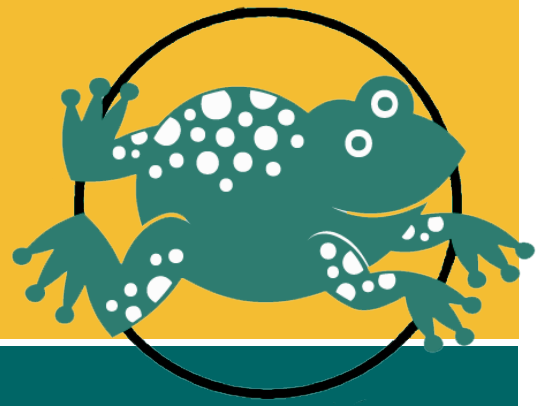


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



October 2022

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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

The month of September was terrific here at Penny Creek! We are especially pleased to welcome many new families to our school community. As our enrollment was much higher than projected, we were able to add three new staff members.

- Mrs. Martinez joined the Kindergarten team. She previously taught Kindergarten at Whittier and Silver Lake Elementary schools.
- Ms. Elders joined the First-grade team. She previously taught Kindergarten and First grades and comes to us from Everett Virtual Academy.
- Ms. Stromseth joined the Second-grade team. She previously taught Second grade at both Garfield and Silver Firs Elementary schools.

Adding these sections allows classes to be at appropriate sizes. We are thankful to all the staff and the affected students and families for working with us to make this transition as smooth as possible.

We look forward now to settling into a solid learning pattern. Students have completed their iReady diagnostics which provides teachers knowledge of student's learning strengths and needs.

In the month of October, we hold Student Picture Day and Hearing Screening. We are most excited about our PTA Danceathon fundraiser and our annual Mathquerade, which will be in person and back to full form this year. Look for information below and more to come out in the weeks ahead on each of these items.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, or to Stephanie Kirkpatrick, Assistant Principal, or me.

Sincerely,

Marti Shefveld
Principal

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Principal

Stephanie Kirkpatrick
Assistant Principal

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October 7

Learning Improvement Friday
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

October 11

Hearing Screening for Grades KK, 1, 2

October 12

Hearing Screening for Grades 3, 5

October 13

Individual Student Picture Day

October 14

All schools and administration buildings
closed to public for district-wide
professional development

October 21

Learning Improvement Friday
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

October 27

Mathquerade Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

October 28 – November 4

Early Release for Parent/Teacher
Conference. Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.



School Picture Day is coming! Thursday, October 13, 2022

Paper order packets will be coming home with your student shortly. For picture day information, online ordering, visit mydorian.com, search Penny Creek Elementary, click on the green **Order** button or yellow **Help** button associated our picture day. You can order online now and for up to four (4) days after picture day.

Mathquerade – Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Mathquerade is our math family night. Students can come in costume (school appropriate), play a bunch of different math carnival and other games, make a bunch of pumpkin estimations, and win lots of treats. Come join us this evening in the cafeteria at Penny Creek!

Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email the attendance office at pceattendance@everettsd.org to let us know the reason for the absence or tardy. There is also a direct link on our webpage at: <https://www.everettsd.org/pennycreek>

- Absences must be reported (by email or note) within 30 days after a student returns back to school, not including Holidays or weekends, in order to have the absence excused. Emails or notes turned in past the 30-day timeframe will be accepted; however, the absence is not excused and will be coded as such.
- Automated attendance calls will be sent out daily at 10 a.m. If your student will be absent or tardy you must notify the office before 9:15 a.m. If it is reported after this time you may receive the automated call.
- Please view the [Everett School District Attendance Procedure 3122P](#) for more information (including definitions of absences).
- Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick, and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note from the provider. Email the note to the attendance office so those absences can be coded as a medical note excused absence.
- Please fill out a [Prearranged Absence Form](#) if your student will be going on vacation/traveling or will miss school for an extended period of time. As per district policy, the principal or designee may excuse up to five (5) school days for a prearranged absence per student each school year.



