

# Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families! I want to thank you for helping make the start of the new school year a success. We appreciate you following the safety protocols for arrival and dismissal. Having students back in the building is the best part of being a Principal. I love seeing their smiling faces everyday and saying hello to them. They are so excited to be back in person learning.

We are fortunate to add a new kindergarten classroom at Tambark Creek. This allows us to reduce the class sizes which will benefit learning for all students. Ms. Chung will be our sixth kindergarten teacher. She is so excited to start working with her students on Monday, October 4th. Ms. Leising, Ms. Eells and I were able to visit the kindergarten classrooms to talk about the changes and answer questions for the students. The kindergartners will continue to see each other every day during recess and lunch.

1st -5th grade have just completed their fall iReady diagnostic assessment this month. We are happy with the results but did notice a decrease in both math and ELA from the spring diagnostic data. The teachers and instructional coaches use this data to plan for instruction and provide interventions as necessary. This information as well as other student data will be shared with you during your parent/teacher conference in November.

### Important Dates:

- Curriculum night will be October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30. This will be a Zoom meeting for all grade levels. For families who are unable to attend the live Zoom, we will have the teachers record their video and send it in an email to all families.
- Fall Panorama Student Survey-October 4th students will participate in our fall Panorama Survey. Students answer questions regarding school climate and culture. Their results are anonymous. We use the results to help us better plan for instruction and to support students social emotional learning.
- Picture Day will be October 11th -This will be a free dress day. If you want your child to wear the TCE uniform that is fine as well.
- PTSA-Boosterthon FUNdraiser Week October 11th-20th PTSA shared this information on their website and your child's teacher will also send information to families.
- Conference Week is November 1st-5th. We will have one evening for late conferences. This will be Wednesday, November 3rd from 4:00-7:00PM

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

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**October 1**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**October 8**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**October 15**

No School-Teacher work day

**October 22**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**October 29**

Early Release-1:00PM dismissal

- October 15<sup>th</sup> is our staff Learning Improvement Day. There will be no school for students. The focus of this professional development day is cultural awareness.

Thank you for your support

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

## From the Counselor

Calling all dads, stepdads, uncles, grandfathers, or other father-figures!

We would like your participation in our Tambark Creek Elementary WATCH D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) Program. WATCH D.O.G.S. is a nationwide organization whose goal is:

- 1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

We are looking for a lead to help coordinate this program with me and others who are willing to volunteer, even just for a couple of hours one day, to support our students. For now, in following COVID guidelines, volunteers will be able to help us outside with unloading and loading of buses and cars, and at recess. As the year continues, I am hopeful we'll be able to allow volunteers inside. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact me Nicole Eells at 425-302-9210 / [neells@everettsd.org](mailto:neells@everettsd.org).

Nicole Eels  
School Counselor

## From the Office

Please remember that if your child is going to miss school please email your teacher AND the attendance line at [tceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto: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](mailto:ttetrault@everettsd.org) or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at [ajames2@everettsd.org](mailto:ajames2@everettsd.org) or call 425-302-9200.

## From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

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

Kickoff for our Fun Run is on October 11th and it goes through October 20th. Registration is now open and you can register your student(s) by visiting [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com), search for Tambark Creek Fun Run, and enter in your family's details.

Here's how it works:

We are collecting donations via Booster. Sign up for a student page and share with family and friends.

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

Donations are due by Tuesday, October 19th in order for your student to be eligible for prizes!

These donations help fund the many events the PTSA holds throughout the year and helps teachers with classroom needs. For questions, email Lauren at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org)

We are also launching our Reflections Art Contest! Is your student 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 ideas. Students from all grades and abilities are invited to create an original work of art based on the theme I will change the world by...

While the primary focus of Reflections is a celebration of creativity through positive recognition, finalists from local PTAs will move on to their council PTA (if applicable), then finalists from councils will move on to the state round. Washington State PTA finalists who receive an “Outstanding Interpretation” award will advance to the National PTA round. National PTA Reflections awards for 2020-2021 can be found [here](#). Deadlines and entry details coming soon. Find more information at [reflections.tambarkcreekptsa.org](https://reflections.tambarkcreekptsa.org)

Our next family event will be a Costume Celebration on October 29th. Please contact Heather at [vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org) if you're interested in helping to plan it!

Thank you all for your constant support!

Lauren Pulfer

President, Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12

P.S.: For more information on all things PTSA, check out our website, [tambarkcreekptsa.org](https://tambarkcreekptsa.org) or [facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA](https://facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA), or you can email us anytime at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org).

## Picture Day

Picture day is October 11th. Students do not have to wear a uniform that day. Go to [www.dorianstudio.com](https://www.dorianstudio.com) for picture prices and to place your order.

