

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families!

We had a fun February filled with kindness, Valentine's, Black History projects, Presidents Day activities, Lunar New Year, 100's day of school, Leap Year, and crazy weather. Thank you for allowing your child to participate in these wonderful and fun events.

We celebrated two Tambark Creek students who received awards at the school board meeting on February 13th. Congratulations to Phillip Griffin from Ms. Chung's 1st grade class who was recognized for receiving the January Core Value at TCE for "passion". His teacher said that "Phillip is very passionate about topics that excite him. He is always doing his best to learn more and share information about these topics. His joy and excitement are contagious, it's so fun to be able to listen and watch him learn about his passions. I admire his desire and ability to follow his dreams at such a young age. Keep up the great work, Phillip!" Also, Shresta Shetty from Ms. Vick's 4th grade class received an art award for her art piece for the Prodigies for Peace Art Contest. Congratulations to Phillip and Shresta!

This month we have our bookfair during conference week. Please see the dates and times below. Ms. Lim will need volunteers. I will be sending an email with the link for parents to sign up to volunteer. Also, teachers will be sending you a link to sign up for your child's conference very soon. The online conference schedule will open up on Saturday March 9th using our "School Appointments" website.

Parents across the district have been asked to take the School/District Stakeholder Annual Survey. Students in grades 3 through 12th grade also take this survey which is important source of data to help guide our school improvement plan. <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/everett/family24/surveys>

Please remind your student that IF they wear a Smart watch then it can only be used for telling time during the school day. If it disrupts the learning environment, the student cannot wear the watch to school. I have attached the district policy and procedures about this. (Policy 3246 Personal Electronic Devices) <https://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-46801/3246%20Personal%20Electronic%20Devices.pdf>

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March 1

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

March 8

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

March 15

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

March 22

Early release-1:00PM dismissal

March 25-29

Conference week-Early release-
1:00PM dismissal all week

I also want to remind families that the street closest to our west field by the gate is NOT a school drop off location. Please use the drop off and pick up lanes in front of the school. It has been brought to my attention by many parents that 42nd Ave SE and 174th street is dangerous for our students who are walking to school. The staff members who are TCE's crossing guards at that location have been yelled at and threatened. The residents on this street do not want people parking or driving down the street to drop off students. That gate is for students who walk to school. Please drop off your students in front of the school where we have staff support with loading and unloading cars. The drop-off and pick-up lines are long, but they move very quickly because we have many staff members helping. Also when you're driving in the main parking lot please obey all stop signs and come to a complete stop and allow pedestrians to cross safely. Please remember that safety is our number one concern.

Important Dates:

- Early release-Friday March 22 at 1:00PM
- Conference week is March 25-29. School is dismissed at 1:00PM all week. Wednesday, March 27th will be our late night for conferences for those who cannot attend during the day.
- Scholastic book fair is open Monday and Tuesday March 25, 26 from 2-6 pm, and Wednesday, March 27 from 2-5pm.
- Kindergarten enrollment for next school year opens on March 4th. Please visit <https://www.everetsd.org/Page/36681> beginning March 4th.

Our March Storybook tree comes from Nishka in Ms. Northall's 3rd grade class! She is another muggle who is a Harry Potter fan! She highlighted characters, settings, props and story elements from the 3rd book in the series, The Prisoner of Azkaban! Stop by the library to check it out. **Great job Nishika!**



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

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

From the Counselor's

5th Grade Students and Families:

Gateway Middle School will be hosting a family night on Tuesday, March 5th from 6:00-7:30 pm. During this time, you and your student can learn more about the middle school they will be attending in the fall.

- If your student will be attending Heatherwood Middle School, Heatherwood will be hosting a family night **Thursday, March 21st from 6:00-7:30 pm**. During this time, you and your student can learn more about the middle school they will be attending in the fall.
- More middle school information will be coming in the spring. Stay tuned!

Mountain Lion Superhero Update:

In February, we had all the slots filled! Don't forget to sign up to volunteer in March before it fills up again!

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/everettsd/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 tcattendance@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

During the month of March, our kindergarten and 1st grade students will be working on mini mosaics. They will be ripping and cutting small pieces of paper to make larger images. Once they complete these we will be learning about fauvism and will start creating a farm animal of their choice using a fauvism style art. In 2nd and 3rd grade, students will be learning about how animals camouflage themselves. They will choose one animal to draw and then will attempt to camouflage them in their artwork using a salt and watercolor technique. In 4th and 5th grade, artists will be learning about mythology and will create unique mythology columns to represent their interests.

Cristina Sawtell (CSawtell@everettsd.org)

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From the Librarian

Dear TCE Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way. We are so excited to provide the latest books for students and their families to share AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. This year, it is the only major source of funds for the purchase of new books for our library, so we appreciate your support more than ever!

Here is what you need to know about the big event, which will take place for 3 days during Conference Week from Monday, March 25-Wednesday, March 27 at the TCE Library:

- The fair is open Monday and Tuesday 2-6 pm, and Wednesday 2-5pm.
- The bookfair is cashless! We accept credit cards, debit cards, and mobile contactless payments (Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, Google Pay).
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/tambarkcreekelemschool>

We need volunteers to run a successful book fair! Be on the lookout for the signup genius available soon!

Happy reading,

Sarah Lim, Librarian

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From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about plans for next fall! Are you interested in getting more involved at school? Would you like to learn more about volunteering for a PTSA board position? Contact our nominating committee chair, Lauren Pulfer at treasurer@tambarkcreekpts.org.

