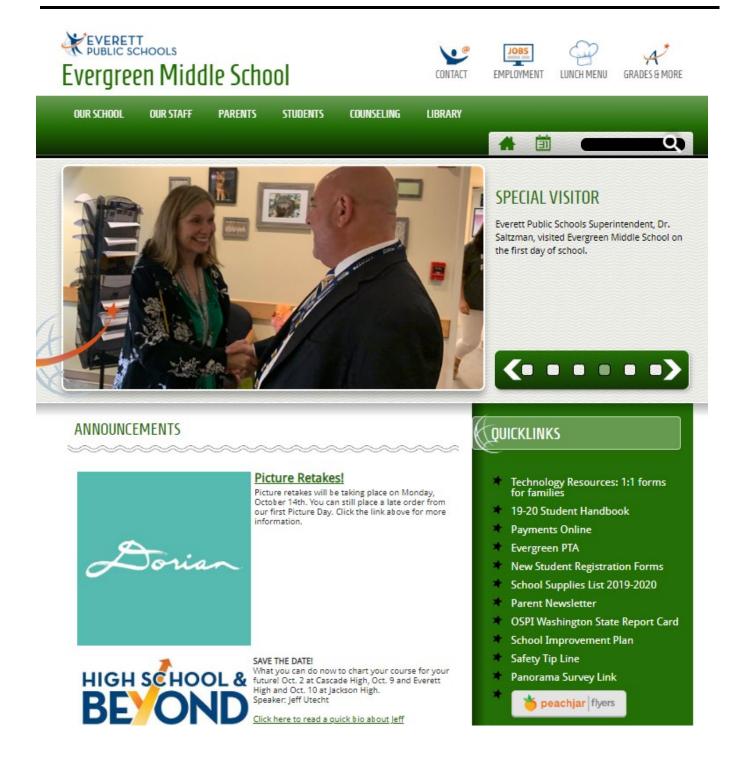
# EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# School home page standards



## For school site editors

Maintain consistent layouts between sections. Use Chrome, not IE or Firefox.

#### Mission

Standard font italicized.

#### QuickLinks

- Keep under 10 links (preferably no more than seven).
- Links should be applicable 'schoolwide' not club or grade specific.
- Standard for all schools:
  - Attendance Reporting
  - OSPI Washington State Report Card
  - PaymentsOnline
  - o Safety Tip Line
  - o School closure and delay information
  - o School Improvement Plan
  - Peachjar

### **Upcoming Events**

Shows seven events within the next 30 days.

# Message from the Principal

Goes under *Our School* tab, not a *QuickLink* 

#### **Announcements**

Review announcements weekly.

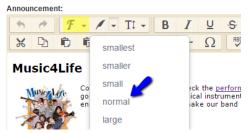
#### Headings for announcements

Headers—Use drop-down menu for *headers* (do not change *font size*). Choose **Title(H1)** for the header.



#### **Text**

Font should be *normal*. Do not change font name or size. All pages should display the default font.



- Text should be left-justified.
- Using a photo (always 250px wide) helps separate your announcements.
- Color—Black is the preferred color. Avoid red, green or yellow as people with color perception issues may have trouble seeing the text.
- No scrolling or flashing text as visitors may find it distracting and skip it.
- Your school colors are automatically part of web design.
  - o EPS district branding colors are:
    - Orange (#d9531e)
    - Blue (#01447b)

#### School logo

- Maximum resolution of 800px x 600px.
- Files should be saved as a .png (to have a transparent background).

#### **Images**

- Use the *Insert Image* wizard to add images.
- Insert a **photo** that relates to your announcement. **Do not use clipart on a home page**. Avoid animated images.
- Include meaningful *alternate text* for the image to keep the site ADA compliant. Screen reader applications for visually impaired readers read this too.
- Recommended image width when wrapping text is present:
  - 150 pixels = 1.5 inch: portrait
  - 250 pixels = 2.5 inches: landscape
  - o 500 pixels = maximum width for imbedded video
- Use JPG and JPEG images for photos and GIF for poster-type artwork.
- When resizing, it is best to go from a larger image to a smaller one. Making a small image larger can result in a grainy, or *pixelated*, image.



- After you've uploaded, resized, and inserted image, then right-click the image.
  - Select insert/edit image
  - Click Advanced tab
  - Enter 5 for vertical and horizontal space settings

Avoid background colors and images on pages. If background colors are used, maintain high contrast between background colors and font for improved readability.

#### Mega Menus

- Review annually to update photos and links.
- Photos should be 246 pixels wide and 246 pixels high.
- The file name should reflect the menu (i.e. staffmm.jpg, studentmm.jpg).
- Go to Help Desk to submit work order to update
- Video on how to change text and links at http://bit.ly/19PTVdV.

#### Photos of students

Ensure students are FERPA cleared before posting. If an elementary or middle school student, do not use student's last name with the photo, if possible.

# Rotating photo galleries

- The photo size for the *Gallery* is 640 x 345 pixels.
- Use JPG or JPEG images. Crop your images to this setting and be mindful of the 'star' default image placement.
- Use three to six photos, update one or two of the photos each week, if possible.

## Copyright©

- Copyright infringement occurs when an individual inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright.
- Give proper credit for content that is posted from other sites.
- You should make a standard practice of requesting permission from the holder of the work if your use of the material has the potential of being considered an infringement.

#### Miscellaneous AP rules

- Use hyphens for phone numbers instead of dots, parentheses or slashes. (e.g. 425-385-4000).
- No superscripts (e.g. 12<sup>th</sup>). Instead use April 12.
- Headers and subheaders should be **BOLD** only, not underlined (to avoid confusion with hyperlinks).
- File names should be saved as: Title case, no spaces (e.g. FileName).
- Book titles should be *italicized*, not underlined.

#### Hyperlinks

Create hyperlinks rather than spelling out URLs or email addresses.

### Copying and pasting content

When copying text from Microsoft® Word, consider removing all Word formatting by using *Paste as Text* and reformatting it in the *Editor*.

#### Links

- Verify that links to outside web pages are functioning, current and appropriate.
- Links to outside web pages and files should open in a new window.

#### File sizes

- Be aware of the file size of your images, documents and podcasts. Large files take a long time to download—visitors may become frustrated waiting for the content.
- Consider uploading podcasts to a third-party service and use the *Embed Code* app. <u>Schooltube</u> (http://www.schooltube.com/) is recommended for video.

#### **Tables**

- Table appearance may be different, depending on the browser you use.
- Set table width to 90-95 percent to avoid content spilling off the page.
- Be aware of large images which could force a scroll bar to display.
- Set *Image Properties* to wrap text around a photo rather than inserting the image in a table.