

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families!

February has arrived and it may bring some colder weather. The first semester is coming to an end and report cards will be coming home on February 15th. Please be sure to check your child's iReady winter diagnostic results. We are seeing a lot of improvement from fall to winter. If you have specific questions regarding your child's iReady information, please contact their teacher.

We welcomed our newest Tambark Creek Mountain Lions this week. Our Transitional Kindergarten started on Jan. 31st. We welcome the students and teacher-Ms. Rosen.

February is Black History Month. Classrooms will engage in honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans through books, instructional activities, and artwork. They will identify historical events and recognize those who supported the Civil Rights Movement. We will also be celebrating National Random Acts of Kindness this month as well. I look forward to reading books around this topic in the classrooms.

The 100th day of school is February 23rd. Our students and staff celebrate this with many fun activities. Your child's teacher will be sending home information regarding specific information about this special day.

Valentine's day is also approaching. Please be sure to check with your child's teacher about what can be shared at school. Many of our students throughout the building have a variety of allergies. Food or treats that are approved by your teacher must be store bought. We do not allow home baked goods.

Students in grades 3-5 and all parents will soon be taking our district Panorama Survey between February 27 and March 7th. I will be sending a letter to parents of students in grades 3-5 on February 9th with an informational letter to all families on February 9th. Parents will be able to take the Panorama Survey between February 26th and March 29th. I will send that information to families by February 26th.

Important Dates:

- February 2nd: No School-Teacher workday
- February 15th: Report cards are sent home.

Celia O'Connor-Weaver
Principal

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Assistant Principal

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February 2

No school-Teacher work day

February 9

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

February 16

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

February 19 & 20

No School-Mid-Winter Break

February 23

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

- February 19th & 20st: No school mid-winter break
- February 24th: 100th Day of School

As always, thank you for sharing your child (ren) with us.

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

From the Counselor's

Thank you for supporting our families in need during the holiday season! Here is a note from one of the families we supported: "How to express words of joy, gratitude, all the emotions that are inside... there are so many of them... I want to shout: "thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you very much"!!! ♡🙏♡ Our family is very, very grateful to you and the entire school, and all the people who gave us so many gifts!!!! We have never had so many gifts, just from people!!! We don't know how to thank you, but we thank God for all of you!!!! May He reward you for your kind hearts, for warmth and kind words, for gifts made with love!!!! Thank you, thank you, every gift brought a dream come true!!!! Thank God for you!!!!"

Mountain Lion Superhero Update

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer!



If you are interested & an approved volunteer, please click the link below to sign up for your day on campus:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AA4A722A75-mountain>

Before volunteering, you must be an approved volunteer through the district. To apply, please complete the form online: <https://www.applitrack.com/everetsd/onlineapp/application.aspx?starting=true>

Your student(s) love having you on campus and the support you bring to our staff is invaluable!

Thank you,

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

neells@everettsd.org and sthompson@everettsd.org

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 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 ptetrault@everettsd.org or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at ajames2@everettsd.org or call 425-302-9200.

From the Art Teacher's

This month in art, Kindergarten and 1st grade students will experiment with the principle of movement as they use painting techniques with craftsmanship to create textures and shapes that represent motion. Students will discuss their approaches' effectiveness in the depiction of movement. Our 3rd and 4th graders will continue to work on their clay project of creating two items that go together. This

is a hard one because every student is working on different unique items and there isn't as much direct instruction. In 2nd grade, students will learn how animals can camouflage themselves within their environment. Students will discover the resist capabilities of wax and salt as they create a mixed media work about an animal that uses camouflage. In 5th grade, students will explore blending colors and combining watercolor techniques as they create their own watercolor and glue painting. Students will brainstorm, sketch, and reflect on their work.

Cristina Sawtell (CSawtell@everettsd.org)

Taneal Carlson (TCarlson@everettsd.org)

From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

We currently have 263 members, so our goal of 300 members is within reach! Thank you to everyone who has joined or renewed their membership. Support our PTSA by joining here: membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org Email membership@tambarkcreekptsa.org to request a scholarship if needed.

