

# Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

It has been a wonderful start to the school year and it was nice to see so many parents at Curriculum Night in September. If you attended that evening, undoubtedly, there were many families and faces that were new to you. Like many it may have been a challenge to fit one more event into the busy fall family schedule. I want to thank those of you who were able for attending.

As parents, my wife Trish and I always enjoyed this time of year and the frenetic pace that came to our lives as our four children were involved in a myriad of activities. It often felt like our purpose in life was to be our children's time organizers and Uber drivers. There were the various sports teams, the variety of clubs and activities and the wanting to go to a friend's house that was seemingly always on the other side of town. We often found ourselves exhausted and not able to stretch ourselves in four different directions all at once.

One great take away from this era in our lives was the busier our children where the less likely they were to find ways to get into mischief. We also developed many friendships through meeting the parents of other children in the same activities. Over time, as our kids strong friendships developed with other kids with the same interests, we more often than not knew the parents of those kids. This proved invaluable as we kept a watchful eye out for our kids and who they were hanging out with. Through this knowledge we were able to steer our kids away from some potentially unhealthy friendships.

As the year progresses I encourage you to know who your child is befriending and make sure to reach out and get to know the parent or guardian of the friend as well. It is always helpful to have many people watching out for each other's children. Over time, who knows, you may end up with some new friends as well!

-Kevin Allen

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**Oct. 5**  
Learning Improvement Friday

**Oct. 12**  
Learning Improvement Friday

**Oct. 19**  
Teacher work day, no school for students

**Oct. 26**  
Learning Improvement Friday

### Informal Conversation with the Principal

**Please join us for a conversation with the Principal on Thursday, October 18**

**From 7-8pm in the Library.**

**The focus will be Safety at Eisenhower**

**Please bring any questions you may have about safety at Eisenhower, or any other topic that has been on your mind.**



**Mark your Calendar for  
Conference Week  
November 5 – 9**

**Monday** 1:30 – 5:00  
**Tuesday** 1:10 – 3:00 & 5:00 – 7:00  
**Wednesday** 1:10 – 3:00  
**Thursday** 1:10 – 3:30

**More information to come!**

**GSA Club starts October 10<sup>th</sup>**

This club is open to all LGBTQ students and their supporters. It will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month in room C-116

**Reporting Attendance at  
Eisenhower**

The easiest way to excuse your student’s absence from school is to send an email to [EISAttendance@everettsd.org](mailto:EISAttendance@everettsd.org). Please be sure to include the reason for the absence. You may also leave a message on the attendance line at 425-385-7505 or send a note to the office with your student when they return to school. Our daily Blackboard ConnectEd call/text/email goes out each morning to the parents of all students not in their first period class. You only need to do one of the above to excuse each day’s absence.

**Picture Retake day is  
Wednesday, October 10th**

We have been so blessed to have a weekend food program here at Ike.

However, the program is unable to supply backpacks this year.

The Counseling office could really use your help. If you would like to donate a new or slightly used backpack, our students would benefit. Please, drop off the backpacks to our counselors. Thanks, for all you do for kids!

Does your student read, write and speak a language other than English? If you answered yes, then they are a great candidate to take our World Language Test. The test costs \$10 the first time you take it each school year (if you need to take it again in a school year it will cost more). They could earn up to 4 High School Language credits. Please sign up and pay in the main office before or after school or at lunch time. Mark your calendars for the test date of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Drama Club Auditions**—Drama Club will hold auditions for Seussical, The Musical, Jr. on Monday, October 8 and Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Eisenhower Commons. Sign-ups for Auditions will be posted on Wednesday, October 3 outside the main office and there will be an informational meeting/How to Audition Workshop on Wednesday, October 3 from 3:00-4:00 on the stage. Callbacks will be held Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (and maybe Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, if needed) 3:00-5:00 on the stage. Rehearsals will begin October 17<sup>th</sup> and the play will be performed January 17-18.



**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:**

The World Strides Washington DC/Williamsburg trip is currently open to a few more students. If you are interested in the trip, please contact Ms. Miles ([amiles2@everettsd.org](mailto:amiles2@everettsd.org)) as soon as possible. Space is limited. Trip dates: 6/24-6/28, 2019. Financial aid is available through World Strides.

## **PTSA NEWS BLAST!**

Please join us at these PTSA events for October 2018!

2nd: First Membership Meeting. We will have an overview of the programs and events planned for the year. This will also be a great opportunity to meet your PTSA Board of Directors.

15th: Dream Dinners Fundraiser Event at Mill Creek Town Center. There are 2 time slots - 6:00 PM (<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/767528>) and 7:00 PM (<http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/767529>). Space is filling up quickly so please sign up today.

26th: Screenagers at HM JHS Commons (presented by Gateway, Heatherwood and JHS PTSA's). Learn more about this informative documentary at [www.screenagersmovie.com](http://www.screenagersmovie.com).

Please also watch for sign-ups for November Conference Week snacks and dinner sides.

If you have any questions, please email us at [ikeptsa@hotmail.com](mailto:ikeptsa@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## **Delayed start or closed schools**

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



## Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

## Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

## 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.

## School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

## Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out



## Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

**Oct. 9: Jackson High School**  
**Oct. 10: Everett High School**  
**Oct. 11: Cascade High School**



## Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

**Test dates:** Nov. 14, 2018 and March 13, 2019

**Fall registration:** Sept. 17 – Oct. 12, 2018

**Spring registration:** Jan. 14 – Feb. 15, 2019

## Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar



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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