

Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

It is the time when excitement starts to build for the end of the school year. Eighth graders are looking to high school, seventh graders are looking forward to being the elders on campus, and the sixth graders are looking forward to no longer being the youngsters. Before long, we will be hosting the 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony, the Eisenhower Oscars and the end of the year celebration, and final report cards for the year will be mailed home.

As the end begins to come into focus, it is an exciting time for the staff at the middle school as well. Many of you are familiar with the Common Core State Standards and that each year students take the SBA to measure their growth in the various standards. These standards identify the skills and understanding students should be able to demonstrate at each grade level. While our goal is that all students score a 3 or higher (at grade level standard or above grade level standard) on each section of the exam, we know that some students come to us having never met standard on any section of the exam. Ultimately what we are looking for, regardless if a student has passed the SBA before or not, is that each student shows growth since the last time they took the exam. This gives us a measure of the effect our work has had on our students' learning.

We spend countless hours analyzing data from previous years, and throughout the current year, to diagnose where students have strengths and where they need more focused attention. Teachers use this information to provide meaningful and pointed support to each student. While the SBA is but one measure, it is the only common measure we have to assess our impact on student learning compared to all other middle schools in Washington State. Over the last five years, we have done very well compared to other schools that are similar in size and demographics to Eisenhower. Often we are in the top 3 schools in math, English Language Arts, and science, out of the 15 schools most like us.

This information is equally exciting for students as they can see the growth in their learning over a number of years. The confidence and focus this helps to instill in students is difficult to replicate in any other measure in schools.

We start the SBA beginning on May 1 and students will take the different portions of the exam, English, math and science, in their ELA block. In our model, the students will take the test only two days a week over several weeks to help them do their best and avoid test fatigue. We are excited for the students to show what they have learned and how our instruction has supported their learning.

While students will have their final exams and final report cards coming out in the not too distant future, the SBA is in many ways the beginning of the final exams for our staff and will be representative of all of our work this year with students and our final report card.

Respectfully,

Kevin Allen

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Principal

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May 3

Regular Friday

May 10

Learning Improvement Friday

May 17

Learning Improvement Friday

May 24

Learning Improvement Friday

May 27

Memorial Day-no school

May 31

Learning Improvement Friday



Service seal applications are due by Friday, May 24, to Ms. Miles. Students must serve at least 10 hours within our community to qualify for a seal. Applications are attached to our school website at: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/3582>.

Service activities could include: volunteer yard work, unpaid babysitting for a neighbor, Sunday School help, neighborhood cleanup, Boy/Girl Scout service events, charity events, food collections, nursing home volunteer work, school sponsored events that you help with (setup/clean up) and other activities that you complete independently. Applications are available across from the main office or in front of Ms. Miles classroom.

The SBA Test is coming!

Please be sure your student eats a good breakfast, brings snacks and a healthy lunch, get plenty of rest the night before, and have them bring their own headphones.

Here's the test schedule:

May 1st and 2nd- ELA testing

May 7th and 8th-ELA testing

May 15th and 16th-Math testing

All tests will be done in the students' ELA block classes.

The 21st Annual Middle School Art Show is this almost here!

Eisenhower art students have entered over 180 works of art this year and they will be on display at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center (3900 Broadway, Everett 98201).

Art Show Viewing: May 6 – May 31, 2019 - 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 22, 2019, 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.

If you have any questions, please email shutchinson@everettsd.org.

Moving? Please be sure you have updated your address with our registrar, Mrs. Bledsoe at CBledsoe@everettsd.org

Absent? Please be sure to excuse your students' absences by emailing the attendance office at EISAttendance@everettsd.org



PTSA News

PTSA Membership Meeting – Tuesday, May 7th - Eisenhower Library – 7:00PM

On the agenda: BCP Guest Speaker, Parent Information about the Second Step Social and Emotional Learning curriculum, 2019-2020 budget and volunteer appreciation.

Fun Run Winners

Congratulations to Cody Blair and Hayden Sullivan for being our top 2 fundraisers in for the 2019 Fun Run. Thank you to all the students, staff and families who helped us to raise over \$12,000 for PTSA programs and grants to the school.

Thank you to Jennifer Albino, Cheryl Blair, Llewellyn Hart, Lulu Pastel, Victoria Peterson and the Junior National Honor Society students for helping with the Hot Chocolate morning, Italian Soda day and chaperoning the Game Truck. Thank you also to the PE for all their support and dedication.

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!

Chairs Needed for 2019-2020

Several of our teams are in need of new chairs for the 2019-2020 school year. Please email ikeptsa@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer or are interested in learning more. The teams are: Curriculum Night Food Trucks Coordinator, Fundraising, Staff Appreciation, Reflections, Mens Essay, Advocacy and Ike Wear.



Hit the gym for a **FREE** sports physical

Kaiser Permanente medical staff members are coming to the Everett High School gym to provide **free** sports physicals. Any middle or high school student who is participating in sports is eligible.

A completed sports physical form from the student's school is required.

WHERE:

Everett High School Gym*
2416 Colby Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Katie Shaffer

 425-261-1675

 kathryn.j.shaffer@kp.org

WHEN:

Saturday, June 1
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*The gym is located between Wetmore & Rockefeller, 24th & 25th.
Entrance to gym and parking is on Rockefeller.

KAISER PERMANENTE  **thrive**



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.

High school boundaries

Is your student planning to attend one of these high schools the 2020-21 school year?

- Cascade High
- Everett High
- Jackson High

If so, the high school your child will attend may change beginning fall 2020. [A committee](#) of parents, students and principals representing each of these schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent. The board will review the superintendent's recommendation during their regular board meeting May 21. Following the board's decision, the district will communicate directly with families who will be affected by the high school boundary changes.

Spring safety reminders

Spring brings out the beautiful blooms on trees and flowers and warmer weather. It also seems to bring an increase in crime. Here are some general safety and awareness reminders to share with your family.

- Always tell family where they are going and when they will be there.
- Be alert to their surroundings – this means not wearing headphones or texting while walking.
- Walk or ride bikes in pairs and groups.
- Report anything suspicious or unusual to a trusted adult.

Graduation dates

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

- Cascade High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 3 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 11 a.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Sequoia High School June 13, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium



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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