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Welcome eNews readers; Staffing update; Mobile app



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Welcome eNews readers!

Welcome to both new and returning readers of Edmonds School District eNews! Sent bi-weekly from the Communications & Public Relations department, eNews connects our over 20,000 students and families from 34 schools and programs. We strive to involve, inform, celebrate, and recognize student, staff and school accomplishments.

We are very excited to be getting back into the swing of things for this new school season! School buildings are open for registration and Kindergarten Jump Start is underway this week. We look forward to seeing our families at upcoming orientations and back-to-school events. Hopefully students have had a great summer, are fully rested, and ready to get back to learning!

Staffing update

We wanted to give our community an update on staffing following the layoffs from May 15, 2019. As you may remember, the Edmonds School District School Board voted to layoff 25.2 certificated full time equivalent (FTE) teachers on the night of May 14. The actual number of notices given on May 15 ended up being 19.9 FTE, which affected 33 teachers. Also, the district reduced 8.0 FTE certificated elementary assistant principals.

We are pleased to be making progress to recall our employees back. Due to certificated retirements and resignations, we were able to recall many staff who were laid off into vacated positions. So far we have recalled 14 teachers, which represent 11.5 FTE who initially received layoff notices. Some of the laid off staff have taken new positions in other school districts. That leaves 6.2 FTE we still hope to recall.

We know this has been a difficult time for staff, students and our community as we deal with a budget shortfall. We are also mindful of the paraeducators who received layoff notices. For those paraeducators who were laid off but wanted to continue working for the district, positions were found for each of them.

Skylert: Contact information and preferences

A new Skylert tab within Skyward Family Access enables you to receive notifications concerning your child(ren), including messages from your student's school and the Edmonds School District. You now have control over which notifications to receive and how you would like to receive them.

The different message types include:

- Emergency with emergency contacts
- Attendance
- School news
- Emergency (guardians only)
- Food Services
- District Info
- District eNews email

You may update contact information AND choose which phone numbers and emails will receive different types of messages. In addition, you are able to opt into text messaging for certain types of messages.

Please review the Skylert Quick Start Guides:

[Skylert Flier English](#)

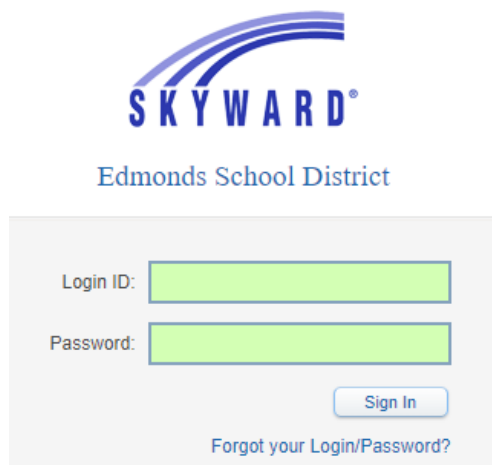
[Skylert Flier Spanish](#)

Skylert step-by-step instructions can be found online:

bit.ly/skylertESD

[Skyward Family Access](#)

Family Access is an easy-to-use tool that allows guardians to access student information. We recommend that families log into Family Access regularly. It may contain communications from schools, teachers and Food & Nutrition Services balance information. If you don't know your login or password, the "forgot your login/password?" link to have a reset email sent to you. Please contact your student's school if you have issues signing in.

The image shows the login interface for Skyward Family Access. At the top is the Skyward logo, which consists of three curved lines above the word "SKYWARD" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the text "Edmonds School District". The login form itself is a light gray box containing two input fields: "Login ID:" and "Password:". To the right of the "Password:" field is a "Sign In" button. Below the "Sign In" button is a link that says "Forgot your Login/Password?".

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Transportation Services is “gearing” up for the new school year

The Transportation Services Department is looking forward to a safe and enjoyable year transporting your students!

Bus cards will be sent home to families with bus route information soon, and bus information will also be available in Skyward in the next few days. Log in to your Skyward account and choose busing. Due to safety concerns, it is expected that your student will only use the bus and the bus stop listed. Please contact the Transportation Services department with questions.

