

# Forest View Falcon News

FOREST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December 1, 2023

## From the Principal

Greetings Forest View Families,

December is here! We want to thank our families for attending your child's fall conference. These meetings allow time for teachers and parents to work together to support improved student learning. A huge thank you to all our families for showering us with kindness during Staff Appreciation Week. Each day staff members walked into the staff room with treats & goodies all connected to a theme. We are truly blessed to have such thoughtful families.

December brings so many festivities and holidays such as Hannukah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or New Years. At Forest View, our PTA will launch the season with Cookies for a Cause on December 7. Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert, spirit week, and an all-school sing-along will take place before we head out to Winter Break.

Learning continues throughout this busy time. During the first three months of school the Forest View staff has been intentional in their review of student data, establishing instructional goals, and participating in professional development activities focused on increasing student learning. Every other week, grade level teams meet to analyze student work, identify students' strengths and areas for growth, and plan the next step in instruction. Everything we do is aligned to our School Improvement Plan. [FVE 2023-24 SIP LAP Plan.docx](#)

Brr, the weather is chilly outside. Please have your child/children dress warm. Students spend time outside daily for recess and we want our kids to stay healthy. Here is [winter weather](#) information to help you prepare for any alerts or closures.

We wish you a safe and wonderful Winter Break.

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Principal

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### **December 1**

Learning Improvement Friday 2:15  
dismissal.

### **December 8**

Learning Improvement Friday 2:15  
dismissal.

### **December 15**

Early Release 1:00

### **December 18 - January 1**

No School, Winter Break





## The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holidays as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up and lost learning time can put your child behind in school.

This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect with their peers and teachers. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.

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.

## Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- [Washington State Library](#) – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling.
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education.
- Snohomish Health District for [Snohomish County community dental resources](#) for children and adults.
- [United Way of Snohomish County](#) – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.



## Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you brussels sprouts grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month seasoned and roasted!

Did you know that brussels sprouts are packed with more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).

Sprouts of Joy!





## Play and Learn

Play and Learn is a free program for children from birth through age five and their parents or caregivers to have fun playing together, creating art, listening to stories and singing songs! Sessions are held five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to noon at four locations.

[Click to learn more and see calendar.](#)



## There is still time to enroll your preschooler!



There is space available in our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP)! This incredible program is for 3- and 4-year-old children from families with limited income and are enrolled in our schools.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply now! For an application or more information, please visit the [www.everettsd.org/ECEAP](http://www.everettsd.org/ECEAP) or call 425-385-4628.

## Transitional Kindergarten Program

Did you know Transitional Kindergarten is designed to give your child a strong start on their educational journey? EPS offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who are not currently in an early learning program and age eligible to enter kindergarten in EPS in fall 2024.

Enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten begins with the submission of an Interest Form, which is available on our [website](#). This will be followed by a screening, which is a fun and interactive assessment used to determine your child's developmental strengths and needs. During this time, your child will engage one on one with the screening proctor for a variety of games and activities. Screening will be held in late November and early December.

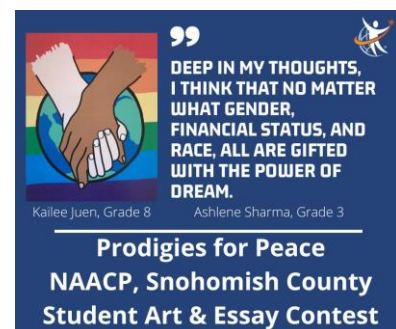


For more information, visit: [www.everettsd.org/TransitionalKindergarten](http://www.everettsd.org/TransitionalKindergarten). Deadline to submit Interest Form is December 12.

## Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest

Please see the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee sponsored [23rd Annual 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest](#). The deadline this year is December 15, 2023.

Awards will be presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration the weekend of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.





## Accepting Highly Capable referrals until Dec. 15

The Highly Capable (HC) Program in Everett Public Schools is designed to meet learning needs and challenge students who have advanced thinking and academic abilities. Highly Capable classes are open to students in second, third, fourth and fifth grades. HC students learn and study in self-contained classrooms with a fast-paced curriculum that encourages and inspires them to develop higher-level thinking skills. HC classrooms are held in seven schools in the district, based on qualified enrollment. For more information on the Highly Capable program, please visit the district website to view an informational power point and timeline: [www.everettsd.org/highlycapable](http://www.everettsd.org/highlycapable) and [Parent/Guardian Information PowerPoint](#)

If you think your student would benefit from a challenging option like the Highly Capable Program and you would like to refer them for testing, you must complete the [Parent Referral for Testing Form](#).

**The deadline to submit the referral form is Friday, December 15, 2023.** If you choose to refer your student for testing, the results will be shared with you in May. If you have questions about this process, please call the Highly Capable Office at 425-385-4033.

## Information regarding school closures and late starts



New resources have been added to [Parent University](#), including a video highlight information regarding school closures and late starts. [Watch the video here](#).



If you have additional topics you would like to suggest for Parent University, please email [communications@everettsd.org](mailto:communications@everettsd.org).

## 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. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social 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 [transportation department's webpage](#) under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.





## Board of Distinction

Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors with the designation as a *Board of Distinction 2023*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes former and current educational service district superintendents, State Board of Education board members, former school directors and other education leaders in Washington state. Scoring is based on how well applicants show alignment with the Washington School Board Standards, support their statements with data and demonstrate a link between outcomes and decisions made by the board.



## Calendar reminder

This is a friendly reminder that **Winter Break is December 18 to January 1**, with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

## New features on the mobile app!

Registering for middle and high school sports AND school athletic schedules can now be found on the EPS App! Grab your smartphone and go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®, search Everett Public Schools, then select our app for free download. Game ON!

Learn more at [www.everettsd.org/MobileApp](http://www.everettsd.org/MobileApp)



## Guaranteed Admissions Program



Everett Public Schools (EPS) is in its second year partnering with the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP), which guarantees admission to Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Saint Martin's University, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University, and its first year partnering with the Automatic Admissions Partnership, which guarantees admission to Pacific Lutheran University to help students meet their college and career goals.

To be eligible for guaranteed admissions to the eight participating institutions, students must have or be on track to earn by graduation a 3.0 GPA (3.3 for Pacific Lutheran University) and complete the college academic distribution requirement coursework.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to reach students who may have never contemplated pursuing a college education or didn't consider themselves college ready. The partnership is committed to nurturing the college and career aspirations of Washington's students. If a student dreams of earning a bachelor's degree, there is a place for them at one of the state's public baccalaureate institutions or two of the state's private universities.

In EPS, 560 seniors were identified this fall as guaranteed admission eligible (446 for Pacific Lutheran University) and received acceptance notifications. After receiving the letter, students then complete an admission application and additional requirements by the institution. The guaranteed admission program does not provide financial aid or cover the cost of college, so students will need to complete the FAFSA or WASFA and contact the financial aid office of the colleges for financial aid and scholarship information.



## Meet your Regional Superintendent

Each Regional Superintendent recently recorded an introduction video for [Parent University](#). Click the link below each image to watch.

### Meet your Regional Superintendent Region 1



[Dr. Pete Mizner, Region 1](#)

### Meet your Regional Superintendent Region 2



[Dr. Cathy Woods, Region 2](#)

### Meet your Regional Superintendent Region 3



[Larry Fleckenstein, Region 3](#)



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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 and ADA Coordinator:

- Chad Golden
- 425-385-4100
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- Everett, WA 98213

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