

# Jackson Streamlines

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Dear Jackson Families,



I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! As I celebrated the holiday with my family, I was reminded how precious these events are, and continue to give thanks for time with family, and all of the things we are fortunate enough to have. I look forward to the winter season and the wonderful celebrations that will bring us closer to our loved ones, and our school community. No matter which holiday you and your family celebrate, my wish is it brings you and your loved ones closer. I hope you and your family are able to take time to think of others who may not be quite as fortunate, and spread a bit of holiday cheer and magic their way!

### **Family Events:**



Our PTA is planning an amazing Holiday Shop event for our student community. This event is very special to our students and affords them the opportunity to provide holiday gifts to their family members. We appreciate our PTA's support for this event each year!

### **Accelerated Reader:**

Our next Accelerated Reader checkpoint is Dedication! Dedication runs from November 12<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>. As soon as we have our last checkpoint Grit AR participation rates for Jackson, I will share them with you. As always, please continue to encourage your children to read, read, and read!

### **Imagine Children's Museum:**

The following are a couple events taking place at the Children's Museum:

- **Free - Imagine the Possibilities (sensory time) on December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:00am**
- **Free Admission Night on December 20<sup>th</sup> 5:50pm – 9:00pm**

Please log onto the museum's website for additional program information [www.ImagineCM.org](http://www.ImagineCM.org). The museum is a wonderful place to engage in creative learning through play with your child!

I hope you have a fantastic month! If you need us, do not hesitate to let us know. We are here for you!

Warmest Regards,

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### **December 6**

10:00 am Monthly Assembly  
Learning Improvement Friday

### **December 12**

K Musical Concert 6:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> grade Musical Concert 7:00pm

### **December 13**

Learning Improvement Friday

### **December 19**

PTA Holiday Shop 9:00 am-3:00 pm

### **December 20**

Learning Improvement Friday

### **December 23 thru January 3**

No School – Winter Break

*Have a wonderful and safe  
holiday break! See you back at  
school on January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

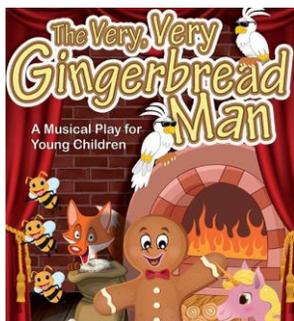


## **Attendance Thank You from Mrs. Reyes**

We want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for students to be at Jackson every day, on time, ready to learn! Thank you, students and families, for making daily attendance a priority. The habit of good attendance will help your kiddo do well in the classroom and beyond!

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to time lost learning and could lead to your kiddo being behind in school.

Please continue to keep us in the loop when students are absent by calling the office or sending an email to [jaeattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:jaeattendance@everettsd.org)



## **Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Concert**

December 12, 2019 Kindergarten @ 6PM and 1st Grade @ 7PM

This year's concerts will all take place in the Jackson Cafeteria.

Please arrive 10 minutes early and escort your little ones to the stage to find their spots. Dress any Holiday style you wish and pajamas are ok. Please no blinking lights though.

Questions: [mcoble@everettsd.org](mailto:mcoble@everettsd.org)

## **Mrs. Cotton's Math Minute**

As we settle into our winter weather months many of us begin to spend more time indoors. Winter months are a time when we get cozy, and many of us celebrate holidays too. Making meals at home is a natural way to encourage our students to infuse STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in their every day experiences. Have your child help set the table, counting out the flatware, plates, cups and napkins. Encourage your child to help you measure the ingredients for a favorite homemade meal. Share your curiosities about the food you eat. Why do we need to let the water boil before we put the pasta in? How many tomatoes should we include in our salad? Here are a couple of sites with ideas to connect the lessons from school to experiences at home.

### **Mathematics in the Kitchen with your Kids**

[3plearning.com/blog/math-in-the-kitchen](http://3plearning.com/blog/math-in-the-kitchen)

### **How to Incorporate STEM in the Kitchen**

[brighthorizons.com/family-resources/incorporate-stem-kitchen](http://brighthorizons.com/family-resources/incorporate-stem-kitchen)

### **Batter Up! Cooking with Children**

[brighthorizons.com/family-resources/batter-up-cooking-with-children](http://brighthorizons.com/family-resources/batter-up-cooking-with-children)

## **Parent Tips for Supporting Young Readers by Mrs. Allen our Reading Specialist**

Great tips for parents helping kids to read can be found on the Colorincolorado website. One great idea is to bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's office, dentist's office or other errand. Read to each other while you wait. Encourage your child to read and re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps children develop the ability to read quickly and accurately. Once they really can read it smoothly, ask them to re-tell the story to you.

