

# Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

The New Year is upon us and for many that means a new year's resolution. If you engage in this annual ritual you may be like me and have the best intentions as you head into January only to fall back into familiar patterns.

I have read that it takes 21 days of doing an activity to create a habit. As we head into the end of the first semester of the school year, and ramp up to the second semester it is a great time to create habits at home for your students. If your students is doing well and attending school daily it is time to recommit to those habits after the long Winter break.

However, if your child has struggled during the course of first semester with academics or attendance, January is a new opportunity to create routines that will set your child up for success in middle school, high school, and beyond.

The final weeks of the semester are just the right amount of time to establish the habits that will ensure success for your student during second semester. First and foremost attending school daily is the key. The number one indicator of school success is attendance. If a student misses just two days a month they will struggle to keep up with their grade level peers. The second key is completing all work. Assignments are designed to build essential skills that prepare students for the next lesson or unit, the next grade, and ultimately high school and beyond. Missing classes or missing work put a student at a disadvantage to others in the same grade.

I wish you an exceptional 2019 and hope that if you have a resolution you can stick to it long enough to create a habit.

Happy New Year.

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***Dec. 24-Jan 4***

Winter Break-School closed

***Jan. 11***

Learning Improvement Friday

***Jan. 18***

Learning Improvement Friday

***Jan. 21***

MLK Day-no school

***Jan. 25***

Learning Improvement Friday

***Jan. 28***

Teacher work day-no school for students



Upcoming sports seasons:

Girls Basketball (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)-start Monday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

Wrestling (all grades)-

Starts Monday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Please be sure all paperwork is completed online at:

<https://everettschools.rankonesport.com/New/Home.aspx>

Starting in January there will be an After School STEM academy in D105 on Thursdays for 6 weeks. The theme is OUTBREAK- a disease based study of populations. Please join us for the fun and experience. The first 25 people to sign up get to attend. Sign-ups will begin after the break.

7<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Mark your Calendar:

Our annual 7<sup>th</sup> grade Business Expo night is a great evening for students to show off their business creations, and will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019, from 6-7:30 pm in the Eisenhower Gym**. Parents, grandparents and other family members will be invited to this event. More details will come out in February after our mid-winter break on this event.

Service Seal: First semester service seal applications are due

**Friday, January 11, 2019 by 3 PM.**

Service ideas: Girl scouts or boy scouts volunteer work, church service projects, food drives-collections-deliveries, any charity service event with a club or organization. Only 10 hours to earn a seal. Service seal applications are posted online on the main page of our website or are available at school.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade science team would like to ask everyone to collect and bring in shoe boxes (and other similarly sized boxes). Students can bring them to the office or give them to their science teacher. We will need these for a project in the second semester.

-Thanks!



## Thank you to everyone that supported our Toy Drive!

Eisenhower donated 4 boxes (as seen in the bottom right photo)

The others are pictures of the Christmas House collection in North Everett.







## PTSA News:

**Please join us for our PTSA Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 PM in the school's library.** Officer Coats will be our guest speaker and will present a RUN/HIDE/FIGHT seminar. We will also be electing our Nominating Committee at this meeting and start the Recognition Awards Committee process. We look forward to seeing you.

It's never too early to plan for 2019-2020. **We are seeking team members for the Nominating Committee who will help find candidates for the 2019-2020 Ike PTSA Executive Committee.** Also, if you are interested in being nominated to any of the Executive Committee's positions, President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please email [ikeptsa@hotmail.com](mailto:ikeptsa@hotmail.com) and we will get you in contact with the Nominating Committee. The PTSA supports Eisenhower Middle School through the Student Store, Family and Student Programs, Staff Grants, Staff Appreciation and other programs. Both the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee are minimal time commitments with a great deal of support provide. Thank you for considering these teams and helping to ensure that the PTSA is able to continue supporting our school.

**Congratulations to the following staff members who were awarded our 2018 PTSA Grants.** Kathryn Mullarky, The 7th Grade ELA team, Shannon Depew, Tandi Sadowsky, Linda Jones, Mark Nelson and Steve Landro. We truly appreciate all their hard work, ideas and support of our students.

**Save the date for the Spelling Bee Finals on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.** We need your help to make this program a success. We are especially seeking one additional person to be a judge at the event. Please email [ikeptsa@hotmail.com](mailto:ikeptsa@hotmail.com) if you are interested. The winner of this event will go on to the regional finals on March 2nd at the Meydenbauer Center. Perhaps our winner will make it all the way to the Nationals in Washington D.C.

**Please clip those Box Tops.** Collection information will be sent out soon. Thank you for your support!

**Fun Run Prize Sponsors Needed!** The PTSA's Annual Fun Run will take place on March 21, 2019. We are seeking prize sponsors for this event. If you are interested in being a sponsor, as an individual, a family, or a business, please email us at [ikeptsa@hotmail.com](mailto:ikeptsa@hotmail.com) and a sponsorship form will be emailed to you. No sponsorship amount is too small. Sponsors will receive recognition in all PTSA communications and if a whole prize is sponsored a letter and label stating the donor's name and company will be attached to the prize itself. Or if you would like to help deliver sponsorship request letters to local businesses, please request a letter from [ikeptsa@hotmail.com](mailto:ikeptsa@hotmail.com). Perhaps you or your student goes to a doctor or dentist nearby that would make a great sponsor. Or perhaps you frequent a local business who would like to support our school. We are seeking sponsors for the Xbox One S, alternative dunk tank/splash chair and a few other prizes still to be determined. Eisenhower PTSA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your help!

**If you haven't already, join PTSA today!** Please help us reach our goal of at least 350 members. We currently have 236 members. Parents, grandparents, students, aunts, uncles, family friends, community members, neighbors and anyone interested in supporting our Eisenhower students and staff may join. Membership has many benefits! Just a few can be found at: <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits>. Please download a form at <http://ikeptsa.weebly.com/membership.html>. Please turn in your forms with payment to the school office. You may also pay via the PayPal link at <http://ikeptsa.weebly.com>. Just note that your payment is for "membership." Thank you!

Everett PTSA Council's REFLECTIONS CELEBRATION, January 9, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00pm OPEN HOUSE, 5:00 - 5:45pm Special Artists (by invite only). Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201.



## Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.



## We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time.

Look for the Employment icon on [www.Everettsd.org](http://www.Everettsd.org) to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.

## January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

## Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at [www.commonensemedia.org](http://www.commonensemedia.org).

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.



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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