Dear Woodside Families:

What a year! We will have lasting memories of the impact of COVID-19 and the Pandemic that resulted in so many changes, such as school closures around the globe. The work between school and home has been a remarkable journey. Thank you for supporting your child’s learning program and for your partnership with Woodside School. We are pleased at the number of students using technology to log into Google Classrooms or Canvas for their online learning program. We are noticing an increase in the number of students participating in whole class and small group lessons, learning with specialists, working on projects, and doing i-Ready lessons. Teachers are monitoring individual learning, providing feedback and creating fun ways to engage students in learning. Student progress reports will provide a written final evaluation of student learning to priority standards and overall student engagement.

As we approach the end of the school year, I encourage Woodside students to continue learning throughout the summer with i-Ready reading and math, reading books, writing stories or letters to a friend and having fun with the family.

In September, it will be exciting for students to return to our almost finished new school. Woodside will be a beautiful state-of-the-art elementary school when the construction project is fully completed. With school closure, Phase 2 of the project is progressing fast! Building A (kindergarten building) is almost complete and it is AMAZING! The building offers so much natural light and no more dark orange hallways. Construction is ongoing in buildings B (classrooms), D (cafeteria/gym), and G (new administrative office and library). These areas are expected to be complete and ready for occupancy by the start of school or soon after. Students will enjoy new classrooms, office areas, library, gym, music room, and cafeteria. The Innovation Lab will be located in a new space in the cafeteria. Phase 3 of the construction project will begin in the late fall, focusing on our last classroom building. At the end of the project, Woodside will have a new courtyard and new play equipment on the playground for students to enjoy. More information about the Woodside construction project can be found on the District and school website.
In preparation for the upcoming school year, I am working with teachers to build classroom assignments for next year. All students will be advancing to their next grade level and class lists will become final in late August. As in the past, you will receive a post card in the mail in late August stating your child’s new classroom assignment. We will host our Annual Back to School Night on September 8. Post cards will be mailed home regarding this event. The first day of school is planned for September 9. *(Of course, this is all pending our Governor’s approval for opening the school year).*

This has been a school year for the history books, one we never want to repeat. What our kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it’s all going to be OK. Bake cookies, paint pictures, play board games and watch movies. Do a science experiment together or find virtual field trips of the zoo, state parks, museums, etc. Start a book and read together as a *family*. Snuggle under warm blankets and do nothing. Every single student is in this boat and they will all be OK. Thank you for letting us work with your most precious children this year. As our school song says:

*Woodside School is very cool to me.*

*All the teachers are so nice as you can see.*

*They’re so helpful and kind.*

*And they help fill my mind.*

**WOODSIDE IS THE ONLY PLACE FOR ME!**

Have a Great Summer . . . And We’ll See You in The Fall!

Warmest Regard,

*Betty J. Cobbs*

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs, Principal
Woodside Elementary (425) 385-7800
[bcobbs@everettsd.org](mailto:bcobbs@everettsd.org)
Chromebook Return
Traditionally we collect all district-provided student devices and hot spots before the last day of school, but we understand many families would like to keep these to help with continued learning through the summer. This year you will have the option to keep them beyond the end of the school year, except for families moving out of district.

Week of June 15-19:
Students in grades K-5 who would prefer to return their student device and hot spot can return their technology to their school site during the school scheduled material pick up and drop off times in June. This includes families who are not planning to return to Everett Public Schools next year.

You may keep the district-provided Chromebook through August 3.

There will be a Chromebook collection at the school for Woodside families to return district Chromebooks on August 3. This will allow the district to prepare them for the 2020-21 school year.

Year-End Parent Pickup and Returns
We are planning a second parent pickup for end-of-the-year items during the last week of school. This pickup will be for student progress reports, Woodside Yearbooks (if purchased), student’s school items not picked up on May 28, fifth grade celebration bag and certificates, and other items from classroom teachers. We will also look for returns of school library books, classroom reading and/or math textbooks, if they were sent home with students by the teacher, and Chromebooks if you do not wish to keep the device for the summer or if you are not planning to return to Everett Public Schools in the fall. Parents will be notified of the date for the Year-End Pickup & Returns.
What is happening in music online this June?

