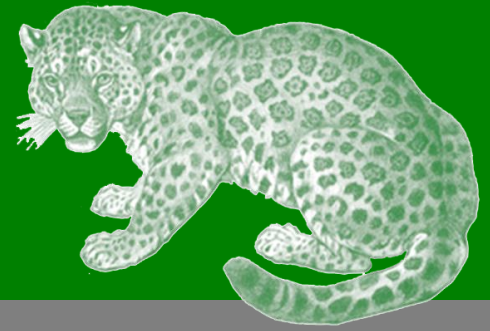


# Silver Firs Jaguar News

SILVER FIRS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Assistant Principal:

Dear families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

January began with excitement as students and staff celebrated Silver Firs P.R.I.D.E. Week. Each day of our first week back the students focused their efforts on one letter of the PBIS P.R.I.D.E. expectations, e.g., P for Polite on Monday, R for Respectful on Tuesday, I for Independent Manager, and so on. Staff showered students with special P.R.I.D.E. tickets as they observed them doing their best. Students did a terrific job practicing these expectations, and multiple classes earned sufficient tickets to qualify for a prized 10-minute recess reward.

January has been a challenging month in the fight against the Omicron variant, and we thank our families for following the district guidelines and requirements that help keep students safe. We take heart knowing the scientists' predictions that a plateau, followed by a sharp decrease in the surge of infections, is around the corner.

February begins with an exciting event - the launch of our Silver Firs Transitional Kindergarten program! In the words of our district's Director for P-5 Instruction and Early Learning, "Transitional Kindergarten provides an equitable start for children who have not had access to high quality early learning experiences. The program will focus on basic academic, social, and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school." Transitional Kindergarten programs have been in existence for some time in our district, and they have demonstrated great success in preparing our young students for a successful Kindergarten experience. About half of our Transitional Kindergarten students are from our SFE community, including some of our current preschool students. The other students come to us from other schools in our district, and we look forward to welcoming them to Silver Firs.

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Principal

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### **Feb 1**

**SFE Welcomes TK Students!  
Second semester starts**

### **Feb 10**

**SFE Progress reports sent home with students**

### **Feb 7-11**

**National School Counseling Week**

### **Feb 17**

**Radom Acts of Kindess Day**

### **Feb 21-22**

**Mid-winter Break  
No School**



We would like to thank our families for helping our efforts to keep students and visitors safe in the school parking lot! Thank you for your patience and support as we work together to move traffic along as quickly and safely as possible. Please remember to drive slowly and carefully while in the parking lot and on 146<sup>th</sup> St. SE.

Parents and guardians, please remember to report your students' absences by emailing [SFEAttendance@everettsd.org](mailto:SFEAttendance@everettsd.org). Please do not call the office to report absences unless you have a specific concern or question.

Families, for safety reasons please do not drop off your students at the school before 9 am as there is no supervision until that time. Arrival time is at 9:00 am unless your student comes to eat breakfast at 8:45 am.

Our teachers have been hard at work preparing student progress reports. Printed copies will be mailed home on February 11, and they will also be viewable in Gradebook.

Finally, remember to vote on February 8! Replacement levies Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 are on the ballot.

Stay healthy and be well!

Working together,  
Anca Wilson, Assistant Principal



## Silver Firs Elementary News:

### Counselors Corner – Random Acts of Kindness Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day is **Thursday, February 17th!** The phrase “random act of kindness” is believed to have originated with Anne Herbert who wrote, “Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty” on a restaurant placemat. The term refers to “selfless acts, both large and small, that are committed unexpectedly, without prompting and with no apparent ulterior motive”. The actual *holiday* began in 1995 in Denver, Colorado by a nonprofit organization called The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. Since its inception, this special holiday has spread both nationally and globally!

Kindness has been shown to improve a person’s mental health. Being kind increases self-esteem; empathy and compassion; and improves mood. Research also suggests practicing kindness can positively impact learning. When students explicitly learn and practice kindness, serotonin levels increase, leaving them more open to academic progress. “The neuroscience and social science research is clear,” says Dr. Patty O’Grady in *Positive Psychology in the Classroom*. “Kindness changes the brain by the **experience** of kindness. Children and adolescents do not learn kindness by only thinking about it and talking about it. Kindness is best learned by **feeling** it so that they can reproduce it.”

