

# Everett Seagull News

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Dear Seagull Families and Supporters,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to welcome our freshman and new students and families to the flock. This year we are all United by the Blue and Gold. Our team is continuing to focus on our mission, “collectively ensure each student learns and grows at high levels.”

Our goal is for each student, staff, family member, alumni and community member feel as though they belong at Everett High. We encourage each student to find an activity, athletic team or club to join. As the year begins, we make connections and friendships.

As we launch the year, we want to remind everyone about the importance of attendance to keeping your child on track in High School. Did you know that attendance is the key to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduate. We know that when students miss 9 or fewer days of school in a year, they are more successful! You can support your student by doing the following things-

- Talk about the importance of showing up on time to school every day and every period!
- Create a routine at home for sleep, homework time and eating
- As much as possible schedule appointments outside of the school day
- Ask about how school is going and check grades regularly
- Encourage your child to become involved in school including clubs, sports, academic support and be a fan at Sporting Events. Encourage students to wear Blue and Gold or Everett High Gear on Fridays!
- Reach out to your school counselor or administrator if you have concerns or need support. Our team is here to support!
- If your student is sick or must miss school let the attendance office know by emailing [EHSAttendance@everettsd.org](mailto:EHSAttendance@everettsd.org) or calling 425-385-4405. Be sure to check Canvas or contact teacher for resources and materials missed in class.

This year again, all EHS students will receive a no cost breakfast, lunch and after school snack. We know nutritious meals are key for the brain and learning.

**Kelly Shepherd**  
Principal

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

**September 6**

First day of school

**September 18**

Picture Day, (upper aux)

**September 20**

AVID Family Night, 6:00 pm (cafeteria)

**September 26**

Freshmen Elections



Did you know that all students are eligible for an ASB card? This provides entrance to home games, and discounts on a variety of activities. The cost is \$45 but if a student qualifies for Free/Reduced lunch the cost is \$0. All students need to go the treasurers office to purchase the ASB card. If they qualify for free/reduced lunch it will ring up at \$0.

Reach out to an EHS team member if we can be of assistance. Here is the [staff directory](#). You can reach me directly at 425-385-4490 or [kshepherd@everettsd.org](mailto:kshepherd@everettsd.org)

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Go Gulls!

Kelly Shepherd  
Principal

## 2023-24 Student Art Calendar

The 2023-24 student art calendar is available online in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to download and printed at home. They will not be printed and distributed at the schools this year.



## School meals for 2023-24



This school year, our school will have a paid meal program, however, any student in grades K-12 who qualify for reduced lunch will receive their meal for free. Essentially, there is no longer a “reduced” lunch category as all free and reduced meals are simply free. Families can apply for free and reduced meals by [filling out the online form](#).

We are so excited to be able to use this program to offer free meals to the students in our district who may need some extra support and to all of our students, no matter where they learn, we will continue to offer nutritious and delicious meals that include seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, scratch-made whole grain foods and lean proteins, with vegetarian and gluten free options too.

There has never been a better time to eat school meals. We look forward to serving you soon.

## EPS Appreciation Night with the Everett AquaSox!



Have fun kicking off the new school year as the Everett AquaSox take on the Eugene Emeralds at Funko Field on Saturday, Sep 9 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are only \$8 and the AquaSox will donate \$2 per ticket to the Everett Public Schools Foundation.

Tickets must be purchased online to be discounted to \$8. Game day will be regular price of \$15 per ticket. Click <https://fevogn.com/event/Everettschool4> to purchase tickets and share with family and friends, the more the merrier.

Join us for some great family entertainment including Baseball Bingo! Play ball!

## 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.

## World Language Assessments



Can your middle or high school student speak, read, write and understand a world language? Students in grades 7-12 can earn high school credit and special recognition through the World Language Assessment. Registration is open September 6 through October 31. **Register in your school office today!**

There will be only one window in the 2023-24 school year. Dates vary by school. *Scan QR code to learn more.*



## 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.



## SBA scores released

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) student scores are available for families & students in the Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September.

Go to [www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation](http://www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation) to find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores.



How do I get the test scores? Under Quick Links, click How to view SBA scores for instructions. If you don't have a HAC account or have questions, contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores will be released in September. They will be put in HAC as soon as they arrive, and Individual Student Score Reports will be sent home through the normal school channels.

## Mark your calendar for upcoming fall flu clinics

Everett Public Schools will host two flu clinics this fall at the Community Resource Center located at 3900 Broadway on:

- Wednesday, September 20 from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 24 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Please watch the district social media and website announcements for information regarding appointment times, insurance information, eligibility, etc.

## Ways to stay connected

On the [communications department webpage](#), you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our social media directory at [www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory](http://www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory) to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!



Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is very important. One resource available for families is our "Stay Connected" chart, which will show you the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district's website at [www.everettsd.org/communications](http://www.everettsd.org/communications) to download your copy.



Please also make sure your student’s school has your updated contact information so the district can communicate effectively with you.

## Have you downloaded our mobile app?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. Download and log into the district app to access your student’s info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

1. On your smartphone, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search **Everett Public Schools**
3. Then select our app for free download

Once you’ve downloaded the app, log in to “student info” with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.

## Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you kale grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month in our cabbage patch soup or kale Caesar salad! Did you know that just one serving of kale has more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#). Don’t kale my vibe!



Accompanying kale this month are stone fruits, which can be found in the Garden Spot and include nectarines, peaches, apricots, plums and more! They have a thin skin and a “stone” in the center, called the pit or seed. Stone fruits can boost immunity, promote healthy nerves, muscles, bones and teeth.

## Assistance icon on website

The district’s main webpage has an icon, “report/assistance,” with resources and assistance for students and families on:

- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Support
- Eating Disorder Help
- Substance Abuse Help
- Report Safety Concerns
- Report Harassment
- Substance Abuse Trends
- Overdose Symptoms and Prevention
- Safe Storage of Medication
- Safe Storage of Firearms



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## ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2023-24

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 provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. We have both school-day classroom schedules and half-day (a.m. and p.m.) classroom schedules, depending on the school location. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.



## Kids in Transition program



Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify for two federal programs which provide support for children and youth whose housing is highly mobile: those who meet the more inclusive definition of homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#) and those who are eligible for [Foster Care Education support](#).

Students who are in foster care placement (where a child welfare agency has placement, care and authority) or those who are without a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence may qualify for this additional support.

The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure eligible students have access to free school meals, school supplies and uniforms. KIT may help students access extended day or summer school classes or coordinate access to additional academic support or tutoring when needed. The KIT Program may also cover, or coordinate waivers for, fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT can also help set up transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible and in the best interest of the student. We also partner with the Family Resource Center and other community agencies to connect families and students to resources as needed.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,350 students through our KIT support at some time during the school year. For more information, visit [www.everettsd.org/KIT](http://www.everettsd.org/KIT) to learn who your school's KIT support staff is; or contact the KIT Office at 425-385-4032.

## 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.

## 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. In August, the EPS Foundation delivered over 3,000 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and are making 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 are available for pick up at each school.

## 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.

### 3 easy ways

Text or call

855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

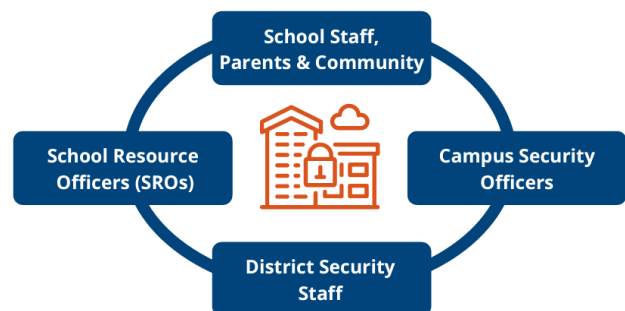
<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**

## School safety begins with teamwork

Everett Public Schools recognizes that schools should be a place where our students, staff and community feel safe. Teamwork makes this possible. We employ security staff and school resource officers (SROs) who work collaboratively with our school communities to ensure safety and security across the district.

Safety and security staff work to build healthy, positive relationships with our students, staff and community to ensure a safe school environment for learning.





**Campus Security Officers (CSOs)** perform checks of campuses during school hours to prevent unauthorized access, deter illegal activity, assist with investigations, assist with student supervision and share information with staff and students concerning safety measures.

**School Resource Officers (SROs)** are police officers that serve secondary school campuses while schools are in session and partner with principals to improve safety by identifying, investigating, deterring and responding to incidents that present a significant threat to safety and security.

**District Security Staff** perform checks of campuses after hours and on weekends to prevent unauthorized access, ensure campuses are secure, deter illegal activity and respond to alarm notifications.

For more information, visit [www.everettsd.org/safety](http://www.everettsd.org/safety).

## Access to public records

The district's records may be requested by the public, and many records are fully or partially available for public viewing. As our business is most often about students, families, and staff, some of the information contained in certain records may be protected under federal and state privacy laws.

For additional information related to district [public records policy](#) and [procedures](#), including how to make a public records request, please visit our district public records webpage at <https://www.everettsd.org/publicrecords>.

## 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. To view or request copies of your own student's records, please [contact the office of the school your student attends](#).

## Register to vote!

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:



## Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit [www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs) for jobs posted and how to apply.





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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

• **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator:**

• Chad Golden  
• 425-385-4100  
• [CGolden@everettsd.org](mailto:CGolden@everettsd.org)  
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