As we come into our final month of online learning for this school year, I am really going to miss saying goodbye to all of our Woodside students in person; but, I have had so much fun engaging with many students online! It has been great seeing your work in our Google Music Classrooms, video posts of singing/recorders/games on Flipgrid, and even joining some of your classes on zoom for a live music class!

5th Grade has been working on their “Graduation Walk” videos for our 5th Grade virtual celebration. I am so excited about videos the students have posted and look forward to sharing them with all the 5th grade families on June 11th. If you haven’t posted your video yet please do so by Thursday, June 4th on our Flipgrid page: https://flipgrid.com/d894e3af

4th Grade students have been studying Washington History through songs the past few weeks online with Mrs. Hill. Make sure to check out all the fun songs and videos posted for our state if you haven’t yet in our 4th grade music lessons.

3rd Grade has been practicing recorder. The students have been engaging in videos on Flipgrid to practice and test for songs on the recorder. Keep up the great work 3rd grade!

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade have been working hard on a variety of online music lessons. They have been learning about tempo (presto, moderato, largo), making instruments at home, listening to different music genres, learning about the symphony, and engaging in a variety of listening, singing, and movement activities at home.

If you haven’t done so yet, please check out Ms. Hill’s weekly lessons for your grade level on her website at: https://www.everettsd.org/woe-thill Weekly lessons, assignments, and other music resources are also posted on your Grade Level Music Google Classrooms. If you have not joined yet, follow the directions on Mrs. Hill’s website and enter your grade level code below:

- Kindergarten class code is: vjz5cpm
- 1st Grade class code is: fnnhzew
- 2nd Grade class code is: gfro6rv
- 3rd Grade class code is: zoqqpvw
- 4th Grade class code is: 5dlnr7o
- 5th Grade class code is: erwzmb

Thank you, Woodside families, for engaging in our online music lessons each week and making music at home.

I miss you all!
Innovation Lab Remote Learning

K-2 Remote Learning in May:

K-2 classes are using lessons in their STEM Google Classroom to practice the science and engineering skills they have been learning in the Innovation Lab this year (the skills scientists and engineers use every day). Students are strengthening their Next Generation Science Standards skills of asking questions, developing models, investigating, making observations, developing engineering solutions, and explaining their thinking, while building their content knowledge about using light and sound to communicate over a distance, the connection between sound and vibrations, and seeing science in our everyday world. Additionally, students gained tech skills in using Google docs, Google slides and the very engaging Flipgrid video creation tool.

This month, students engineered, tested and improved a communication tool to send messages to family, investigated how sounds and vibrations changed when playing musical water glasses, and generated questions about the science happening right outside their window.

As we wrap up this final month of school, I just wanted to say thank you to all of our Woodside families for continuing to support STEM learning at home. Thank you for your flexibility and patience as our young scientists and engineers continued their STEM learning at home. It has warmed my heart seeing the photos and Flipgrid videos of families doing these STEM lessons together and having fun! I’ll leave all my lessons up in my Google classroom and may add a new one from time to time over the summer for students to do if they choose. Stay safe, healthy and have a wonderful summer! ~ Ms. Greenberg

STEM Questions you can ask K-2 students at home to support their scientific and engineering thinking:

- What do you notice or observe when ____________?
- What questions do you wonder or want to find out as you make observations?
- How can we measure ________________? What tools should we use?
- What do you think will happen when __________? Why do you think that?
- What steps should we take to test your prediction or your design?
- Did your design work the way you thought it would? How would you improve it to make it work better or to solve the problem?
3-5 Remote Learning in May:

3-5 classes are using lessons in their STEM Google Classroom to practice the science and engineering skills they have been learning in the Innovation Lab this year (the skills scientists and engineers use every day). Students are strengthening their Next Generation Science Standards skills of asking questions, developing models, investigating, making observations, developing engineering solutions, and explaining their thinking, while building their content knowledge about using patterns in light and sound to communicate over a distance, the connection between sound and vibrations, and understanding the different forms of energy and how energy transfers through a system. Additionally, students gained tech skills in using Google docs, Google slides and the very engaging Flipgrid video creation tool.