What you can do to help

For general education bus stops, please make sure your student is visible at the bus stop at least five minutes before the stop time. The bus will stop only if a student is visible.

Please make sure your student knows what bus stop is theirs. For younger students, take them to the stop before they ride the bus. Let them know if they should expect you at the bus stop.

Let your student know to remain on the bus if there is a problem. If your student does not see their bus stop or if they do not see someone they expect, they should stay on the bus. The driver will help them and we will contact you. Alert your school bus driver or call us if you have questions or concerns.

Because of security concerns, your student should only board the school bus when directed by the driver to do so.

Make certain your student knows his or her route numbers. For younger students, please attach routing information to their backpack.

Safe school bus riding

Please review the following safe riding expectations with your student:

1. Follow the school bus driver's directions the first time and every time.
2. Remain seated.
3. Speak quietly.

New before and after school care program available to families

Right At School is now licensed and will offer [before and after school care](#) options at our elementary schools for the 2019-20 school year.

Enrollment for the program began this past spring and as of mid-August, there are 600 families expected to participate.

Before school care is available starting at 6:30 a.m. and after school care runs until 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., depending on the school. You can register online through [Right At School](#) or by calling 1-855-287-2466. Right At School is a fee-based program that offers a safe, structured and dynamic program for students in grades K-6. Madrona K-8 will not offer Right At School this school year, but will offer the Kids Krew program.

Visit our district website for answers to [frequently asked questions](#), [pricing](#) and specific details about your school's involvement in the Right At School program.

K-6 Reading Adoption: Community, student and staff input wanted

We are in process to update our core reading curriculum in grades K-6. Please drop by to view the Units of Study for Reading currently under consideration, and provide your feedback! Families, students, community members and district staff are all invited.

When and where:

- 7-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019. [Educational Services Center, 20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036](#)
- 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019. [Educational Services Center, 20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036](#)

This is your opportunity to:

- View sample materials.
- Explore the online components of the materials.
- Ask questions and talk with district staff.
- Provide feedback.

To request interpreter services, please contact Diane Martineau, martineaud@edmonds.wednet.edu, 425-431-7190, at least three business days prior to the event. Childcare for children over three years of age will be provided at the event.

Health Services update

For the first time this year we sent emails and voicemails to all families about the need for students with Life Threatening Conditions (LTC) to have medical documents and medications at school by today. Our Health Services team needs time to prepare for our students to arrive in September so this information and timing is essential. We sent this message to everyone in hopes of reaching families who might have students with newly diagnosed medication conditions that might fall under the LTC category.

Students with no medication conditions don't need to take any further action. Students with other medical conditions or who may need to administer medications at school simply need to have documentation in place by the first day of school.

If at some point during the school year a student receives a new diagnosis, please connect with school nurses for support.

You can find more information on our [Health Services](#) webpage. For questions or concerns, please call the main office at your student's school. School nurses are here to support student success!

Fall sports – key dates and eligibility requirements

We are excited for the 2019-20 school year and want to make sure all incoming students have the necessary information about fall sports. Fall sports begin BEFORE the first day of school. Below you will find key dates and eligibility requirements.

We would love to see all incoming freshman participate in at least one sport during the school year and fall sports, in particular, are a great way to meet new people and make friends before the school year even starts. If your student would like to participate in athletics, yet struggles with feeling confident in his or her abilities, please encourage them to join a non-cut sport. Non-cut sports welcome students of all abilities. If a student wants to participate, work hard, and try to improve, they are on the team. Even though soccer and volleyball are cut sports, they encourage everyone interested to turn out. The non-cut sports for fall are identified below with an *.

Fall 2019 sports:

High School – Girls' Soccer, Girls' Swim*, Volleyball, Cross-Country*, Football*, Boys' Tennis*

Middle School – Football*, Fast pitch, Cross-Country*

Start dates for fall 2019 sports:

High school football 8/21

High school fall sports 8/26

Middle school fall sports 9/9

Eligibility requirements:

Before the first practice athletes must have completed:

- All 3 Rank One Sports forms (informed consent, emergency information, eligibility questionnaire).
 - All forms are available online: <https://edmonds-schools.rankonesport.com/>
 - You will need your seven digit student number to complete forms on Rank One. Your seven digit student number is listed in your Skyward profile.
- Purchase an ASB card prior to your first practice from the school office. Check with your school for Back to School Rally/Freshman Orientation dates/times.
- Have a current medical physical examination (must have a hard copy on file with Athletic Secretary).
- Must meet previous semester requirement, having attempted 2.5 credits 2nd semester of 2018-19.

