

Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

It was a late Sunday night, around 9:30, and our then 7th grade daughter Maddie was bouncing around, excited and talking non-stop like only a 13 year old girl can. What made this stand out was the fact that she had just finished a weekend basketball tournament of five games, three of which had happened on Sunday and she was not acting tired like she usually does after a weekend tournament.

The impending event that had her buzzing about, like she had just guzzled a half dozen Monster energy drinks, was the removal of her braces on Monday morning. Two years had passed since she first arrived home with her braces on and her brother Mitchell had said in his nicest voice, "Hey, brace face." Needless to say Maddie, who was already self-conscious and in pain from her new hardware, was not happy with her brother's jibe and went off to her room in tears.

For the next two years Maddie adjusted to her braces, they became a part of her everyday life, and she became much less self-conscious, and gradually her teeth were corrected. However, there were constant reminders of the nuisance that braces can be, from getting hit in the mouth and having to separate her lip from her braces, or putting the rubber bands in and having them break repeatedly, to having the braces tightened periodically and the ensuing pain. Perhaps the most annoying part for her was Mom and Dad's constant reminder of the things she could not eat. Gradually, Maddie developed the correct habits for a child wearing braces.

Wearing braces was not a pleasant experience, yet the training of the teeth and Maddie developing proper habits had led to the final hours of her experience. Now, on the eve of the great removal, none of that mattered anymore and Maddie, forgetting how tired she should be, was bouncing around giddy with excitement.

Even with the removal, Maddie still had a retainer in store for her future. This was to help "retain" the corrections of the previous two years and carry the training of her teeth into the correct positions far into the future.

This reminds me of the approach of May and June in middle school. The eighth graders are often bursting with eagerness to put middle school behind them and giddy with the excitement of the summer and moving on to high school. For some the experience has been painful, however, the habits they have formed and the training they have absorbed will be vital to their high school success.

It is important to remind your students that as we head toward May and June that "retaining" the good habits and behaviors that have allowed them to be successful to this point is key. As we head into the end of the year it is essential that they not fall into bad habits that may carry over to high school. All of the work of the last three years was in preparation for having the "braces" of middle school removed and the last few months are about retaining those habits until the end.

Warmest Regards, Kevin Allen

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May 4

Learning Improvement Friday

May 11

Learning Improvement Friday

May 18

Learning Improvement Friday

May 25

Learning Improvement Friday

May 28

Memorial Day-no school



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Riley Reeves (6th grade) and her sister Rowie (5th grade) were recognized in Olympia by Governor Inslee. Their father Ryan Reeves, 41 years old, passed away suddenly from heart complications, earlier this year. Ryan was an organ donor and because of his donation, he saved 3 lives and gave someone sight!

Earlier this month, they were invited to the State Capitol to receive an organ donor award from Governor Jay Inslee on their father's behalf. It was a great experience for Riley and sister Rowie to see what an impact their dad had on others' lives.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATS TO PTSA AWARD WINNERS!

Here is what was said about our PTSA award winners.

Outstanding Educator: Mr. Morgan is an amazing band director and educator. He listens to instruments played at varying levels of expertise and volume ALL DAY LONG! Seriously speaking though, Mr. Morgan inspires students to love their chosen instruments and play them without fear of making mistakes. He is patient and encouraging but also sets high expectations for his students and challenges them to succeed. He faces challenges in a positive, respectful way. He supports students where they are in the learning process and helps them to progress. His guidance enables students to accomplish things that many of them probably never imagined they would and helps set them up for success in life! Above all else, Mr. Morgan's biggest strength is his relationship with the students. He makes band class fun!

Outstanding Educator: Ms. Green is an amazing math teacher! She takes time to help EACH student truly understand what they are doing. She goes out of her way to make sure the struggling student gets the help he or she needs. She loves math and tries to show her students how cool it is! She makes it fun! Her teaching style is PERFECT for middle schoolers! She keeps them engaged and excited about coming to her class and to school! Her students head off to high school with a greater understanding of math that propels them through the more challenging high school courses. She has contagious energy that is always bubbling over! She adds so much to Eisenhower. We're lucky to have her!