Checking out a Penny Creek student during the school day

Sometimes it is necessary for a parent/guardian to pick up a student before Penny Creek's dismissal time. To help us prepare, please send a note or email the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org in advance, letting us know the specific date, time and who will be picking up your child. Students who are dismissed during the school day, must be signed out from the school office by their parent/guardian (or adult designee) before leaving the school grounds. If an adult designee is coming to check out your child, a note or email to the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org must be submitted by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once the parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.



Changes to a student's daily going home plan

Occasionally, you may need to change the plan of how your child is going home at the end of the school day. If this is the case for your family, **we ask that a guardian sends an email to the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org and the classroom teacher by 2:45 pm.** Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then deliver this information to your student. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate dismissal information.

Counselor's Corner

This month I am working on supporting families in need.

Services provided are:

- **Operation School Bell**
 - clothing for students in need and who qualify for a reduced or free lunch
- **Winter Coats**
 - students from families that cannot afford a warm winter coat
- **Friday Food Bags**
 - students who qualify for a reduced or free lunch

If you are NOT sure you qualify for a reduced or free lunch, go here to get more information: <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/>

This is found on the [Everett School District site](#), in the [Departments](#) section, under [Food and Nutrition](#)

Focus group: 5th graders are finishing up their Bully Prevention unit.

Ask your child about the learned definition of Bullying.

Bullying means it keeps happening, you've tried asking them to stop and it's not working, it's directed mostly at you (unfair) and you did nothing back to the bully (one-sided).



Next month-NOVEMBER is sign-up for Holiday items. Watch for where to go and how to contact organizations that support our specific families.



How can I contact Ms. Roberts?

Email: drobotts2@everettsd.org

School phone: (425) 385-7210

Website: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2050>



News from our PCE Librarian, Mrs. Kim Woodrum

Hello Parents/Guardians of Penny Creek readers!

Here are a few updates that would help you support your students' library and reading experience.

2022-2023 Book Checkout Policy:

Books can be checked out for two weeks. They can also be renewed for an additional two weeks.

Kindergarten Grade – 1 book each visit starting the week of October 3

First Grade – 1 book during semester 1 and 2 books during semester 2

Second Grade – 2 books

Third Grade – 3 books

Fourth Grade – 3 books

Fifth Grade – 3 books

Volunteers: With the size of our school, the number of books rotating each week is quite impressive. This means extra hands helping check books in and reshelfing is needed. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, either weekly or every other week, please let me know. My greatest need is from 9:15-10:15 a.m. while all the books are being returned.

Checking your student's account:

The system we use for cataloguing school library books is called Follett Destiny. Students can access this from school *and* from home. Students launch the program from the student tools on the district or [school website](#). Once logged in, you and your student can see what books are currently checked out under their name.



Battle of the Books: Tuesday, October 4 from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will be the first Battle of the Books meeting for interested 3-5 grade students. We will also meet the following Tuesday, October 11, then will transition to monthly meetings through April. Our "Battle" will be in May (date TBD), hopefully coordinated with our school's Family Literacy Night. The Battle of the Books book list can be found on our [school website](#) under the Library tab. We have copies of most books, but not enough for the number of students currently signed up. In addition to our PCE library, please reach out to the local public libraries. If you have any questions, please reach out to me via email, kwoodrum@everettsd.org or Kristen Laws, klaws@everettsd.org

Book Fair: Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for conference week! Keep an eye out for more information from PTA and for volunteer opportunities.

Mrs. Kim Woodrum, Librarian

kwoodrum@everettsd.org

Website: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1910>



Message from Penny Creek PTA

We had a full house at our first General Meeting of the year – THANK YOU to everyone for attending and giving of your time!

A big thank you to our PCE Families for joining us at our Back to School Picnic! A great time was had by all! Food, friends, and tons of FUN! The raffle winner was posted to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pennycreekPTA>.

