

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2021

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are enjoying our beautiful Pacific Northwest weather. I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2021-22 school year. A special welcome goes out to our newest families to Tambark Creek. After experiencing a unique school year, we are excited to open our doors to all our Tambark Creek students and families. The Tambark Creek staff is committed to creating a positive and safe learning environment with a focus on social emotional learning for the first few weeks of school.

As students return to in person learning, we will be diligent in following all safety protocols to ensure student, staff, and family safety. Face masks are required for all students and staff. Families and community members who visit the Tambark Creek campus will be required to follow the face mask mandates.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and relationships we build within our school community. Families play an important role in the education of their children and we look forward to partnering with you.

I enjoyed meeting some of our kindergarten families on August 26th at our kindergarten orientation meeting. I am also equally excited to see my 1st grade through 5th grade families at our meet and greet on September 7th. Throughout the school year, I will send out communication to all families via phone, emails, and text messages as well as my monthly parent newsletters. Please let the office staff know if you are not receiving them.

Our Tambark Creek PTSA is working closely with the administrators and staff to provide family and student events, fundraisers and more. We will post all future events as well as information about ordering our TCE spirit wear on the Tambark Creek website: tambarkcreekptsa.org and Facebook page.

Important Dates:

Celia O'Connor-Weaver
Principal

Shelby Leising
Assistant Principal

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425-302-9200
www.everettsd.org/tambarkcreek

September 7

Outdoor teacher meet and greet. 4:30-5:30P.M. ***Please do NOT bring school supplies to this event.

September 8

First day of school grades 1st through 5th

September 10

LIF-Learning Improvement Friday-2:15P.M. dismissal

September 13

First day of Kindergarten

September 17

LIF-Learning Improvement Friday-2:15P.M. dismissal

September 20

First day of Pre-School

September 24

LIF-Learning Improvement Friday-2:15P.M. dismissal

- September 7th **1st through 5th grade** “Meet and Greet” 4:30-5:30 (this will take place outside on the field and in the under covered area) **PLEASE DO NOT BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THIS EVENT**-You may bring them the first day of school.
- September 8th first day of school
- October 7th Curriculum Night 5:30-6:30 (via Zoom)

Best Regards,

Mrs. O’Connor-Weaver

From the Counselor

I am Nicole Eells, your School Counselor! I have been in the Everett Public Schools, first as a high school Science teacher and then as a counselor, for 14 years. I am excited to join the wonderful Tambark family and especially look forward to meeting our students. Like every year, we start this year with a mix of emotions: excitement, nervousness, curiosity etc. Although COVID may exaggerate some of these, remind your child that most of these feelings are typical start of the year emotions. It may take a couple of weeks of feeling the ups and downs to find the calm and normalcy of school again. Now and all year I am here to help your child. Throughout the year I will be in your child’s classroom teaching lessons and connecting. I will take teacher input on groups to run and ways to best support individual students. However, you are also welcome to reach out directly. I look forward to getting to know your child!



Nicole Eels
 School Counselor
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 425-302-9210

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 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

Dear Mountain Lion Families, Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Tambark Creek Elementary! I am very excited to serve as your new PTSA President for the '21-'22 school year. As we start this year together navigating the Covid19 pandemic, please know that the mission of our PTSA is to positively impact the lives of our children and families. While we are uncertain what this new school year will look like, we do know that the need for your support is still there. Now more than ever our students need PTSA advocates, and it is our goal to continue a strong school-community connection. While we hope to meet in person for the many programs and events the PTSA sponsors, some will need to be modified to ensure everyone’s safety. Our PTSA Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings will continue to be virtual this school year. If this is your first year at Tambark Creek, we extend a warm welcome to each of you! If you are a seasoned Mountain Lion, welcome to year number 3! Whether a new PTSA member or a returning member, we thank you for your contributions, time, and commitment to our children, our teachers, and our community! As a member of the Tambark Creek PTSA, you become a voice for our kids while playing an important role in the largest child advocacy program in the world! I hope

you will please consider further supporting Tambark Creek PTSA by: **SIGNING UP:** Members receive local and national discounts, our weekly eBlast, and voting rights at PTSA meetings. Sign up at membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org **VOLUNTEERING:** Share your talents & time! Volunteers are a vital part of the school community helping to make positive changes. Sign up at volunteer.tambarkcreekptsa.org **DONATE:** Donors are the financial backbone of our events and programs. You can make a donation at membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org (membership is not necessary to donate). Tambark Creek Elementary is truly a special place. We have an incredible community of students, parents, teachers and staff. Contributing to the PTSA ensures and strengthens this relationship! Thank you for helping to make every student's potential a reality!

Let's have a great year!

Sincerely, Lauren Pulfer President | Tambark Creek PTSA | 7.3.12

P.S: For more information on all things PTSA visit tambarkcreekptsa.org, or facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA. You can email me with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi too! I can be reached at president@tambarkcreekptsa.org.

Strategic Plan refresh

The Everett School district has a refreshed strategic plan for 2021-26. This ambitious, exciting and comprehensive effort will guide Everett Public Schools for the next five years and aims to bring everyone together to meet the needs of all students. The mission, vision and core values remain unchanged.



Mission – To inspire, educate and prepare each student to achieve to high standards, contribute to our community and thrive in a global society.

