

Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Families,

We are more than half way through the year and it has been an interesting and wonderful journey to date. We have experienced snow unlike any year I can remember, and for the first time in my nearly 30 years of education, students are no longer excited when they see a snow flurry during the school day.

This year our school is the largest it has ever been, at over 960 students which provides interesting scenarios daily! Our students have had the opportunity to experience two diverse, nationally known, inspirational speakers (Cam Awesome and Shyan Selah) and have one yet to come in April (Molly Kennedy). Recently we had our first school wide Spelling Bee put on by the PTSA and we continue to seek out new and unique opportunities for our students. These and many more activities and focus areas are a result of feedback we received from students and parents last year.

Like any school, or any place for that matter, where nearly 1000 people gather daily, we face occasional challenges. However, this continues to be an incredible community with a dedicated staff and a wonderful student population.

Having said that I know that, Mrs. Maguigad and I, as administrators, and Eisenhower as a school, has room to grow and improve. We believe our students and their families are our customers and we want to do everything we can to make Eisenhower the best possible experience for all who enter our doors. In order to learn how we can serve our students better we will be administering a survey in March to get their perceptions of Eisenhower and the service we are providing them.

While our student data is vitally important to improving as a school, just as important to us is parent and guardian input about the job we are doing. To that end we are asking you to fill out a brief survey for us as we seek to recognize areas we are doing well in, and areas we can serve you better.

Please take the time to provide us feedback as we seek to support you and your student. For your convenience here is a link to the survey: <https://www.research.net/r/EPS-Parent>.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,
Kevin Allen

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Principal

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March 1

Learning Improvement
Friday

March 8

Learning Improvement
Friday

March 15

Learning Improvement
Friday

**March 22 &
29**

Full day Friday's for middle
school students



If your student receives free and reduced lunch, they can also get free breakfast.

Breakfast is served daily starting at 7:50am in the cafeteria.

Track starts on
Monday April 8th.

Be sure to have the online forms filled out through the Rank One site:

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

Your student needs to have a current physical form on file.

Track is open to students in all grades.

High school transition meetings will be held on March 19th in the library. Your student will receive an appointment letter with your time to come in. Please check with them regarding the letter.

Cascade high school DECA will be here selling spirit wear that day too!

Attendance at school is important!

If your student is absent or late, please send them with a note or email the attendance office to excuse them.

EISAttendance@everettsd.org

Cascade High School Open House

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

6:00 to 8:00

Great info for incoming 9th graders!

Choose the sessions you wish to attend.

Find more information on the Cascade website:

<https://www.everettsd.org/Domain/8>



Library News

Exciting things are happening in your Eisenhower Library!

February came and went in a flurry (literally)

We extended our program, Blind Date with a Book: Love at First Line. Students get to choose a book that is wrapped with only the knowledge of the first line. After they check it out, they read it and fill out a short review for a prize.

Black History Month is also in swing. Students can visit our display and checkout great titles.

In March, we will celebrate Women's History Month. Our display will feature, "she thought she could, so she did!" Come checkout what inspirational women have accomplished.

I would invite you to visit our Eisenhower Library page to keep updated on all the exciting happenings. <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1918>

You are always welcome in the library, stop in and introduce yourself. Enjoy our beautiful space.

Happy Reading,

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PTSA News:

Congratulations to Jason Asias for winning our All School Spelling Bee Finals. Jason will represent Eisenhower at the King and Snohomish County Regionals on March 2nd at the Meydenbauer Center. Good luck Jason!

Thank you to Jarucia Jaycox, Christa Bicket, Jasmine Wight, Melissa Hopkins, Mrs. Van Eaton, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Depew, Ms. Miles, the ELA teams, the PTSA Board of Directors and the members of the Junior National Honor Society for supporting this program and helping to make it a success.

The PTSA sponsored annual Fun Run will take place on March 21st. Envelopes will be sent home with students soon and will be due on March 28th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to support many programs at our school, the biggest which are grants to various school departments. If you would like to help with this program, please email ikeptsa@hotmail.com. We are looking for a second chaperone to sit with the game truck on April 19. Thank you!

PTSA President and Vice-President Needed. Eisenhower PTSA is seeking candidates for the 2019-2020 Executive Committee. These positions include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The PTSA provides many programs that are unable to happen without this team and the appointed Board of Director members. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions to help ensure the continued success of our PTSA being able to support our school. The PTSA has potential candidates for Treasurer and Secretary, but welcome anyone interested in any of the open positions. If you have any questions about any of these positions, or are interested in one of them, please email ikeptsa@hotmail.com. Elections will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at our next Membership Meeting. *All PTSA programs may need to be put on hold if these positions cannot be filled. Please consider taking the time to help!*

PTSA Individual Award Nominations: Students have received the 2019 PTSA Golden Acorn (a.k.a. Outstanding Volunteer), Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Advocate award nomination forms in their Kid Mail. Please take a moment to nominate someone you feel deserves special recognition for their hard work and dedication to the Eisenhower Middle School Community. Please return your completed form to Eisenhower PTSA by Friday March 15, 2019. Please enclose your form in a sealed envelope and label it "PTA Individual Awards." You may drop it off at the school office or mail it to us at: Eisenhower PTSA, 10200 25th Avenue SE, Everett, WA 98208. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the homepage of our website: ikeptsa.weebly.com.

Alternately, you may also email your nomination to ikeptsa@hotmail.com. Please title your email "Individual PTSA Awards." All nominations are kept confidential. We will only share your kind words with the winners. Thank you!

Thank you to Meggan Jacks for coordinating the Box Tops collection and to Andrea Miles for coordinating the Men's Essay contest



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Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary School, register at your nearest neighborhood elementary school.

Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, help us recognize the important work classified 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, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

21st annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23





Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>.

Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities. Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive

approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email careerlink@everettsd.org.



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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.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104