This month, students engineered, tested and improved a communication tool to send messages to family that used patterns in light or sound, investigated how sounds and vibrations changed when playing musical water glasses, and developed a model to explain where the energy traveled in the musical water glass investigation.

As we wrap up this final month of school, I just wanted to say thank you to all of our Woodside families for continuing to support STEM learning at home. Thank you for your flexibility and patience as our young scientists and engineers continued their STEM learning at home. It has warmed my heart seeing the photos and Flipgrid videos of families doing these STEM lessons together and having fun! I’ll leave all my lessons up in my Google classroom and may add a new one from time to time over the summer for students to do if they choose. Stay safe, healthy and have a wonderful summer! ~ Ms. Greenberg

STEM Questions you can ask 3-5 students at home to support their scientific thinking:

- What do you notice or observe when ___________?
- What questions do you wonder or want to find out as you make observations?
- How can we measure _______________? What tools should we use?
- What do you think will happen when ___________? Why do you think that?
- What steps should we take to test your prediction or your design?
- Did your design work the way you thought it would? How would you improve it to make it work better or to solve the problem?
- What form of energy is happening when ________?
- Where does the energy go when _______ and how does the energy get to your ear?
On the Lighter Side……

I ate 11 times and took 5 naps and it’s still today.

Me homeschooling my kids with the only thing I remember from elementary school

AND JUST LIKE THAT

PEOPLE WHO HATED STRAWS LOVE PLASTIC GLOVES NOW…
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Woodside PE News

Who would have ever thought that we would have a school year like this? It has been a very challenging time for all of us. Teachers, students, and parents have all had to adjust to and learn to do the new remote learning. My goal for Woodside students is to work on fitness and staying healthy. Students should get 60 minutes of exercise and movement each day. The 60 minutes doesn’t have to be done all at once. You can split up the exercise and movement time during the entire day.

As I have been visiting class zoom meetings, students have been telling me about how they are getting exercise during this time at home. Students are exercising and moving their bodies in many great ways while at home. If you are needing some other ideas about exercising at home, please check out my webpage. I have a Daily PE Activities calendar with good ideas of exercises and movement that you can do at home. Also, try out the FitBoost activity on my webpage. It is a fun way to get more warm-up, movement, and cool down exercises. Try it out!

Make sure that you are getting a lot of movement and exercise while you are home while remaining safe and healthy. Although you may not be playing sports this spring and summer, the important thing is for you to be getting exercise and staying fit. That would be the best way to prepare for next school year. I really miss all my Woodside kids. I hope you have a good rest of the year with your teacher and remote learning. Stay safe, think about being healthy and fit, and enjoy your summer.

Take care. I can’t wait to see you all next school year.

Mr. Suda
Woodside PE Specialist
Safety Patrol

Is your child interested in joining next year’s Woodside Safety Patrol? The online application process has been extended until June 5th. If you have an incoming 4th or 5th grader who would like to help children arrive and depart school safely, please contact Kristin Knott via email for more information.

kknott@everettsd.org

Fourth grade students assist with morning valet service at the front of the school, fifth grade students help children cross at nearby crosswalks. Fifth graders can help in the morning, afternoon or both.
Whooo's Reading Bike Winners!!!

Aira Mohindu - Ms. Lacount's 2nd Grade Class

Louanges Kouassi - Ms. Elders's 3rd Grade Class
Dear Woodside Families,

Thank you all for your partnerships with Woodside. You make Woodside an amazing community! The teachers and all support staff at Woodside are here for you and will help you if you need any support.