Penny Creek's Dance Fit Fall Fundraiser kicks off on October 7, 2022. Student registration is now open!! Please visit <https://mybooster.com/v3> and sign up your student. This fundraiser helps the PTA support our school with teacher and student grants, Science Day, Popcorn Fridays, family events like Bingo for Books, school supplies, and more. We need your donations; we cannot have these programs without your financial support.

Upcoming Events:

October 6 – MOD Pizza Dine Out

October 7 – Popcorn Friday

October 7 – Penny Creek Dance Fit Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

October 19 – Penny Creek Dance Fit Fall Fundraiser Event Day

October 31 to Nov 4 – Fall Scholastic Book Fair

If you are looking for ways to help PCE, ask your classroom teacher or email us at pennycreekpta@yahoo.com. We also have a SignUp Genius for current lead and volunteer positions. Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4eaeac28aafc1-2022>,

Contact Us:

Email: pennycreekpta@yahoo.com

Website: <https://pennycreekpta.org/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pennycreekPTA>

Let's Connect

In an effort to engage in two-way conversations with families, Everett Public Schools holds hour long Let's Connect sessions to allow families to engage on a topic with either district or school administrators and provide input on specific topics.

The first Let's Connect of the school year is scheduled for October 6 from 6-7 p.m. and is 'in-person' where we will talk about academic needs your student may have and what student achievement means to you. Each region will host this session for their school families and interpreters from prominent languages in our district will be on site.



Please see the location information below for each region's session and the graphic below to determine the schools in each region.

Region One: Madison ES - Cafeteria

Region Two: Evergreen MS - Cafeteria

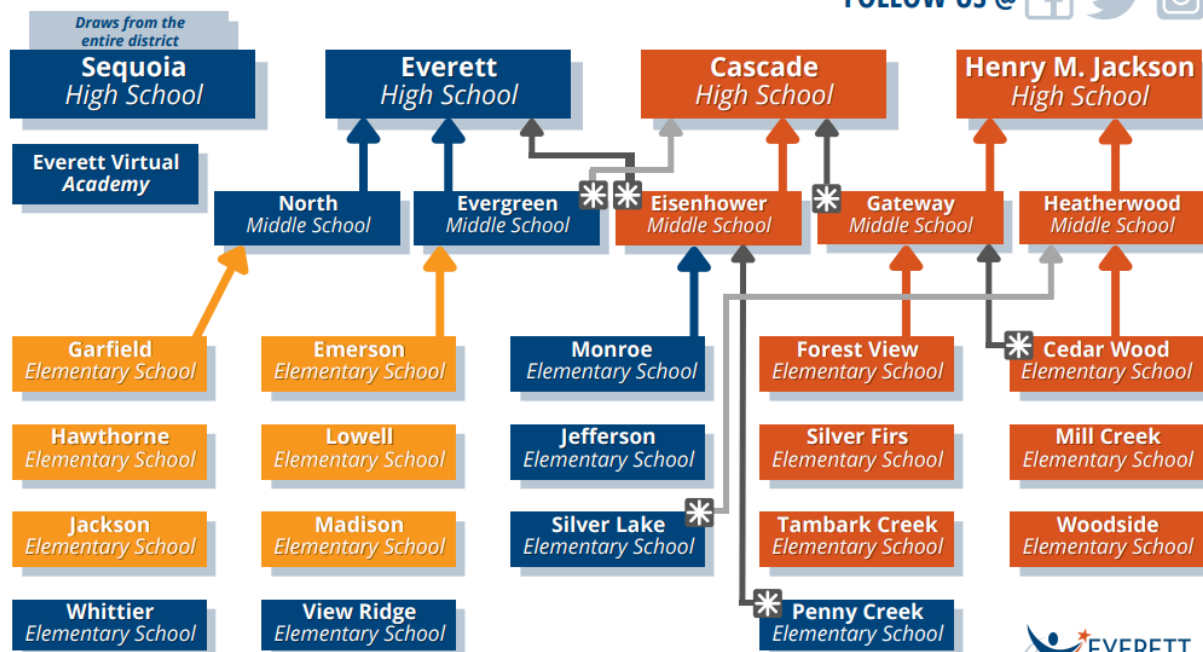
Region Three: Heatherwood MS – Cafeteria



School feeder pattern

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* These schools feed into more than one school, depending on the student's address.

