

August 25, 2021

Dear Everett Public Schools' families:

Only two weeks until school starts and we are beyond excited! This is going to be a great year of learning for our students.

I mentioned last week more information would be coming, and here it is. Be sure to watch our website for ongoing updates as well.

## **School Calendar**

We cannot wait for the first day of school, officially now September 8! The <u>full calendar</u> is posted on the website. The printed student art calendar will be available by the end of September and will be distributed by your school. Much of the calendar remains typical to previous years, but new this year is the day before Thanksgiving, which is a non-school day instead of a half day. We have also added June 20 to our holiday calendar observing Juneteenth which is also a non-school day.

## **Health and Safety**

I know there are a lot of questions about how school will look this year with the mask mandate and social distancing requirements. Hopefully you have had time to review the <a href="Frequently Asked Questions">Frequently Asked Questions</a> on the website. Today we have also posted our <a href="Family COVID handbook">Family COVID handbook</a>. This will help inform families how we can work together to keep our students and staff healthy and safe this year. It also explains what happens if there is a COVID case at your child's school.

## **Technology**

If your child kept their assigned district computers over the summer, please have them bring them fully charged to school on the first day. They will keep the same device for the school year unless repair or replacement is needed. This year, Preschool – Grade 2 students will have the opportunity to check out a Chromebook for use at home so they will not need to transport computers back and forth to school every day. They will have computers in their classrooms to use while at school. Grades 3 – 12 will need to bring their assigned device to school daily.

## **Transportation**

School bus routes and schedules will be sent out this Friday. Watch for a communication from the transportation department if your child rides a bus to school.

Enjoy the great weather, rest up and be ready for an exciting school year ahead!

Be safe and be well.

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