Turn off the television during reading time. It's difficult for children to concentrate on their reading while TV or video games are being played. Set aside a time each evening where electronics are turned off while you enjoy a book together. When my sons were young they earned time with electronics by reading, completing homework and helping with chores around the house.



## Celebrating Bilingualism by Mrs. Iversen our English Language Coach

At Jackson we value the gift of language and would like to celebrate with our families whose students are in our English Learner's program. A light dinner will be served along with door prizes, games and information about our adult English Language program. This will also be a great opportunity to get any questions answered you may have about our English Learner program here at Jackson. Look for an invitation to come home next week with your child and mark your calendars!

When: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm

Where: Room 217

En Jackson valoramos el don del lenguaje y nos gustaría celebrar con nuestras familias cuyos estudiantes están en nuestro programa de Estudiantes de inglés. Se servirá una cena ligera junto con premios en la puerta, juegos e información sobre nuestro programa para adultos en inglés. Esta también será una gran oportunidad para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro programa de Estudiantes de inglés aquí en Jackson. ¡Busque una invitación para venir a casa la próxima semana con su hijo y marque sus calendarios!

Cuándo: jueves 5 de diciembre, de 5 a 7 p.m.

Donde: Salón 217

# WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



### Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



### Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



### Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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## Graduation rates jump to 95.9%

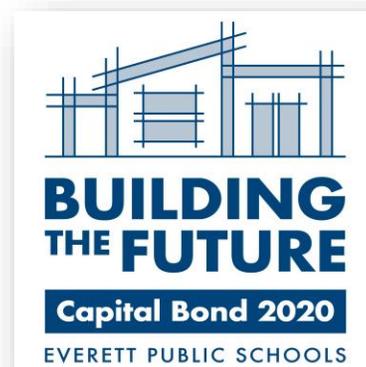
Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 12th year in a row. Now 95.9 percent of our students graduate on time, the highest rate on record. The increase in graduation rates can be attributed to the strategically aligned work of district and school staff. It is a focus for everyone, no matter their role in our school district, to ensure each one of our students graduates ready for college and career.

## Bond 2020

The Everett School District's board of directors on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, approved placing a \$317.4 million capital bond on the April 28, 2020 ballot to fund STEM career-connected learning pathways for students, ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students, increase safety and security and ensure students have enough room to learn by adding [21st century learning](#) classroom space.

### The 2020 capital projects bond prepares our students for the future by:

- **Giving our students facilities and tools necessary for STEM career pathways**
  - The bond funds modernization and upgrades to high school classrooms to support the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) career pathway programs and new science standards.
- **Increasing safety and security for students and schools**
  - Secure locks and keying systems will be added districtwide.
  - Access control systems at two high schools
  - Upgrades to fire alarm systems, security systems and fencing
- **Ensuring students have enough room to learn by adding 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom space, modernizing and repairing building systems**
  - Adds new elementary school classrooms throughout the district to reduce overcrowding, keep class sizes low and keep more kids at their neighborhood schools
  - Repairs aging school systems in our schools like HVAC, roofing and flooring replacements, that extends the longevity of schools
- **Providing equitable access and opportunities for students** by funding capital projects at all schools throughout our district, while reducing the overall school district tax rate



More information is available on the [Capital Bond 2020](#) district webpage.

## 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here is a quick refresher of what it is and why it is essential that everyone is counted.

- **Everyone counts.** The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.
- **It's about fair representation.** Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



- **It's in the constitution.** The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- **It's about \$675 billion.** The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.
- **It's about redistricting.** After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- **Taking part is your civic duty.** Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say, "I COUNT!"



Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

**Look for your invitation to respond starting in mid-March.**

## Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#).

## New Transitional Kindergarten Program

Everett Public Schools is offering a **Transitional Kindergarten** program this winter for children scheduled to enter kindergarten in the upcoming fall. The program will focus on basic academic, social and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened in early January and may qualify based on ability and/or need. This program is located at several of the elementary schools in our district; sites will be determined based on enrollment. The anticipated start date is January 28, 2020.

**Transitional Kindergarten** will run through the last day of school, which is currently June 15, 2020.

To qualify for screening, children must:

- be 5 years old by August 31, 2020
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs

If you are interested and believe your child qualifies for this program, please visit our website at

<https://www.everettsd.org/earlylearning> and submit the **Transitional Kindergarten** form by December 6, 2019. For assistance, contact Helen Cooley at 425-385-4088 or Early Learning at 425-385-4024.



## Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

## 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

## Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18

Find forms, information and evening events on the Highly Capable website. Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

## Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you kale grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month in our Kale Caesar salad and on the salad bar!

Did you know that just one serving of kale has more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>. It's not easy being green! Don't kale my vibe!



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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](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213