Yearbook

This weekend is your last chance to order a yearbook for your student! The deadline to purchase is Sunday, March 3rd. Yearbooks cost \$27 each with the option to purchase a Parent Shout-Out for an additional \$5. Order here: <http://yearbook.tambarkcreekptsa.org>

Gymnastics Night

Coastal Realm Gymnastics has graciously invited us back for another sample class at their gym in Everett on Friday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is open to all TCE students in K-5th grade. Sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/vng3TDa1Srht1Rc6>

Scholastic Book Fair

Drop by the library during conference week, March 25th-29th to purchase some new books for home! Proceeds support the Tambark Creek library. More details coming soon.

TCE Multicultural Night

Join us for a night of celebration at Eisenhower Middle School on Thursday, March 28th from 5:30-8:00 pm. We're looking forward to the all fabulous displays and performances our Mountain Lions have been working on!

PTSA Membership Update

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support by joining the PTSA. We only need 25 more members to reach our 300 member goal! Remember that PTSA memberships must be renewed every school year. Have you renewed yours yet? Visit membership.tambarkcreekptsa.org to do so today.

Mark your calendars with our next PTSA meeting on Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will be electing next year's PTSA officers and announcing the winners of our individual awards. We would love to see you there!

Volunteer

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

- Spring Dance Committee: help plan our event on 4/26
- Trivia Night Planning Committee: help plan our event on 4/11
- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for 5th Grade Camp on 4/13

Find the latest PTSA news at 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 childs 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>

Annual Student Art Shows



Everett Public Schools, in partnership with the Everett Public Schools Foundation, is celebrating 26 years of student art shows.

The elementary art show will be on display at the Community Resource Center (CRC) (3900 Broadway) from February 16 to March 28, 2024. There will be an elementary art show open house on February 29, 2024, from 6 – 7 p.m. for families to view the art show in the evening.

High school art will be displayed for public viewing from April 11 to May 2. All participating students, their family members and friends are invited to the High School Art Show Reception on May 2, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Middle school art will be displayed for public viewing from May 9 to May 30. All participating student artists and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Middle School Art Show reception on May 30, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Cyber Kidnapping



Cyber Kidnapping is not actual, physical kidnapping, but a scam to extort money from victims, and there have been several cases in Western Washington schools recently. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently released a bulletin warning of an increase in so-called “cyber-kidnapping” cases nationwide.

What happens is, the caller claims to have kidnapped a loved one and says they will hurt them if a ransom is not paid. They then demand payment through the purchase of gift cards or a wire transfer. The FBI states these calls typically target those whose first language is not English. The calls are usually from another area code and are not from the “victim’s” phone. The callers go to great lengths to keep you on the phone so that you cannot call your loved one and/or law enforcement.

The following is guidance for those who find themselves in this situation:

- Stay calm
- Ask to speak to the “victim” directly
- Have a family safe word that is not easily discovered

- Ask the caller to answer questions only the “victim” would know
- Use alternative methods to contact the “victim”
- Report the incident to law enforcement

For additional information, visit the [FBI site on cyber kidnapping](#).

School Stakeholder Annual Survey – your voice is important



To guide the Everett Public Schools’ continuous improvement process, each year schools survey students, families and staff. This information helps us to understand our specific strengths and challenges that impact school quality.

If you have a student in our schools, you’re an important part of our team. By taking this quick survey each year, you help us figure out what’s working well and what we can improve. We also look at how students are doing, attendance, behavior, and different programs to set goals for making our school even better.

Students in grades 3-12 will be taking this survey in class. Families will be invited through social media, on the school homepages under the announcements and through normal channels of communications from principals to parents to take the survey which runs February 26 to March 29.

Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.

Daylight saving time begins March 10

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Ahead, Summertime and Daylight-Saving Time.

School Social Worker Week



March 4-8 is National School Social Work week and it’s a great time to recognize and celebrate their work. the important work. School social workers help students with behavioral, emotional, and developmental challenges, including those with learning disabilities and living through traumatic experiences and drug addicts. They liaise with the school and parents to assess the condition of these students and provide assistance to enable the student to achieve academic excellence and emotional wellbeing. Please take a moment to thank them to show your appreciation.

Education Support Professionals Week

March 11-15 help us recognize the important work education support staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, food and nutrition services professionals, bus drivers and many other education support staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



Miss the Promoting Healthy Digital Habits Let's Connect?



Last month, parents and community members attended a Let's Connect at Cascade High School to hear University of Washington assistant professor Dr. Magis-Weinberg talk about promoting healthy digital habits. The digital world presents both opportunities and risks. While young people today are highly familiar with technology, they cannot simply unlock all its benefits without guidance and support. Additionally, there are measures we can take to prevent online harms from occurring. Watch the live-streamed video on [Parent University](#).

Kindergarten registration begins this month

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/kindergartenrollment. 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.

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!

Take the State High School & Beyond Plan Platform Survey

We are sharing this Statewide High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) Platform Survey with you to help ensure broad participation in this feedback opportunity! The survey was created by The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to gather statewide feedback on the best possible features and functions to include in the new online platform.



Washington’s Legislature passed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 5243](#) in 2023, which requires access to the same online platform for all users to meet the HSBP graduation requirement. Feedback from students, families, educators and community partners is needed to help choose the best possible online platform and future partner from the seven preliminary finalists.

Statewide participation is vital to inform OSPI’s final selection of the successful platform vendor in May 2024. Please take the [15-20 minute survey](#).

Save the Date for the SAT



The SAT is free for all juniors!

On Wednesday, March 13, all juniors will take the SAT at no cost. There will be a 3.5 hour late start for all other high school students with late bus transportation provided. Learn about the benefits of SAT testing and how to prepare at <https://www.everettsd.org/SAT>.

Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically. Just go to the home page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.



No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided so you can manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time. If you cannot locate your welcome email, you can [go to Peachjar and sign up!](#)

This system is used exclusively for the distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.



Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website the district [website](#).



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• 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:

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• **Section 504 Coordinator:**

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