

# Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families. We are so excited to be opening our newest and state-of-the-art elementary school in Everett Public Schools. The construction of Tambark Creek is progressing as planned and we are hoping to host an open house for our families in mid-August. Once construction timelines for completion have been confirmed we will communicate the progress as well as share the specific date and time for the open house.

Tambark students will have many opportunities to participate in extended learning activities such as robotics, language club, drama and much more. The PTSA will be supporting our efforts with all the extended day programs.

With the support of our PTSA, we will be having a meet and greet event on August 28. This will provide families with the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and drop off school supplies. Specific information regarding our meet and greet will be communicated to families by the beginning of August via connect-ed call, our school website, and by e-mail.

Tambark Creek will open on the first day of school with a uniform dress code expectation in place for its students. Our school dress code supports our efforts to promote inclusivity and a sense of belonging, reduce distractions, and provide an environment for our students that is safe and orderly. Students may wear whatever shoes they would like as long as they have a closed toe (no sandals, flip flops, etc.) Detailed information about Tambark Creek's dress code guidelines, clothing options, and sample photos can be found at [www.everettsd.org/Domain/3593](http://www.everettsd.org/Domain/3593) under the *QuickLinks* section on the right side of the webpage.

We appreciate your support and understanding with communicating all the details required when opening a brand-new school. The support we have received from our families, PTA, and the community to prepare for our opening has been fantastic and greatly appreciated. We are excited to create a positive and energetic first day of school for our students and make our first year as a school a special experience for all our children the Tambark Creek community.

Monique and I are very much looking forward to meeting all our Tambark Creek families and are excited to be a part of this experience of opening a new school. We are excited to share updated photos of the construction progress of Tambark Creek.

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## 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 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.