

# Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families! Happy New Year to you. Winter weather has arrived and continues to cause its typically problems such as flight delays, school closures or delays, and dangerous commutes. Be safe out there. We appreciate your patience with arrival and dismissal during these winter conditions.

I hope you enjoyed your winter break. If you traveled, I hope you were not affected by delays or lost luggage. During your time off I hope you spent quality time with family and friends and enjoyed the small pleasures in life. I continue to be thankful for good health, happiness, family, and friends and the Tambark Elementary community. I wish all of you a fabulous new year filled with happiness, health, and peace. I look forward to 2023 with new opportunities and new accomplishments that will transpire for our Tambark students.

Teachers will be administering the winter i-Ready diagnostic to their students in the next couple of weeks. This will demonstrate their growth since the fall diagnostic. The last day of the first semester is February 3rd. Teacher report cards will go home on February 17th.

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Robotics Teams. They did a great job during their competition before the holidays. Go TCE Mountain Lions.

We appreciate you keeping your child home if they are ill. Thanks for helping us stay healthy.

### Important Dates:

- January 16<sup>th</sup>: No School-Martin Luther King Jr. observance day
- February 6<sup>th</sup>: No School-Teacher workday
- February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: No school mid-winter break

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

## From the Counselor's

### Welcome Back to School!

Returning to school after winter break can be challenging! Here are some tips for getting back into the school routine.

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Principal

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**January 2**

No School-Winter Break

**January 6**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**January 13**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**January 16**

No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 20**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**January 27**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

- *Bedtime routine* – It's common for sleep routines to differ during breaks. Start your child's regular bedtime routine several days before the first day back. Sleep is essential for your child's physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing. It is also crucial for learning.
- *Morning routine* – To help make your morning routine smoother, here are some helpful tips to do the night before:
  - Have your child lay out clothing
  - Have your child get their backpack, coat, and school items ready
  - Prep lunches and breakfast items
- To ease possible anxiety, let your child know when the first day back is (January 3<sup>rd</sup>!) and what to expect.
  - Create a countdown to school calendar
  - Validate any feelings about returning to school

Sincerely,

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

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Tambark Creek Elementary Counselors

## From the Office

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent **please email your teacher AND the attendance line at [tceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:tceattendance@everettsd.org)** **Please include your students first and last name and student id.** 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.

## Payments

Parents did you know you can pay for your student's lunch and fines online? Please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/payments>

## From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a chance to rest and relax over the break! On **Thursday, January 12th from 6-8 pm** we will have a Free **Mad Science Family Night!** Chief Mad Scientist Kevin will entertain us with amazing chemical reactions, fantastic forces, and more. We hope to see you there

### Yearbook

Yearbooks are \$27 each with the option to purchase a "Parent Shout Out" for an additional \$2 and can be purchased here: <http://yearbook.tambarkcreekptsa.org>.

### Reflections Art Contest

On **Wednesday, January 4** the 2022-2023 Everett PTSA Council's Reflections Celebration will be held at the Everett School District's Community Resource Center. This will be an in-person event, and winners will be announced for entries advancing to the State level of the competition!

### Volunteer

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer? We have lots of opportunities! Our current needs are: PTSA nominating committee (to help find PTSA officers for next year), Spring Dance Committee and Carnival Committee. Please email [vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org) If you would like to join any of these committees.

### Membership

You can join the PTSA at [membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org). Scholarships are available to join - no questions asked. Contact us at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org) for more information.

## **Donate**

Our Music Teacher, Mr. Bogopolsky is raising funds for our music department! Check out his message here: “I am so proud to be a new part of this community and love that we are a STEAM school here at Tambark Creek Elementary! One of my passions is songwriting and recording and I would love the opportunity to pass this on to my students. You can help by donating to my Donor's Choose page to fund a class set of iPads! This will give every student the opportunity to become recording engineers in music class! To contribute to this project please consider going to my DonorsChoose: [Putting the Art in STEAM: Music Engineers in Development](#)

Lauren Pulfer

President, Tambark Creek PTSA

\*For more information on all things PTSA, check out our website [tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://tambarkcreekptsa.org), our Facebook page [facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA](https://facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA), or you can email us at anytime with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi! I can be reached at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org).

## **January is School Board Appreciation Month**

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the seventh time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

## **Delayed start or closed schools**

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

## **Snow routes are online**

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district's website.

## 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 IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
911!

## First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 3. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 17.



## Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 13. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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• **Title IX/Civil Rights  
Compliance Officer:**

• Kevin Allen  
• 425-385-4100  
• [KAllen@everettsd.org](mailto:KAllen@everettsd.org)  
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