

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Tambark Creek Parents and Guardians,

Happy fall to everyone. Our weather is amazing, but we all know that it will soon be getting chillier and our daylight will begin to shorten. During a typical year, my October newsletter would include a reminder about wearing warmer jackets to school. October 2020 will not contain that message and sadly, I miss reminding students to get their jackets on before recess.

Thank you for making the start to the school year a huge success. There have been technology issues but for the most part, we have overcome those obstacles, found solutions, and worked together to make this new learning platform successful for our students. Thank you for your support, patience and feedback with our implementation of Canvas. The teachers are working hard to teach Zoom lessons and manage asynchronous lessons everyday.

We are excited to have our Mountain Lion mascot in person and we look forward having the students decide on a name for him/her. The teachers are collecting their two most popular names per class so that we can vote as a school by the end of next week. PTSA is also kicking off our first Tambark Creek fundraiser. It's a read-a-thon. Information flyers will be sent home with materials, put up on our website, and sent in an e-mail. Let the reading begin!

We are completing our iReady diagnostic assessment with each grade level by the end of this week. Thank you for your support with this important assessment. We use the iReady data to pinpoint students' strengths and areas of need. The iReady lessons help to monitor student progress to get each student to proficiency or advanced proficiency levels. This aligns to our Common Core State Standards and targets specific skills necessary for advancement. Here is the direct link to the family information video:

<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/hfkxjeafzzGfiQaHbjKsnu>

Ms. Leising and I are having fun doing Tambark Creek morning announcements on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's. The link to our morning announcements is sent out through the Canvas student body page so that you and your child can view them. We look forward to including our 4th and 5th grade students to participate in this.

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No school-teacher work day

From the Counselor

This is a school year to go into the history books. I've been a teacher for over 30 years and I have never dealt with anything close to this. We have made it through the start of our school year and each day will be better and better.

As I staff member, I want to share with you how impressed we are with you, the parents of our students! I was in a meeting last Wednesday, discussing ways to support our students with awards for their accomplishments and one of the teachers said, "I think we need to give our parents an award for all their hard work! They got their students online and in our classes. We know the students couldn't do it without them!" So, THANK YOU for all your support and work to make the start of our school year go do well, we couldn't do this without you!

As the school counselor, I am so pleased that our district understands how important Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is and has supported work in this area for years. This year we all know that our students need this support more than ever. This can be such a stressful time and having SEL work as part of each classrooms daily plans is vital for our students' growth and success.

Mango, my service dog, will be continuing to make weekly video messages for the students that you can find on the school counselor's website. The focus this year for his messages is Social-Emotional learning, adding the fun and silliness of Mango's outlook on life.

If you'd like to do some SEL work at home there are many great Youtube videos. One of my favorites comes for GoNoodle. It's great for children and adults alike. And truly, we all could use a calming break every now and again. . . Go to Youtube and search for Rainbow-Flow/GoNoodle. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O29e4rRMv4>

Please know that I am here to support your family as we work through this difficult time together. Please call or email with any questions, concerns or support you might need.

High School and Beyond

High School and Beyond is happening this year . . . it will be available remotely. Because it is being done remotely, you have the opportunity to watch recordings for this event until December 31, 2020!

This is a 4 days event, October 19th through the 22nd, for students and families. PNACAC (Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling) has designed remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country.

More information will be available soon on our district website. We will be sending out information as it comes available.

Tambark Creek School events will be happening to support this opportunity. We want to motivate students to think about their career choices and for students and families to explore what is available.

Our School Spirit Days - to focus on our High School & Beyond Program

October 19th – "Dream Big" – PJ Day

October 20th – "Hairs to your Future" – Crazy Hair Day

October 21st – "Jackson High School Color Day" - Wear Jackson High Schools colors – Wear forest green, black and/or grey – Be a Timber Wolf for a day!