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Sue Butterfield, Executive Assistant

REGION TWO CONTACT

Cathy Woods, Regional Superintendent
cwoods2@everettsd.org | 425-385-4021
Cathy Parken, Executive Assistant

REGION THREE CONTACT

Larry Fleckenstein, Regional Superintendent
lfleckenstein@everettsd.org | 425-385-4023
Kellee McManus, Executive Assistant



Parent University

Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child's education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children. Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time. You will find Parent University, at www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.



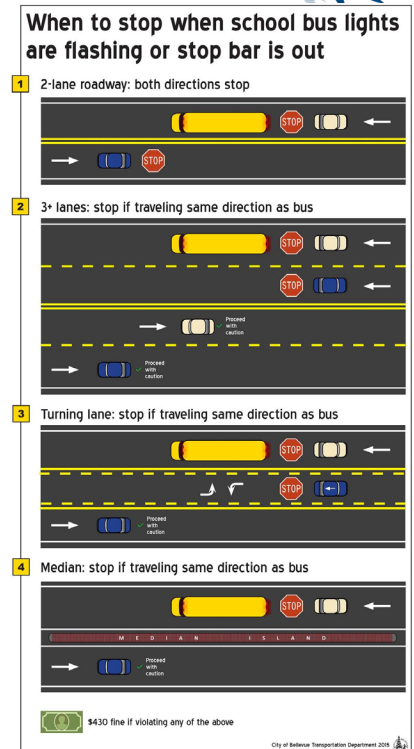


Safety reminders

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops. Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street.

Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt--STOP! Other safety reminders include:

- Students and parents should wait on the curb when waiting for the school bus, not off the curb or in the street.
- Do not stand in school crosswalks, obey crossing guards if present.
- Be focused and aware when walking in school parking lots. We encourage walkers to stay off their cell phones while walking. Dark mornings may make it difficult for drivers to see walkers.
- Bicyclist must abide by the same laws as drivers, which means they must stop for school buses when applicable.
- If possible, wear lighter clothing/coats or add something reflective on darker clothing.



Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school. If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so they can update the system to be able to successfully reach you.



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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:**
• Kevin Allen
• 425-385-4100
• KAllen@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator:
Dave Peters
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DPeters@everettsd.org
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ADA Coordinator:
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Newsletter Articles Content:

Let's Connect (Conectémonos)

En un esfuerzo de poder entablar una conversación bidireccional con las familias, las Escuelas Públicas de Everett celebran las sesiones de "Let's Connect" de una hora de duración para permitir a las familias a que participen de un tema con el distrito o con los administradores escolares y puedan proporcionar sus comentarios y opiniones en temas específicos.

La primera sesión de Let's Connect del año escolar está programada para el 6 de octubre de 6pm a 7pm en persona, en donde se discutirán las necesidades académicas que su estudiante pueda tener y que significa para usted el logro académico. Cada región celebrará esta sesión para sus familias escolares y se contará con intérpretes de los idiomas más destacados de nuestro distrito.

Por favor consulte la información sobre la ubicación de las sesiones de cada región y el gráfico que figura a continuación para determinar las escuelas de cada región.

Región uno: Madison ES - Cafetería

Región dos: Evergreen MS - Cafetería

Region Tres: Heatherwood MS – Cafetería

LET'S CONNECT

6 de octubre de 2022

Back to School

- ¿Cuáles son las necesidades académicas que pueda tener su estudiante?
- ¿Qué significa para usted el logro académico del estudiante?