For more information about Random Acts of Kindness Day, check out the following resources:

- [Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#)
- [National Today: Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)

## Parents/Guardians of SFE's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Please see attached invite from Gateway Middle School!

## Attendance Reporting:



When your student is out for any reason please email the office attendance at [sfeattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:sfeattendance@everettsd.org). If you are not able to send an email please call the attendance line directly at 425-385-6505.

If your student will be leaving early for any reason please email their teacher and the office attendance at [sfeattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:sfeattendance@everettsd.org). If you would like your student ready for pickup, please call the office when you are on your way to pick-up. *This will help alleviate your student sitting too long in the office and losing class time.*

**Thank you for helping us keep your student learning!**



**SFE PTA** *please see below for ways to contact*

Have a question? Email us! [questions@silverfirspta.org](mailto:questions@silverfirspta.org)

Visit our website: [www.silverfirspta.org](http://www.silverfirspta.org)

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## District News:

### Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2022? Registration begins on March 7, 2022. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online!](#) A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



#### ***Dual-language Spanish Immersion Program***

The dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School is an option for fall 2022. Families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand. This program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program.

Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the Emerson attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted.

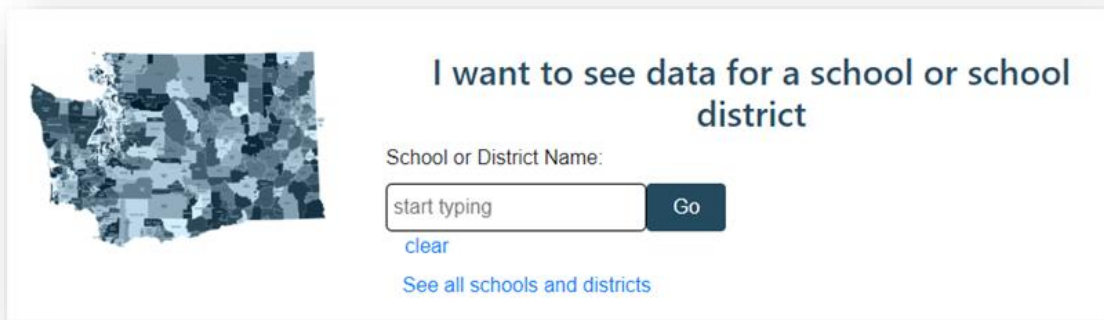
# Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit [www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs) for jobs posted and how to apply.

# Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2020-21 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Select your choice to view the report card.



Optionally you can select 'See all schools and districts and navigate to the district or school you want to select.

# Parent safety tip



Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

# Spring World Language Assessment (WLA) – middle school



The world language assessment for 7th and 8th grade students is March 16. Your student can earn high school world language credits if they can fluently read, write, speak and listen in a language other than English!

Register to take the world language assessment by February 18. Visit our page for more information at <https://www.everettsd.org/wla>

## WORLD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

Middle school students can earn high school world language credits!



Register by February 18, 2022



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



## Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 8, 2022.



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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:

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## Noticias del Distrito: Inician en marzo las inscripciones al Kínder

¿Tiene un hijo o hija que tendrá 5 años cumplidos para antes del 31 de agosto de 2022? Este 7 de marzo de 2022 iniciamos con las inscripciones. Puede llenar los formularios de inscripción para el Kínder [¡en línea!](#) Contamos con el recurso de un [video paso a paso para los padres de familia](#).



### ***Programa de inmersión al español con lenguaje dual***

El programa de inmersión al español con lenguaje dual (en inglés como “dual-language Spanish immersion program”) de la escuela primaria de Emerson es una opción disponible para el otoño 2022. Las familias con niños y niñas que van a ingresar al kínder tienen la opción de elegir seguir el programa con lenguaje dual. Este programa le da a los alumnos de primaria una oportunidad de poder completar el plan de estudios de Everett Public Schools de una manera excitante y no tradicional de poder estar inmersos en el idioma

español y su cultura desde el kínder hasta el 12vo grado. Los alumnos en el programa tendrán dominio del idioma inglés y del español aprendiendo el mismo plan de estudios que sus compañeros que no están en este programa.

Se le da prioridad a los estudiantes que viven dentro de la zona de asistencia escolar de la escuela primaria Emerson. Si un número elevado de estudiantes aplica, se realizará un sorteo para seleccionar a los estudiantes. Si la clase no se llena con alumnos de la zona de asistencia escolar de Emerson, se hará un sorteo adicional para alumnos fuera de la zona de asistencia escolar.

