

# Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

“My best creation is my children” – Diane von Furstenberg, 1946 -

This is the final newsletter of the year. Throughout the year I have shared stories of my family and lessons I have learned as a parent of school aged kids. I hope they have been enjoyable to read as I have truly enjoyed sharing stories about the people most important in my life.

At this time of the year I cannot help but reflect on my first year as a principal. I was the principal at Lakewood High School in Marysville and it was right about this time that there was a tragic car accident. In that accident one student died, another was in a coma for several years until she passed, and the third suffered broken bones and a lifetime of haunting memories.

The pain of the families of these students sticks with me today. It serves as a reminder to me to make time each day and cherish the time with your kids. Often as life gets busy our schedules and our kid’s schedules don’t coincide. I would encourage you to schedule time with your children.

The last few weeks I have reflected on the occasions when I did not have “time” for one or all of my kids as they grew up and I wonder what message I sent. Did my actions let them know that they are my best creation? Or did they sense that my work was more important? Did I over react to their small transgressions?

The greatest action we can take as parents is to make time for our kids. As the reverberations of that time revisit me each June, I am reminded our time with our children is precious and we cannot afford to take it for granted. Please remember to schedule time with your kids this summer and let your actions show that they are your “best creation.”

I hope you have a chance to enjoy the many activities that come with the end of school and wish you a wonderful summer with your family.

Regards,

Kevin

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**June 7**

2 ½ hour early release

**June 14**

Learning Improvement Friday

**June 21**

Last day of school, full day of school



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridging and Dance at  
Cascade High School on June 20<sup>th</sup>

Bridging ceremony starts at 6pm,  
dance is immediately following  
until 9pm.

Be sure your student is ready for fall sports  
by getting their sports physical over the  
summer. These are good for two years from  
the date of the physical. Online registration  
for fall sports will be active in August at:  
Rank one sports

[www.everettschools.rankonesport](http://www.everettschools.rankonesport)

Please continue to report your students  
tardies and absences by emailing:

[EISAttendance@everettsd.org](mailto:EISAttendance@everettsd.org)

Please be sure we have your correct  
contact information on file. We will be  
sending out important information over  
the summer and we want to be sure you  
receive it. Contact our registrar, Colleen  
Bledsoe at  
[CBledsoe@everettsd.org](mailto:CBledsoe@everettsd.org) if you need to  
update anything.

Field day and the Eisenhower Oscars  
will both be on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> during  
the school day.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Spaghetti  
Factory is on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
All permission slips and fee of \$10 is  
due to the office by Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Yearbooks will be distributed on  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> during lunches.  
Please make sure all of your student's  
fines have been paid so they can get their  
yearbook on time!

Thank you to our Natural Leader parents for helping with the Crossing guard duties  
everyday and keeping our students safe!



## IKE PTSA News:

### 8th Grade Dance

The 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony and Dance will take place at Cascade High School on June 20th. The dance will start immediately following the ceremony.

Presale tickets to the dance are on sale for \$5.00 in the Student Store during 8th Grade Lunch on the following dates:

May 28

June 4

June 11

Cash only please.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$7.00 each.

We also need volunteers to help at the dance with set-up, decorating, chaperoning and clean-up. Please sign-up to help make this a fun and memorable night for our bridging 8th graders. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa5a72baafdo-volunteers>

If you have any questions, please email our Vice-President/8th Grade Dance Committee Chair, Christa Bicket at [bicket32@msn.com](mailto:bicket32@msn.com)

### 2018 - 2019 PTSA Year in Review

Eisenhower PTSA is proud of our accomplishments this year. We thank all of our members, especially our fantastic volunteers for making this possible. We also thank the amazing staff, especially the administration and office staff at Eisenhower Middle School who always support and help us with all our programs.

Highlights from this year include: 100% Teacher Membership. Food Trucks at Curriculum Night. Family Movie and Family Bingo Nights. First Annual Spelling Bee. Reflections Art Program with a State Level Winner. Multiple entries into the WSPTA Mens Essay Contest. Parent Education including: Run/Hide/Fight seminar by Officer Coats, Suicide Signs and Prevention by the Snohomish Health District and parent education on the Second Step Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum by Mrs. Eggers. Student Store. Ike Wear. Over \$8000.00 in Staff Grants awarded. Staff Appreciation including an Azteca dinner during Fall Conferences and a memorable Dr. Seuss themed Staff Appreciation Week. A successful Fun Run fundraiser raising nearly \$9000.00 and fun prize days the students really enjoyed. And still to come, a fantastic 8th Grade Dance to help them celebrate their bridging to high school.



## When does school end this year?

June 21 will be the last day of school and it is a full day with a regular dismissal time.

Reminder: Friday, June 7, students will be released 2.5 hours early and Friday, June 14, students will be released 75 minutes early.

## SBA scores are coming soon

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the [district assessment website](#).

### How do I get the test scores?

[Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 10th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students. This year they have requests for over 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 16-18.



**URGENT NEED:** The Foundation needs 700 high school backpacks. To purchase and donate a backpack and other preassembled schools supply kits, they have partnered with [Supply All Kids](#), or you can contact Kirsten Hansen at [khansen@everettsd.org](mailto:khansen@everettsd.org).

## Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

**Do you have a personal exemption for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)?** That exemption may not be valid for next school year due to a new state law. Learn more on the [Washington State Department of Health's website](#).

## 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.



## Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



## School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

## Summer meals

Did you know that many children qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 8 through Aug. 15 at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).

## Change to assessment requirements

The Washington State Legislature recently passed a bill creating multiple ways to meet required graduation assessments. School districts are required to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both mathematics and English language arts to all 10th graders. Passing each of these assessments is the first "pathway" among a set of multiple pathways to graduate. Students identify their pathway in their High School and Beyond Plan. Students in the class of 2021 and beyond must still earn 24 credits to obtain a high school diploma.

For a complete list of graduation assessment requirement options, please visit the district [graduation website](#) under the *Students* tab.



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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 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213