

Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Families,

When we come back from Spring Break we will be in the home stretch of the school year. We have only a quarter left and it has been an amazing school year at Eisenhower. With nearly a thousand students and over 80 staff members there is always a lot going on in our building.

It is this time of year when I tend to look back on our journey and all of the work that started last July in preparation to serve our students. One aspect of the staff at Eisenhower that makes me thrilled to be a part of this school is that we are always actively studying and learning how to better serve our students.

As a parent I never really knew what was going on behind the scenes at my children's schools (except when I was their principal) and often wondered. Here are some behind the scenes activities that have been going on since July, in an effort to continue to improve our service model.

Our English department brought the R.A.C.E. strategy to the entire staff to use throughout the building when students are writing. R.A.C.E. stands for Restate the question, Answer the question, Cite evidence, and Explain reasoning. This is a strategy students are familiar with and use in all classes, including P.E.

Our Math, Science and English departments did a book study on the book series entitled: Visible Learning by John Hattie. There is a content specific Visible Learning book for each of these departments. These books look at 256 strategies that teachers can use and calculates what effect size (actual impact on learning) each strategy has. The goal is to utilize the specific strategies that have the biggest positive impact on student learning. Next summer our entire staff will be trained on Visible Learning.

Each week our staff reads a current article on best practices in education. These include articles on culturally responsive teaching, classroom management, engagement strategies, structures and systems for students to access difficult concepts. The list goes on.

We have utilized a school wide social, emotional, learning curriculum called Second Step that teachers provide to students once a month. This is designed to help educate students on how to navigate common challenges they face at this part of their development. These strategies build on learning students had in elementary school.

This is just a snapshot of the continued learning and growth we are undergoing this year in an effort to better serve your students.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Kevin Allen

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April 1-5
Spring Break

April 12
Regular School Day

April 19
Regular School Day

April 26
Regular School Day



7th Grade Science teachers need shoe boxes or boxes of approximately that size for a science project.

Thank you,
Ms. Johnson, Mr. Whitney, and Ms. Murphy

Please consider sending in more school supplies. Teachers are running low on Kleenex, pencils, pens, highlighters, paper, binders, composition books, etc for students to use in their classrooms.

Thank you!

8th Grade Bridging and dance will be on June 20th from 6-9pm at Cascade High school.

Please plan to come celebrate our 8th graders as they prepare to move on to high school.

Does your student qualify for free lunch? Then they also qualify for free breakfast. Breakfast is served daily from 7:50-8:10am.

The boys Championship wrestling tournament took place at Edmonds-Woodway high school. There was a total of eight wrestlers with **seven** of them bringing home medals. Duane Hanson, Nic Reynolds and Isaac Redford all earned a 3rd place medal. Urbano Torres brought home a second place medal and the champions bringing home a **FIRST** place medal are Andrew Vlahovich, Dimas Minginfel and Matthew Phillips. Congratulations boys!

8th Grade Parents!
The 8th grade field trip to the University of Washington is on May 10th! All field trip forms must be turned in by May 2nd, no late forms will be accepted.

We need LOTS of parent chaperones. Almost the entire 8th grade class will be going on the trip.

Please email Mr. Wolff at mwolff@everettsd.org for more information. Thank you!

The Patriot Girl wrestlers had their Championship wrestling tournament at Kamiak high school. We had a total of six wrestlers and four of them earned a medal. Daffany Schultz started out strong with a pin of her first opponent and then unfortunately was injured in her second match and unable to continue on. **Juliette Ogaz earned a second place medal, Lylianah Segura-Vargas earned a first place medal, Kris Phan earned a second place medal .**



PTSA News

PTSA Membership Meeting - Monday, April 8th - Eisenhower Library

- 6:30 pm - Guest Speaker, Wendy Burchill from the Snohomish Health District will talk about Suicide Signs and Prevention
- 7:15 pm - PTSA Business. We will be electing our 2019-2020 PTSA Officers at this time and will take self-nominations from the floor. If you have any questions about any of the positions, President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please email ikeptsa@hotmail.com.

Family Bingo Night, Friday, April 19th at 6:30pm

Doors open at 6:00pm. Bingo Cards cost \$1.00 each. Blackout cards cost \$2.00 each (Final Grand Prize Game). Blackout prize is a \$200 Amazon gift card. Snacks will be available for purchase. 50/50 Raffle!

Cash Only Please

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Christa Bicket at bicket32@msn.com.

Fun Run Prize Days

If your student is receiving one or more of these prizes please remind them of the following dates:

- April 11th: Hot Chocolate Morning - \$25.00+ prize level
- April 19th: Game Truck Day - \$200.00+ prize level
- April 22nd: Italian Soda Day - \$50.00+ prize level

Staff Appreciation Week Donations Wanted

Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please sign up to donate an item or to volunteer to help. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa5a72baafdo-teacher1> to see what is still needed. The Staff Appreciation team truly appreciates your time and donation!

Congratulations to Madison Simpson for receiving the Washington State PTA's Award of Excellence for her visual arts piece in the 6th-8th grade division of the 2018-2019 Reflections Art Program.



Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

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. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.

Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

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 Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).





Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

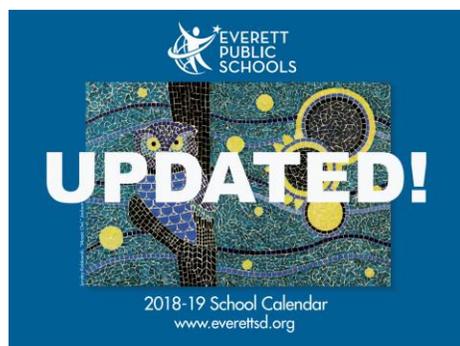
The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at www.everettsd.org/expo.



Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at www.everettsd.org/supersearch.



Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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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, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213