Vision – Our students will lead and shape the future. They will be well-rounded, healthy and flexible thinkers with a global perspective who can access resources and collaborate. They will demonstrate empathy, pride and advocacy for self, school and community while respecting the diversity and worth of others. They will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

Six **Priority Student Outcomes** are agreed upon targets for 2021-26 and will be achieved through six strategic priorities.



Each **Strategic Priority** has initiatives created for the first year of the strategic plan. These 2021-22 initiatives will

help meet the theme goals which will ultimately help the district achieve our Priority Student Outcomes. Each initiative is assigned a sponsor, an owner and team members.

Follow Strategic Plan progress at <https://www.everettsd.org/StrategicPlan>



2021-22 Calendar

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The 2021-22 calendar was part of our contract negotiations this year and was ratified in late August. The Student Art Calendar will be distributed through your student’s school when it is available in late September.



Meals free 2021-22 school year



Along with returning to 100% in-person this fall, we are also able to continue serving FREE meals to all children until June 30, 2022! Free meals are available this school year for all on-site students! The meal program is federally funded, and meal costs are reimbursed by the USDA. To find out the menu for breakfast and lunch at your student’s school, please visit the food and nutrition website on everettsd.org.

Families who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals should still complete an annual application form. Approved free and reduced applications help fund other programs and can also help waive other fees for your family. Applications are available online or at your student’s school.

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.

2021-22 Immunization Records

As a reminder as of August 1, 2020, a change in state immunization rules has affected two areas of immunization compliance:

- The definition of “conditional status” has been clarified. **Students must turn in their immunization paperwork on or before the first day of in-person learning.**
- All new immunization records from students need to be **medically verified**.

A medically verified record includes one or more of the following and can be submitted by email to

EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System
- A physical copy of the CIS with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from your MyIR account.

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, childcare and camp programs.

Ways to stay in touch and stay connected

On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, teachers, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!



Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is very important. One resources available for families is our “Stay Connected” chart, which will show you the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district’s website at www.everettsd.org/communications to download your copy.

Please also make sure your student’s school has your updated contact information so the district can communicate effectively with you.

Have you downloaded our mobile app?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. Download and log into the district app to access your student's info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

1. On your smartphone, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search **Everett Public Schools**
3. Then select our app for free download

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.



What Every Parent Needs to Know video series



The Everett PTSA Council collaborated with Everett Public Schools staff and Washington Family Engagement to develop video resources for families which provide fundamental information to navigate school systems, advocate for their student(s), and actively participate in public education.

The project of five videos, entitled "What Every Parent Needs to Know," provides an overview of topics that parents felt were essential for building a foundation for authentic parent and family engagement. Video topics include: Student Education Rights, Get Engaged in Your Children's Education, What to Do About Bullying, Advocating for Your Student and Understanding Public Schools.

The initial material was created by Washington Family Engagement and further reviewed by parent and community groups, as well as Everett School District staff, to ensure accuracy, relevancy, and access. The videos were recorded by various district staff and are available on the district's Parent University webpage, with translations recorded and available in Spanish, and subtitles in Russian, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

Care Solace resource



Everett Public Schools fosters a culture that promotes the health, safety and well-being of students, parents and staff. To continuously support this commitment, the district has partnered with **Care Solace**.

Care Solace is an [online resource](#) with a live 24/7 concierge meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health-related programs and counseling services. Care Solace is a tool for school staff and families to connect with community-based mental healthcare resources

and providers. Their proprietary care navigation system taps into a vast database of mental healthcare resources to find carefully vetted local therapists and programs in minutes. Care Solace is available for use by district families and staff at no cost.

New assistance icon on website

The district's main webpage has a new icon, "report/assistance," with resources and assistance for students and families on:



- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Support
- Eating Disorder Help
- Substance Abuse Help
- Report Safety Concerns
- Report Harassment

Assistance



ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2021-22

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 provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.



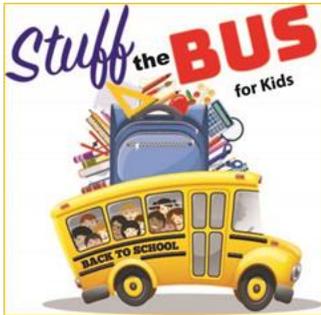
Kids in Transition program

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 and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure students experiencing homelessness have access to free school meals, school supplies, and uniforms. KIT can help students access extended day or summer school classes and provide access to tutoring when needed. The KIT Program can also cover fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is in the best interest of the student.



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 the KIT Program at 425-385-4032.

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. In August, the EPS Foundation delivered over 2,000 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and are making 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 are available for pick up at each school.

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.



Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **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

<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

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 general counsel 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.

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.

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.

Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit www.everettsd.org/jobs for jobs posted and how to apply.

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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:**
 - Kevin Allen
 - 425-385-4100
 - KAllen@everettsd.org
 - PO Box 2098
 - Everett, WA 98213
- **Section 504 Coordinator:**
 - Dave Peters
 - 425-385-4063
 - DPeters@everettsd.org
 - PO Box 2098
 - Everett, WA 98213
- **ADA Coordinator:**
 - Randi Seaberg
 - 425-385-4104
 - RSeaberg@everettsd.org
 - PO Box 2098
 - Everett, WA 98213