Beginning June 1st, all students in grades K-5, and all 6-8 grade students at Evergreen Middle School and Port Gardner will be taking the Spring i-Ready diagnostic. The district parent resource webpage at https://www.everettsd.org/Page/35852 provides information on accessing i-Ready in English, Vietnamese, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic. There is also a video on this webpage to support parents with proctoring the i-Ready diagnostic at home and students will be able to take the i-Ready diagnostic on a computer, laptop, or i-Pad.

The information from the i-Ready diagnostic will reset your child’s personal learning path in the i-Ready program and provides information to understand your child’s skill levels. You can take the assessment anytime between June 1st and June 15th. Any adjustments to this timeframe will be communicated to families.

In partnership,

Christine Vo
Assistant Principal
Woodside Elementary
Shelf Talk June 2020

I guess we are ending school differently this year. It does not feel right, but that is the way things are these days. Our “new” normal.

Library Book Return: We will be ready to collect library books from students on May 28 at the student belongings pick up. There will be another day in June to drop off library books. Over the summer if you happen upon a Woodside library book, please hold on to it and plan to return it in late August when the school will be open.

Summer reading plans are being finalized. Information about the summer reading program from the district will be announced in June. The program will have much more student choice.

It has been a pleasure to work with your child this year. I look forward to seeing them in our NEW LIBRARY in September. I feel fortunate to have the BEST JOB EVER!

Amy Ruotsala
June 2020 Counselor’s Corner

http://everettsd.org/woe-counseling

**Generosity:** First of all, I would like to acknowledge all of the community organizations and businesses who have helped meet the needs of many of our students and their families: Mill Creek Food Bank, Hope Creek Food Backpack program, Mill Creek Women’s Club, Clothes for Kids, Assistance League Operation School Bell, Jackson High School ASB, Mill Creek Rotary, Mill Creek Kiwanis, Advent Lutheran Church, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Comcast, YMCA, Kinder Konnection, and countless individuals who dropped off blankets, coats, boots, books, and gift cards. We are incredibly fortunate to have community partners supporting Woodside students and families!

**Perseverance:** It has been amazing to see and hear about parents who took on the extra job of teaching their children, older siblings helping younger ones with schoolwork, and children helping with chores and meals. It has been a long haul and yet we persist. One of my favorite quotes is, “Tough times never last, but tough people do.” Woodside families are tough people who make the best of a bad situation.

**Looking Ahead:** It’s hard to believe that this school year is rapidly coming to an end. Social-emotional lessons in my Google Classrooms will be mostly available through the summer. Videos provided by SecondStep.org end on June 30; lessons that I recorded will remain. If your child was not able to watch all of the SEL lessons this spring, encourage them to do them this summer. Woodside has been working to build and improve our PBIS program (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports). Next year, students will receive social-emotional learning (SEL) from their classroom teachers and I will be spending more time working with small groups of students who need extra practice in social and behavioral skills. I will get to visit classrooms to teach special units throughout the year, but not every week. I will continue to update my school website with resources for families and students throughout the summer.

**Endings & Beginnings:** I am feeling sentimental in saying farewell to our fifth graders and other students who are moving this summer. Thank you for sharing your children with us. I’m also looking forward to welcoming a new batch of tiny Toucans to our flock in the fall and helping them to learn to SOAR.

I hope that you and your family have a safe summer. Take care.

Mrs. Anne Jensen.

School Counselor

email: ajensen@everettsd.org
COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage www.everettsd.org/COVID-19. Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ's and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won’t be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Woodside had our 1st personal item pick-up day, May 28th. Due to the construction at Woodside, our families our pick up site was at our neighboring school, Cedar Wood Elementary.

There will be a second parent pick-up event for our Woodside families at the Cedar Wood location on select dates between June 15-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the end-of-the-year June pick-up will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.
Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.
Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)

If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it’s time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school’s kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children’s book “Kindergarten, Here I Come!” Registration also reserves your child’s spot in Everett Ready, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district’s transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child’s school. We’ll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district’s immunizations webpage.

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school’s website for details about this summer’s reading program.

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year’s school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school’s website under Our School around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.
The 2020 capital projects bond

Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged $317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020