Outstanding Advocate: Ms. Eggers goes 150% beyond her job duties and like others I'm sure, not always thanked properly. It takes someone special to "hear" beyond words. Jana is and has been the voice that stands up to do the right thing when most would let it go by. We are extremely grateful for her service and dedication to children.

CONGRATS TO OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR REGIONAL FINALIST!

Margaret Ames is one of 6 Regional Finalist for Washington State Teacher of the Year. We are pleased to share that our teacher of English Language Learners, has moved on to be one of 6 regional finalist for the prestigious State Teacher of the Year award. A little bit about Margaret: A former nun and world traveler, who brings her divergent life path into the classroom and her teaching practice each day. This provides students with a unique learning experience they will find nowhere else. Margaret's varied approaches to meeting the needs of all students, her tenacious resolve to not let any student fall through the cracks, and her deep compassion for each student who steps through her door make her the exceptional teacher that every student deserves. The next stage in the process is a classroom visit from Assistant Superintendent of the Northwest Regional Service District.



SBA Testing starts May 1st

8th Graders test May 1st, 2nd, 21st, 23rd, and 31st

7th Graders test May 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th

6th Graders test May 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th

All students will be on alternate schedules on these days. Be sure your student is on time each day for testing as the testing runs from 8:15-10:27 each day. Please do not schedule appointments for your student during testing times on testing days. They should bring their own earbuds/headphones, eat a healthy breakfast and get a good nights sleep for testing days. Students will not have access to their cellphones during testing time.

Thank you for your help and support during testing time!

You're Invited to the 20th Annual Middle School Art Show!

Come check out the amazing artwork that Eisenhower students' have made this year!

Student artwork will be on display at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center during these dates in May:

- **Art Show Viewing: May 3 – May 18, 2018** - Families, friends, and the public are invited to view the Art Show during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Art Show Reception: May 14, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** - Families and friends are invited to a reception to enjoy the Art Show and refreshments and hear the awards announcements.

Driving Directions:

Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway, Everett 98201

Northbound: From I-5, take exit 192 toward 41st Street exit. Turn left at the traffic signal. Turn right at the next stoplight and turn left into the parking lot.

Southbound: Exit 192 (41st Street). Merge right on to 41st Street and then turn right at the next stoplight. Turn left into the parking lot.

2019 World Strides Trip meeting:

May 22nd from 5:30-6pm in the Eisenhower library

This trip will include: DC, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, and Mt. Vernon



Library News

Coming Soon...



Eisenhower Battle of the Books 2018-19

Students will be invited to create a team consisting of 3-5 people. They sign up this September and fill out parent permission. They start reading from the Battle List of 15 titles. In game show fashion we compete in the Spring to see which Battle team is the winner.

Coming Soon...

Summer Reading Challenge

Watch for the brochures to come out. Remember to read one of the required titles on the list and then enjoy summer choice reading. Prizes, including a Kindle to be awarded in the Fall. The Library will be open Wednesdays, 3-6pm during the summer. Check the calendar.

Finishing Up...

March Madness Book Challenge

Complete your brackets, fill out the game cards and enter the drawings for Amazon and Starbucks cards. Remember... SBAC time is a great time to read. Finish your test and read, read, read.

See us on Facebook and Instagram. You are always welcome in the library, stop in and introduce yourself, and take a look at our new décor.

Happy Reading, Gwen Papenhausen
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Let's talk about growth

Since the 2018 Capital Bond proposal did not meet the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass in February, the school board is reviewing results and determining next steps to manage high school growth until a new high can be built. Three community conversations are scheduled this May to share information on implications of high school overcrowding and to gather input on options to manage this growth in the near future.

Community conversation dates

May 15 Cascade High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 17 Everett High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 29 Jackson High School, 6-7:30 p.m.



Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the [OSPI Report Card](#).

Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online](#). Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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