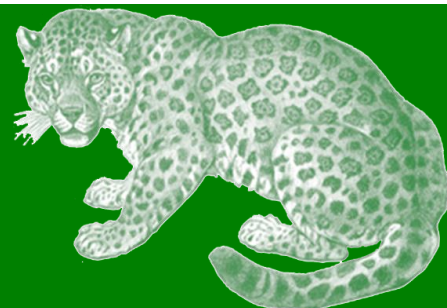


# Silver Firs Jaguar News

SILVER FIRS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal:

Greetings Silver Firs Families!

I would like to welcome you back to school by wishing you a Happy New Year! I hope winter break was a great time for you and your children to connect and make good, long lasting memories. Every winter break, I like to reflect on the things I am grateful for, and one of them is the opportunity to work with such an amazing school community. I want to thank you for the high level of support you have shown this school, its students, and each other.

January is the month of new beginnings and fresh starts. It is a time to be purposeful in our resolve to make positive changes and new or renewed commitments to start the year off right. With this in mind, please know that we will be spending time this month reteaching our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) school-wide Jaguars P.R.I.D.E. expectations for safe, responsible, respectful and kind behavior. We ask that you take some time to review the Jaguar P.R.I.D.E. expectations and have a conversation with your child about it. A consistent and positive school culture that allows maximum learning time is possible when everyone knows and follows the behavior expectations. Staff will renew their focus on acknowledging students meeting the expectations by giving out P.R.I.D.E. tickets and providing specific feedback on positive behavior. We will be asking students to renew their focus on consistently meeting the expectations. One way to support your children's PBIS learning at school is to incorporate PBIS at home. As a family, consider sitting down and discussing your expectations in different areas of your home life. If, for example, you create a three-step bedtime routine that you expect and follow every night, your child will experience success and comfort from knowing and consistently meeting the expectation. Chances are, you will all enjoy a peaceful end to the day.

January is the last month of the first semester. Students and teachers will work together to gather evidence of academic growth to share with you in the first progress report of the year, which will go home in early February. These reports are an important look at where your child is on the road to the end of year standard.

**Aleta Smoot**  
Principal

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**Jan 6**

First School Day of 2020 –  
Welcome Back!

**Jan 10**

2:15pm Dismissal – LIF Friday

**Jan 17**

2:15pm Dismissal – LIF Friday

**Jan 20**

MLK Jr. Day – No School

**Jan 24**

2:15pm Dismissal – LIF Friday

**Jan 27**

Non-Student Day – No School

**Jan 30**

PTA Skate Deck – 6:30 to 8:30

**Jan 31**

2:15pm Dismissal – LIF Friday





Some dates to remember for January are:

- January 17<sup>th</sup> – MLK Assembly
- January 17<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night 6:30 - 8:30pm
- January 20<sup>th</sup> - No School – MLK Day
- January 27<sup>th</sup> – No School, Teacher Work Day
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Skate Deck, 6:30-8:30pm

### ***Tips for Families to Support School Attendance***

Attendance is so critical to student success. We are excited to share that Silver Firs has some of the best attendance among elementary schools in Everett Public Schools! Please help us continue this trend.

At Silver Firs Elementary, we continue to positively influence student attendance. To do so, the Attendance Committee and staff at Silver Firs are focused on approaches in understanding our students' needs and with an awareness of whole-school, cohort and targeted interventions and responses for individual students. This school year we are promoting school attendance by monitoring attendance frequently and supporting students and families to address barriers that influence it. We have included some tips for families to support school attendance in order to maximize students' educational achievement.

- Help your child understand that school is your child's job:
  - o Make school attendance a priority and your expectation for your child.
  - o Talk to your child about the importance of daily attendance in every class and how it helps his/her learning.
- Help your child build good habits
  - o Help your child practice good daily habits like:
    - o finishing homework and placing it in his/her backpack
    - o laying out clothes and the backpack in the evening
    - o having a regular bedtime for a good night's sleep
    - o leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time.
  - o Help your child build responsibility skills by reminding them to make up any missed school work after an absence.
- When your child is sick
  - o Only let your child stay home if he/she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of a headache or stomachache might be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Contact the teacher or school counselor for support if you think this might be happening.
- Appointments and vacations
  - o Make every effort to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments after school hours.
  - o If your child must be out of school for an appointment, get him/her back to school for at least part of the school day.
  - o Plan vacations when school is not in session.

Thank you, again, for the level of support you share with us. It is through our partnership and work together that Silver Firs is such a positive and impactful learning community.



## Student Council Toy/Gift Drive

Thank you Silver Firs families – our school collected approximately 174 items for Christmas House! We had a variety of toys, electronics, and household items donated for our Snohomish County neighbors in need. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to participate in a project to help our local community - especially fifth grade student council members who gave up their recess time to gather and tally the gifts. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## 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.

## Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. 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 given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

## 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 5:30 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 <https://www.everettsd.org/>
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



## Food and Nutrition

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 our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



I have so many potato jokes. I just don't know where to starch.

## Safety tip line


Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **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

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213