Parent University (Universidad para Padres)

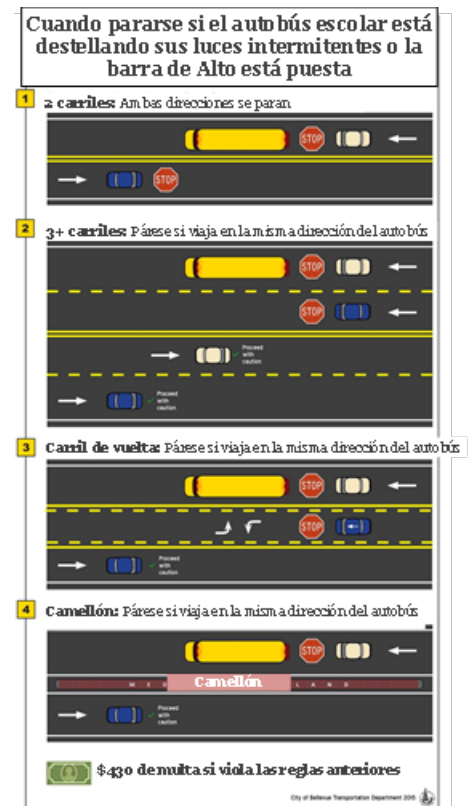


La Universidad para Padres es un recurso en demanda creado para ayudar a los padres y tutores legales a hacerse socios completos en la educación de sus hijos/hijas. La participación de los padres y las familias en la educación afectan positivamente el éxito académico y social de los niños y niñas. El contenido incluye la selección de documentos prácticos que pueden ser vistos en cualquier momento. Usted puede encontrar Parent University en www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.

Recordatorios de seguridad

Ahora que las mañanas se están haciendo más oscuras, le pedimos por favor a los conductores que tengan precaución con los estudiantes que están caminando y esperando en las paradas de autobús. Familias, por favor hagan que sus estudiantes se esperen a que el autobús se pare por completo, destelle sus luces intermitentes y despliegue la barra de alto por completo antes de cruzar la calle. Aquí les presentamos una gráfica que muestra cuando detenerse ante los autobuses escolares. Y si tiene duda--¡DETÉGANSE! Otros recordatorios de seguridad incluyen:

- Los estudiantes y los padres deben esperar en la acera cuando esperen el autobús escolar y no abajo de la banqueta o en el arroyo vehicular.
- No se paren en los cruces escolares, obedezca a los guardias de cruce cuando estén presentes.
- Enfóquese y esté alerta al caminar en los estacionamientos escolares. Exhortamos a las personas que caminan que no estén distraídos con sus celulares al ir caminando. Las mañanas oscuras pueden producir dificultades para que los conductores puedan ver a los peatones.
- Los ciclistas deben apegarse a las mismas leyes que los conductores, lo que significa que deben pararse ante los autobuses escolares cuando aplique.
- Si es posible, use ropa/abrigos ligeros reflectivo sobre la ropa oscura.



¿Tiene una llamada perdida de nosotros?

Si tiene una llamada perdida de su escuela, primero verifique su correo de voz, email o aplicación móvil para el mensaje, en lugar de llamar a la escuela. Las escuelas están a menudo inundadas con llamadas de los padres después de recibir una llamada automatizada y no pueden responder a todas las llamadas. Si no le están llegando los mensajes, entonces tendrá que actualizar su información de contacto en su escuela. Si su información de contacto ha cambiado, por favor, avise a su escuela para que puedan actualizar el sistema y poder contactarlo.



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- Las escuelas públicas de Everett no discriminan en ninguno de sus programas o actividades por sexo,
- raza, credo, religión, color, país de origen, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual,
- expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad, o el uso de perros guía entrenados o animales de
- servicio, y provee con acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos juveniles designados. Los
- siguientes empleados han sido designados para gestionar las preguntas y quejas de presuntos actos de
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