## Healthy habits make a difference!

What does Swiss cheese have to do with COVID? Each precaution is like a slice of Swiss cheese. When they are layered together, the “holes” are covered, and everyone is better protected from illness. Thank you for doing your part to wear masks, practice social distancing, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands and get vaccinated when eligible.



It is very important for everyone to wear a mask properly:

- Put it over your face and mouth
- Be sure your mask fits snugly against the sides of your face and under your chin
- Make sure you can breathe easily

The updated [2021-22 COVID Family Handbook](#) provides information on what we are doing to keep students and staff safe while at school and what the process is if there is a COVID case in your child's class. It also shares things you can do to help keep your child and their classmates healthy. It is available on the district's website under the “Our District” tab on the COVID 2021-22 page. Thank you for being great partners in our community's health.

# Hi, I'm Chatbot Chet!



Chatbot Chet is the newest member of our communications family and is available 24/7 to help answer questions.

Click the tab located on the lower right side of any EPS web page and “Let’s Talk!”

## Parent University

Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child’s education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children.



Our goal is to increase collaboration and involvement between schools, families, and the community; to educate, empower and connect families with resources that build parent and student confidence, enhance character development, and promote life skills to increase the likelihood of family success in academic endeavors.

Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time. You will find Parent University, at [www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity](http://www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity).

# Bus safety reminder

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops.

Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street.

Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt--STOP!

# Homeless resources

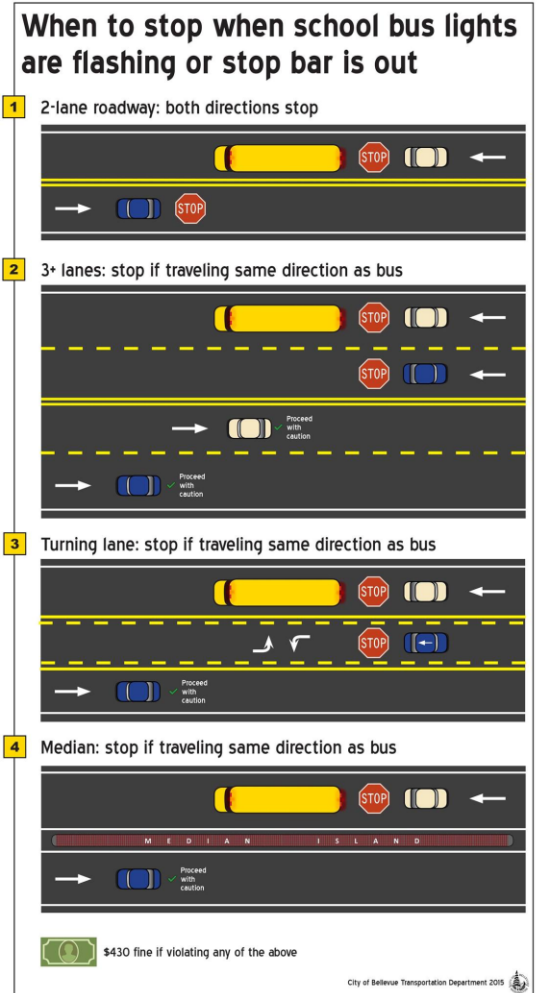
We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because 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.**

## 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](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs) for jobs posted and how to apply.

**WE ARE HIRING!**

- BUS DRIVERS
- CUSTODIAL
- FOOD & NUTRITION
- HEALTH ROOM ASSISTANTS
- PARAEducATORS
- SUBSTITUTES
- TEACHERS

*Join our team!*

We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more.

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS For more information or to apply, please click headline.

## Did you miss a call from us?

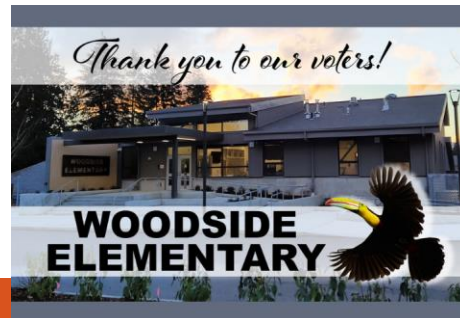
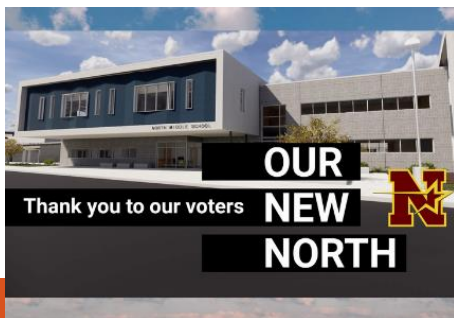
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school.

## 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.

## 2016 Capital project showcase!

Thanks to community support for the 2016 Capital Bond, the North Middle and Woodside Elementary partial replacement and modernization projects are complete! Students and staff are enjoying their new schools. Curious how they look? Visit the district's homepage under school announcements to watch the celebration videos or click the images below to link directly to them.



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