

# Husky Highlights

Summer Updates Edition-August 1, 2024



# MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Huskies...Leaders of the Pack

### Meet Your New Admin Team



**Dr. Finley**  
Interim Principal



**Ms. Foryan**  
Assistant Principal



**Your Admin Team**  
We are proud to serve the  
Madison Community!

### From the Interim Principal

Hello Madison Families!

Hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying the sunshine! If you missed the news this past spring Dr. Gideon, principal of Madison announced she would be on maternity leave from August-January of this school year. In addition, Ms. Lee, assistant principal returned to college to earn her doctorate degree. So for the first half of this school year, I am honored to serve as your interim principal until Dr. Gideon returns in January 2025. Also, new to Madison is Ms. Foryan, who will be serving as your assistant principal at Madison as well as View Ridge Elementary. (You can learn more about Ms. Foryan and myself on our school website.)

While we are still a ways out from the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, I wanted to check-in with a few items of interest and have included them below. Negotiations with the Everett



Education Association and the district continue, and as soon as we have an official calendar, you will receive widespread communication on the 2024-25 Everett Public Schools calendar. With this in mind, I can still offer a few items to get started:

- New to Madison? You can register for school now! Click [HERE](#).
- Will your child be 5 years old by August 31st? Make sure to get them enrolled as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for details on how to enroll.

Thank you for giving the items below a read, they will hopefully inform you of things to be aware of for the upcoming school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out ([jfinley@everettsd.org](mailto:jfinley@everettsd.org)) if I can be of support.

Kind regards,  
Dr. Finley

## Summer Office Hours

The Madison Elementary Office will re-open on **August 14**

**Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*(Closed for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m.)*

Office phone: **425-385-5901**



## New Staff

Please join us in welcoming new staff to the Madison Elementary Community!

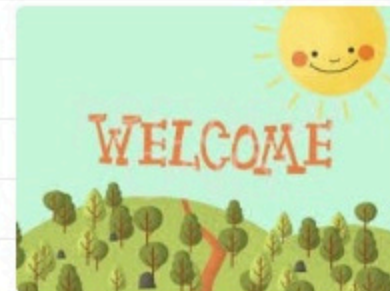
**Nicole Dibble**, Art teacher

**Katie Rathbun**, 2nd grade teacher

**Amber Williams**, 2nd grade teacher

**Madisyn Lechner**, 4th grade teacher

**Natalie Moore**, 5th grade teacher



## Popsicles with the Principals

You and your family are invited to join Dr. Finley and Ms. Forvan





for a casual, summertime get-together in the Madison courtyard. Popsicles with the Principals will take place Wednesday, August 21st from 4:30-5:30. This is a free, drop-in-whenever you'd-like-event. Looking forward to seeing you!

## Everett Ready

We are looking forward to welcoming our youngest Huskies to Madison from Monday, August 19th to Thursday, August 22nd! Everett Ready will run for three hours each of those days, starting at our school start time of 8:35 am.



Everett Ready provides a positive opportunity for our incoming kindergarteners to build familiarity with the Madison campus, their kindergarten peers, and activities/routines that will become a part of their new school world. This often lessens much of the first day anxiety our new kindergarteners can feel in September, instead replacing it with excitement to come back to the building. It also allows our school staff to begin building connections with students, understanding their strengths and learning needs, so we are better able to plan for instruction from day one.

Bus transportation is provided for all registered Everett Ready students who live outside a one-mile radius from our campus. However, to get this set-up, students need to be enrolled by July 29th.

If you clicked the "yes" button next to Everett Ready on your overall kindergarten enrollment, then you are already registered for this summer introduction. If you did not click that button and would now like to enroll them, please send this form ([Arabic](#) - [English](#) - [Marshallese](#) - [Russian](#) - [Spanish](#) - [Ukrainian](#) - [Vietnamese](#).) to [P-5earlylearning@everettsd.org](mailto:P-5earlylearning@everettsd.org) or contact the early learning department for more information 425-385-4024.

## Class Placements—Who will be child's teacher?





Families will be notified of your child's class placement on Wednesday, August 28th at 4:30 pm via Blackboard Connect and Home Access Center.

Home Access Center (HAC) can help you learn who your child's teacher will be for the 2024-25 school year. HAC provides access to information such as student schedules, teacher's names and emails, attendance and transportation. As a school, we use HAC to notify families of their student's teacher assignment before school starts, and our anticipated date for releasing this information will be August 28th in the late afternoon.

If you need access, please send an email to [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org) with your name, student name(s), student ID#, and the school(s) they attend. LMS will respond with your login/password to the email you have on file with the school. For more information, [click here](#).

## School Supply Lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list or click [HERE](#) to download the list on our school website.



## New Communication Tool



As we gear up for the coming school year, our communication tools are getting an upgrade! While we are still learning about ParentSquare, and it is not rolled out just yet, we wanted you to be aware of this exciting, upcoming platform shift. Everett Public Schools are thrilled to be moving forward with **ParentSquare** for our school/home communication.

ParentSquare is a one-stop platform to better connect and

streamline communication between our district, schools, classrooms, and families. It allows easy, multilingual communication, quick notifications, a single newsfeed (this is very handy if you have students in multiple grades or schools), a handy mobile app, and more. It combines several older tools into one go-to spot. We look forward to learning and sharing more about this new tool soon.

## New School Bus App

### Download the Versatrans My Stop App

We are using a new Versatrans My Stop application for bus route tracking and information. The Versatrans My Stop application provides you with an estimated time of arrival for your student's school bus. Please continue to arrive at the scheduled bus stop location 5 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time. When you open the app for the first time, follow the instructions below and select Everett Public Schools (WA).



### How to Log In

All information is transmitted securely and protected. No data is provided without proper credentials being provided.

1. Enter your student's ID number in the username field.
2. Enter your student's date of birth in the password field. Use the mmddyyyy format with no slashes. For example: if your student was born on Jan. 1, 2017, your password would be 01012017
3. If you have more than one student, their names will appear in a drop-down list in the top left corner. To view a different child's bus information, select their name from the drop down list.
4. In your phone settings, under Notifications, scroll to the Versatrans My Stop app and make sure:
  - show notifications are in the on position.
  - pop on screen is also in the on position
5. This will allow you to see any notification that Everett Public Schools sends through the Versatrans My Stop App.



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