

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families. It has been a busy summer at Tambark Creek Elementary. The building is beautiful and offers so much natural light. It was great to meet so many of you at the Meet and Greet Event last week. I look forward to partnering with our families and communities throughout the school year.

I love having the students in the building and watching them enjoy their new environment. We have so much to be thankful for at Tambark. The STEM lab is going to offer unique opportunities for students in the area of science, technology, engineering, and math. We are working to get all the best equipment and tools to make our STEM lab amazing.

We are looking forward to selecting a mascot for Tambark Creek and involving the students in this process. The process for selecting a school mascot will begin in the classrooms and then involve the entire student body in an assembly. I will provide more information about this very soon.

Tambark Creek will implement the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) which identifies specific procedures for building systems, teaching and reviewing school-wide expectations (hallway, recess, lunch, bathroom etc), and implementing successful student acknowledgements. Each elementary school in the district is involved in implementing PBIS so the students are very familiar with it.

Our arrival and dismissal procedures are getting better each day. Thank you for following the procedures when dropping off or picking up your child by pulling forward in the front of the school and not dropping your child off on the sidewalk. Our goal is to create a safe environment for all students inside and outside of our school.

Opening a new school is exciting and challenging. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we settle into the new school year. We are working closely with the Facilities and Planning Department to be sure that all doors and electronics are working properly. It may take time until everything is perfect. Once we have the technology up and running in the cafeteria and the gym, I will conduct a school-wide assembly for our Tambark Creek students.

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Sept. 6
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dismissal

Sept. 13
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dismissal

Sept. 20
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dismissal

Sept. 27
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 Dismissal

PTSA has been busy planning fundraisers and family events. This will be posted on the Tambark Creek PTSA FB page and on the Tambark Creek website. Please join Tambark Creek's PTSA if you have not done so already.

Mrs. Beane and I are looking forward to a fabulous year at Tambark Creek. We would love to have volunteers during lunches and recesses as well as other times throughout the school day. Please be sure to complete your volunteer application on-line. The PTSA is also looking for helpers.

From the Counselor

Hello, I'm Ms. Hehn Tambark Creek Elementary's School Counselor. I will be sharing a variety of information to support the students and families at Tambark Creek Elementary. I will divide my time among many tasks in support of our students. Primarily, these include individual and small group counseling, teaching developmental guidance lessons, and collaborating with parents, staff, and community members. This makes me both a counselor and a teacher. Because I serve a school of many students, my concern is always whether I am meeting their needs. So, when I am not in a meeting or working with students in my office, I will often be in the hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, or even on the playground.

I will work closely with parents, as needed, to support their child's ability to learn and be successful at school. I will also consult with school psychologists, social workers, mental health agencies, and other individuals and organizations which are available in the community to support our students.

From the PTSA

Welcome to Tambark Creek Elementary School PTSA! We serve the parents, students, teachers, and administrators of our new school! Our mission is to support our diverse school community by providing meaningful and enriching programs for our children, financial support for our school, and an approachable and enthusiastic volunteer force. This year we will be working together to build our new community. Check out your first day packet to learn about our PTSA, become a member, sign up to volunteer, and more! We hope to see you at our first meeting [on Thursday, September 26th at 7pm](#) in the library! We are looking forward to an amazing year!

Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as "public" under state and federal laws. These include parents' and legal guardians' student's records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district's finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy](#)

[3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student's backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student's IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

Your student's records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student's records.

2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to [Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#).

Access your family's immunization information

To access your family's immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



ECEAP preschool is now enrolling 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 includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with [Snohomish County Human Services](#) and [Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.



Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes.

We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.



Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

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>