Planning ahead for winter weather and our schools

With the change of seasons, it is time to plan ahead for winter weather and how it may affect our schools.

This message will help you:

- update your contact information,
- find information on weather communications, and
- find your snow bus route if your child rides the bus.

Depending on conditions (which could include snow, flooding, power outages, etc.), schools could:

- close for the day,
- open two hours late with regular bus routes or snow bus routes,
- open on time with snow bus routes.

Please familiarize yourself with our weather procedures here.

How can I get weather/emergency information?

Any changes to the school schedule are usually announced by 5:30 a.m., and we use a variety of methods to keep families informed:

- FlashAlert.net You can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.
- Media news reports (Media get information from FlashAlert.net).
- Everett Public Schools website.
- Automated calls made to school families beginning at 5:30 a.m. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date at your school. You may also sign up to receive district text messages.
- Everett Public Schools social media Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.
What is a snow route and how can I find it?

A snow bus route (or snow route) is a modified bus route that generally runs on main roads rather than side streets or through neighborhoods. If snow routes are in effect, students must catch their bus at alternate stops. Our snow bus routes run on main, well-traveled roads to increase the likelihood we can keep school open (and reduce the need for snow make-up days).

It is the responsibility of families to know their snow route bus stop and help their children know where to go.

Based on the emergency message, if your child rides the bus to school, please check bus snow route information below.

- School bus snow routes on regular start schedule
- School bus snow routes on 2-hour delay

If your student(s) receive specialized transportation and need to use an alternate inclement weather stop, you will be notified in a separate communication.

Please make arrangements to ensure the safety of your child at snow route stops.

Lastly, we encourage you to be prepared at home. Check out these websites for tips.

- Snohomish County Tools and Tips for Snow Storm Preparedness
- Take Winter by Storm
- City of Everett Preparedness
- Ready.gov

And a quick reminder regarding summer vacation plans: Please avoid making vacation or summer plans during the week of June 15-19, 2020 or you may miss the final days of school and end-of-the-year activities.

Currently, Monday, June 15, 2020 is the last day of school and June 16-19 reserved as make-up days if needed, according to our school calendar and teachers' collective bargaining agreement. If additional make-up days are necessary, other options will be discussed.

Wishing you a safe fall and winter!