Friendship Movie Night

Join us on February 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm for a fun movie night with friends and family. We will be showing Elemental and providing free popcorn. Other snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Please note this is not a drop-off event - all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reptile Lady Event

Is your student an animal lover? Have you ever wanted to touch a tortoise, pet an alligator or hold a snake? Come see the "[Reptile Lady](#)" at TCE on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00pm and experience reptiles up close!

PTSA Membership Meeting

Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00pm in the TCE library. We would love to meet you and hear your feedback and ideas!

Yearbook

Order your yearbook today! The deadline to purchase is March 3rd and there will not be another opportunity. Yearbooks cost \$27 each with the option to purchase a Parent Shout-Out for an additional \$5. Purchase here: <http://yearbook.tambarkcreekptsa.org>

Volunteer

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer? Please email vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org if you can help with any of the following:

- PTSA Nominating Committee: help find PTSA board officers for next year
- Mid-Year Financial Review Committee: audit our financial records
- Spring Dance Committee: help plan our event on 4/26

As always, look for the latest PTSA news on our website (tambarkcreekptsa.org), on Facebook (facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA), or on Instagram (instagram.com/tambarkcreekptsa/). You can also reach us at president@tambarkcreekptsa.org. We would love to hear from you!

Kindel Surek & Kiren Chand

Co-Presidents, Tambark Creek PTSA

president@tambarkcreekptsa.org

Attendance reminder:

When reporting an absence please email tceattendance@everettsd.org AND your teacher. Please include your students first and last name and student number. We have several kids with the same first and last names. We also several students where the parent doesn't have the same last name as a student. Giving us all of this information will help ensure we excuse your students absence.

For example this is how an email to the attendance line should look:

Student: Leo the Mountain Lion

Student ID: 123456

Reason for absence: Sick with a fever.

Please get a medical note at your child's doctor or dentist appointment excusing the absence.

Reminder: If your family is planning to take a trip that is longer than five days, please email tceattendance@everettsd.org as soon as possible to get a pre-arranged absence form. All extended absences need to be pre-approved by the principal before you travel.

Payments

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

Let's Connect on Feb. 6: Promoting Healthy Digital Habits

Let's Connect on February 6, from 6-7 p.m. at Cascade High School, where [Dr. Lucía Magis-Weinberg](#), from the University of Washington, be talking about how technology, especially social media, influences students and ways we can encourage healthy digital habits.

What to expect:

Dr. Magis-Weinberg will share insights on how digital technology shapes adolescent development. After her keynote, join small group discussions with other parents and school district leaders. These discussions will revolve around conversational prompts, making sure everyone gets a chance to share their thoughts.

Our goal:

To advance our understanding of how adolescent development is shaped by the risks and opportunities afforded by digital technologies, and to collaboratively explore healthy digital habits.

Who's welcome:

This event is for families with kids in elementary, middle and high school. We all play a part in understanding and navigating the digital world that impacts our kids.



Bring your questions and Let's Connect and discuss together on February 6. We'll also have interpreters who can speak Arabic, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese! The keynote speaker segment will be live-streamed; however we encourage you to be there in person to benefit from the support network of other parents during the small group discussion segment, which will not be available online. See you there!



Enrollment for kindergarten opens on March 4!

Will your child be 5 years old by August 31? On March 4, you can complete your child's online enrollment for kindergarten. An easy and quick process as detailed in the [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) available in multiple languages on our website www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. You can also enroll in-person at your neighborhood school or [download a printable packet](#), complete it, and deliver it to your child's home school with the required documents.

Enrolling early in March will ensure invitations to your school's kindergarten events and participation in Everett Ready, a transition-into-kindergarten program offered for four days in August to all enrolled kindergarteners – more information will be available in June on www.everettsd.org/everettrready.

A Kindergarten Enrollment - **Kick-Off Webinar** will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**. Join us to meet the Superintendent and learn about Kindergarten in Everett Public Schools. Information with a link to the webinar will be available on our website www.everettsd.org and www.everettsd.org/kindergarten by February 15.

EPS offers the following **Choice Programs** beginning in kindergarten– early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Click on the links for more information on the programs:

- [Lighthouse Cooperative](#) – Housed at Jefferson Elementary School

This K-5 program features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement via weekly classroom volunteering and support for enrichment activities such as field trips and parent-led specialty lessons.

