

Eisenhower Patriot News

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

I hope the Winter Break has been restful and rejuvenating for students, staff and their families. As we start the New Year, I wanted to share with our families some of the areas we have been focusing on in our classrooms.

Most of us have seen the classic teacher in movies (think *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Teachers*, or Charlie Brown's teacher), and the incessant droning on about the subject. Most of us have experienced at least one or two teachers (hopefully not more) who were like this. I can still remember "Doc" LeWarne who could talk forever about all things in the PNW. Unfortunately, while I remember his ability to fill time with words, I don't remember any of the information he imparted on us.

Our staff have been actively working on engaging students through accountable talk. This is a process of creating environments in classrooms where students are doing most of the analyzing, thinking and discussing about the content. The teacher provides the essential background knowledge and establishes protocols and practices for students to help them engage in focused dialogue.

While this may seem simplistic on one level, this type of environment does not simply happen. Teachers work on creating scenarios where even the most shy student is willing to talk, developing topics, questions, ideas and scenarios that interest middle school students enough to even want to talk about them, and strategizing how to do this day after day with different classes with different make ups. This can be challenging to say the least.

The research is clear that the more students discuss their thinking, rather than it being imparted on them from the teacher at the front of the room, the more learning that occurs. Teachers at Eisenhower have used accountable talk strategies for years, but we are working on being even better at this, intentionally monitoring all student's engagement and thinking each period each day.

We look forward to continuing our work of engaging our students in interesting and meaningful talk about essential ideas and enhancing their learning throughout the New Year.

Respectfully,
Kevin

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Principal

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Jan. 10

Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 17

Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day-no school

Jan. 24

Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 27

Teacher work day-no school

Jan. 31

Learning Improvement Friday



Counselors will be presenting the yearly Signs of Suicide training through Science classrooms in January. The curriculum is aimed at helping students recognize signs of depression and how to get help from a trusted adult. Letters with additional information will be sent home with students prior to the lesson.

Please allow yourself extra time in the mornings to drop your student off.

Due to the weather and the darker mornings, we are seeing an increase in traffic and late students. Thank you!

The 2019 Eisenhower Robotics Team had a great season! We scored high marks in the robot competition and did well on our projects and presentations! We studied how to make a robot that incinerates trash safely and we experimented with the idea of a movable bridge we could deploy over construction projects so we don't have to be stuck in traffic!

Girls Basketball starts 1/13/20 and Wrestling starts 2/19/20

Please make sure all the online forms have been filled out prior to the tryout date.

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

To All Drama Club Parents:

There will be a parent meeting on January 22nd at 5:00PM to discuss the spring musical PETER PAN! If your child is going to audition or be a part of the crew, please attend for details on Parent Participation. Room D113! Thank you and see you then!

Service Seal Applications: Service Seal Applications for semester 1 are due by Wednesday, January 15, 2020, by 3 pm to Ms. Miles (room C112). Students of Eisenhower are encouraged to contribute **ten hours of service PER SEMESTER** to our community by volunteering their time. Students may earn up to two "SERVICE SEALS" per year. 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. **Find service applications online under the "Quicklinks" section of our school website, or by the main office or from Ms. Miles.**



If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they also qualify for breakfast.

Breakfast is served each day from 7:50-8:10am in our cafeteria.

There will be a Latinos Unidos meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd after school in B-101.

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. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also watch past school board meetings on the district's YouTube channel.

Good Citizenship Day



Register
to vote
here.

Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at <https://www.everettsd.org/>
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at

<https://www.everettsd.org>



I have so many potato jokes. I just don't know where to starch.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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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