platform Survey

We are sharing this Statewide High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) Platform Survey with you to help ensure broad participation in this feedback opportunity! The survey was created by The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to gather statewide feedback on the best possible features and functions to include in the new online platform.

Washington's Legislature passed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 5243](#) in 2023, which requires access to the same online platform for all users to meet the HSBP graduation requirement. Feedback from students, families, educators and community partners is needed to help choose the best possible online platform and future partner from the seven preliminary finalists.





Statewide participation is vital to inform OSPI's final selection of the successful platform vendor in May 2024. Please take the [15-20 minute survey](#).

Save the Date for the SAT



The SAT is free for all juniors!

On Wednesday, March 13, all juniors will take the SAT at no cost. There will be a 3.5 hour late start for all other high school students with late bus transportation provided. Learn about the benefits of SAT testing and how to prepare at <https://www.everettsd.org/SAT>.

Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically. Just go to the home page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.



No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided so you can manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time. If you cannot locate your welcome email, you can [go to Peachjar and sign up!](#)

This system is used exclusively for the distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.

Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website the district [website](#).





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