- [Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program](#) – Located at Emerson Elementary School

Students are immersed in the Spanish language and culture with the majority of instruction being in Spanish. Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary school attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students.

- [Port Gardner Family Partnership K-12](#) – located on Sequoia High School Campus

Port Gardner K-12 is a parent partnership program, where parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children. Our program is a blend of on-site classes taught by certificated teachers, and remote classes taught by parents/guardians in the home.

Note: Choice Programs will require a [school transfer](#) approval if not located at your child's home school.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!

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

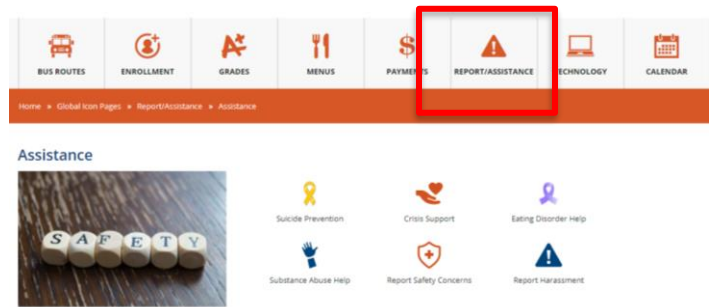
 1350@alert1.us

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

FOR EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

Assistance icon on website

The district's main webpage has an 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
- Substance Abuse Trends
- Overdose Symptoms and Prevention

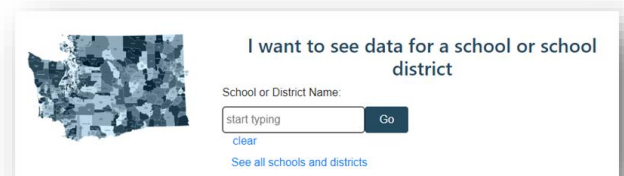
- Safe Storage of Medication
- Safe Storage of Firearms

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2022-23 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Select your choice to view the report card.

Optionally you can select 'See all schools and districts' and navigate to the district or school you want to select.



Calendar reminder

February 19-20 is mid-winter break.

High School and Middle School Summer Academy

Registration for Everett Public Schools High School and Middle School Summer Academy starts Monday, March 11.

High School Summer Academy includes district-facilitated credit recovery courses and credit advancement opportunities. In addition, career exploration, mentorship and internships are available through Everett Career Link.

Middle School Summer Academy focuses on exciting and engaging math and English Language Arts content for current 5th through 7th grade students. Academic lessons include math problem-solving and foundations as well as literature through close reading and novel studies, to help students build foundational skills needed for the next year.

High School and Middle School Summer Academy classes are located at Eisenhower Middle School and are scheduled for July 8 – 26, 2024. In-person summer programming is free to in-district students. Transportation and meals are provided.

In addition to in-person programming, online classes for high school students are hosted through OnlineHS. Online classes are scheduled for June 24 - August 1, 2024; tuition is \$350 per class for in-district students and \$450 per class for out-of-district students. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information or to register for classes, please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2422>.

Latest Parent U Video: College & Career Readiness Seminar

[Check out Everett Public School's latest video on Parent University!](#) It covers our College and Career Readiness Seminar, a must for all seniors gearing up for life after high school. They dive into essential 21st-century skills, navigating FAFSA for post-high school education, crafting resumes, honing interview skills, understanding financial stability, and much more!



Crosswalk safety reminder

Drive smart. Keep kids safe. It is important to be extra cautious this time of year when it is darker in the mornings and late afternoons. Make sure everyone gets home safely by staying alert, slowing down and following all traffic laws and signals.

Drivers:

- Eliminate distractions – put your phones down and keep your eyes on the road.
- Pedestrians can be unpredictable. Be alert at all times and don't assume they see you.
- Be extra cautious early in the morning, at night and in rainy weather.



Students:

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards.
- Cross the street in a designated crosswalk. Be extra careful in rainy, foggy, or snowy weather.
- Always look left, then right, then left again before crossing a street and allow enough time to cross the street safely.

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.

National School Counseling Week

The week of February 5 to 9 is National School Counseling Week and highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. We love our counselors!



Do you have a student receiving special education?



Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).



Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 13, 2023.



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