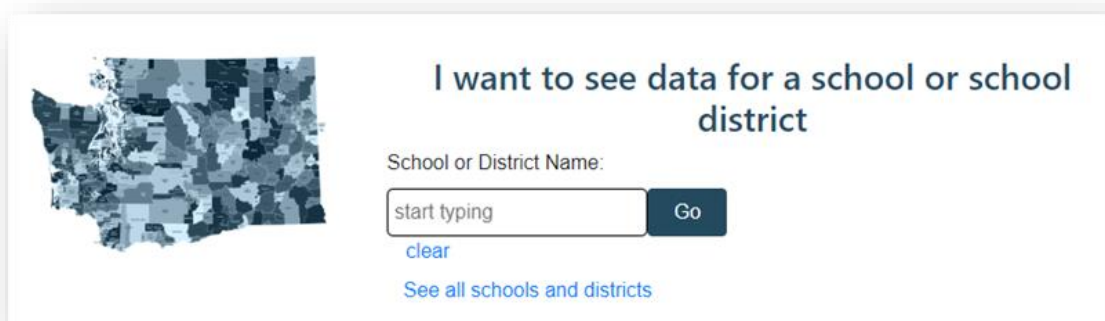
## ¡Oportunidades de empleo!

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett están contratando para varios puestos. Por favor comparta estas oportunidades con sus amigos y familiares que puedan estar interesados en ser parte de nuestro equipo. Visite [www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs) para los puestos publicados y para saber cómo aplicar.

## ¿Sabía usted que?

Cada año OSPI publica un informe (report card) que mide a cada distrito y a cada escuela en el distrito. Puede [acceder a los datos 2020-21](#) a través del sitio web de OSPI.

Para revisar los datos del distrito escolar o escuela, ingrese el nombre y aparecerá una caja desplegable con las opciones. Seleccione la de su elección y consulte el informe.



I want to see data for a school or school district

School or District Name:

[clear](#)

[See all schools and districts](#)

De manera opcional puede seleccionar ver todas las escuelas y distritos y navegar al distrito o escuela de su elección.

## Consejos de seguridad para los padres



Le presentamos seis maneras en que sus estudiantes pueden proteger su identidad en línea:

1. Comparte con cuidado- no des una información personal a extraños o sitios desconocidos.
2. Ponte en modo privado (private)- Manten tus ajustes de privacidad al máximo y limita los servicios de localización cuando sea posible.
3. Cierra tu sesión (log out)- especialmente después de usar computadoras públicas comunes
4. Mezcla tus contraseñas- usa diferentes contraseñas para diferentes apps y sitios web.
5. Evite caer en trampas de dar clic- evita hacer quizzes y cuestionarios extraños
6. Elige inteligentemente- selecciona un nombre de usuario apropiado.

Entérate más sobre la seguridad en línea, bienestar digital, celulares y aprendizaje con tecnología específica por edades con consejos y herramientas en [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

## Evaluación de idiomas del mundo en primavera (WLA)- Escuela Secundaria (Middle School)



Does your **middle school** student fluently read, write, speak and listen in a language other than English?

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La evaluación del idiomas del mundo para alumnos del 7mo y 8vo grado es el 16 de marzo. ¡Su estudiante puede obtener créditos de preparatoria en idiomas del mundo si lee, escribe, habla y escucha fluidamente un idioma diferente al inglés!

Inscríbete para hacer esta evaluación antes del 18 de febrero. Visita nuestra página web para más información en <https://www.everettsd.org/wla>

## ¿Tiene a su estudiante en educación especial?

¿Sabía que contamos con el PTSA de educación especial en el distrito? El PTSA de educación especial sirve a los estudiantes, familias y educadores que participan en Educación Especial. Exhortamos a los alumnos, familias, educadores y miembros de la comunidad a trabajar en conjunto para proveer programas y actividades que reconozcan el potencial de cada estudiante y para mejorar las oportunidades que se reciben y/o se buscan en servicios especiales para los niños y niñas en nuestro distrito. Conéctese con SEPTSA en [su página de Facebook](#).



## Recuerde votar

Por favor recuerde votar para el 8 de febrero de 2022.



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- 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 discriminación.

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