October 22nd – "Show your College Spirit" – Wear your Favorite School gear day - University, College, or Technical School Clothes

Be Kind to Yourself and Others,

Ms. Hehn

Julia (Jules) Hehn

Tech Tips

Below you will see a link to a short two minute video. This video helps guide students, and parents, in accessing documents that may come up as “unable to access”. Since many students have chosen to use their own device, or share devices with another family member, we have noticed that previous users have not logged out of their Google Suite, or Google account, which makes students unable to access student work or work that teachers are posting onto CANVAS. This video will help you guide you on how to make sure all users are logged into the correct accounts to access these valuable documents.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13xnOnU2G3GkjFWzuuzFO2mNp8WZMynw9/view?usp=sharing>

From the Office

Please remember that if your child is going to miss class please email your teacher AND the attendance line at tceattendance@everettsd.org During remote learning we still need to have accurate attendance. We are very proud of our students for showing up each day and having great attendance. Keep up the great work mountain lions!

If you need to reach the office staff for any reason you can email Mrs. Patty the office manager at ttetrault@everettsd.org or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at ajames2@everettsd.org or call 425-302-9200.

From the PTSA

We made it through our first month! And PTSA has lots going on in October!

We are launching our first **PTSA Virtual Read-a-Thon Fundraiser** on October 5th and it goes through October 24th!

Here’s how it works:

We are collecting donations via a website called 99pledges. Sign up for a 99pledges page for your student at addme.tambarkcreekptsa.org and get a free bookmark! Send your student’s donation link to family and friends.

Students will win prizes based on how many donations they bring in!

Donations are due by Saturday, October 24th in order for your student to be eligible for prizes!

Fill out a reading log and email a picture of it to readathon@tambarkcreekptsa.org on October 10th, 17th, and 24th for entries into our weekly drawing for free books!

Find more information (including the prize sheet and reading logs) at readathon.tambarkcreekptsa.org! For questions, email Alisha and Heather at president@tambarkcreekptsa.org

We are also launching our **Reflections Art Contest**! Is your student is interested in art, dancing, photography, or singing? Reflections is an annual National PTA arts recognition program that helps students showcase their artistic thoughts, feelings, and idea. Students from all grades and abilities are invited to create an original work of art based on the theme “I matter because...”

We are all virtual this year and submissions will be done online! Submit your entries at tinyurl.com/tambarkcreekreflections. The deadline for submission is November 9, 2020. Find more information at reflections.tambarkcreekptsa.org or by emailing our Reflections chair Gayathri at reflections@tambarkcreekptsa.org

For more information on all things PTSA, check out our website tambarkcreekptsa.org, our Facebook page facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA, or you can email us at anytime with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi! We can be reached at president@tambarkcreekptsa.org.

Alisha Crawley-Davis & Heather Morgan
co-Presidents, Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12

2020 High School & Beyond Event

The High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual this year. The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admissions Counseling has been in the process of designing remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country. The Washington-specific portion will take place live from October 19-23. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until December 31st.

The virtual event site is available here: <https://pnacac.swoogo.com/PNACAC>.

In order to participate, register using the blue button in the top right-hand corner of the page. Once registered, you will be able to preview the college fair booths beginning on September 15 all the way through December 31. College representatives and presentation will be “live” during the days and times below:

Washington student week live times October 19 - 23, 2020	
Date	Time
Monday, Oct 19	9 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, Oct 20	4 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. AND 4 - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct 22	4 - 7 p.m.

Parent University

Everett Public Schools Parent University is available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21



Website refresh

Feedback from families and the community to improve navigation and the layout of the district’s website was integrated into the redesign, which launched October 1. The new site features inviting visuals, reduced clicks and a standard experience with navigation among all school sites. The interface is user-friendly, attractive and a welcome change.

Community survey about strategic plan

The district is engaging the community as we start the process of creating a new strategic plan. Please look for a survey coming out on October 12 on the district website to provide your input.

Let's Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on October 19 from 5 – 6 p.m. (topic to be determined). We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email, RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting. Let's Connect!

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

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.



Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Is your contact information up to date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**



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- **Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:**
- **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:**
- Mary O'Brien
- 425-385-4106
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- PO Box 2098
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- **Section 504 Coordinator:**
- Dave Peters
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- **ADA Coordinator:**
- Randi Seaberg
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