Rank One Sport

Step 1: Go to <https://edmonds-schools.rankonesport.com/>.

Step 2: Click on the “Electronic Participation Forms” tab – select a form to begin.

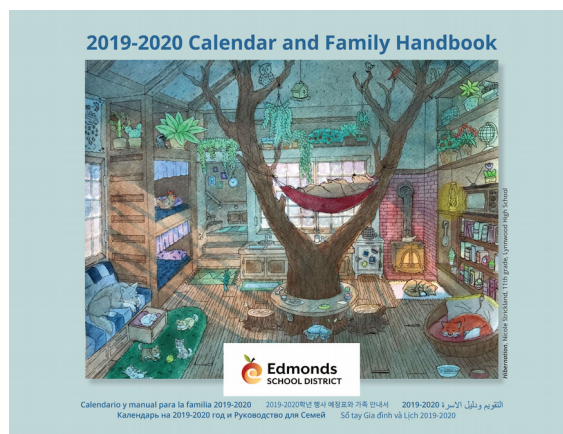
Step 3: After selecting a form you will be redirected to the electronic form. At the top will be a section to fill in your students first name, last name, student ID number and attending school. Please note: The student ID number is the seven digit number on their ASB card or can be found on their Skyward account under “other ID”, not the Skyward Login.

Step 4: Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for the remaining two forms. Reminder, there are THREE (3) electronic forms to complete. To gain eligibility, all three forms must be completed and submitted electronically. On the informed consent form, you may select all sports the student will be turning out for in the school year to avoid completing paperwork before each season.

Step 5: Ensure a hard-copy of their current sport physical is on file with your Athletics Secretary. The Sport Physical form can be found under the “download and print” tab as well as the district website. Sport physicals are good for 24 months.

*Completing paperwork via Rank One Sport is only offered to students at the four middle schools and four high schools. If you are having trouble accessing your Rank One Sport account or are a new student with verified enrollment, please contact Katt Lewis at (425) 431-7153 or lewisc040@edmonds.wednet.edu.

2019-2020 Calendar and Family Handbook



The Edmonds School District 2019-2020 Calendar and Family Handbook is now available online!

[2019-20 Calendar and Family Handbook](#)

This year's Calendar and Family Handbook features artwork from 47 district students. Congratulations to our students on their fantastic work! We will start mailing them out to families during the first week of school.

Back to school shopping at Clothes for

Kids

Students in Snohomish County who qualify for free or reduced meals – mark your calendars! Clothes for Kids opening day for back-to-school shopping is Wednesday, Aug. 21. Parents and guardians, be sure to bring your award letter from your child's school. For more information on this great program, visit <https://clothesforkids.org/>.

District preschool programs

We offer the following different programs to meet the needs of young children and their



families:

Alderwood Early Childhood Center (AECC)

- This program provides educational and other services for children with disabilities, ages 3, 4, and 5.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

- This preschool program serves income-eligible children and families.

Family Pre-K

- This program is designed for children and parents or caregiver to attend together.

[2019-2020 Preschool Programs – English](#)

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Foundation for Edmonds School District: Join us at the Celebrate Schools Monster Mad Dash 5K

Virginia Mason and the Foundation for Edmonds School District invite you to the 11th annual Celebrate Schools Monster Mad Dash 5K. Join the Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Alderwood Mall for a Spooktacular family-friendly run/walk to benefit students and children in our community. Come in costume, bring your dog. Everyone is welcome. There will be a costume contest, battle of the bands, prizes, and giveaways. School teams of 20 or more share a portion of event proceeds. Gather your classmates, friends and family! Register as a team, individual or virtual runner at <https://foundationesd.org/celebrate-schools-5k/>

eFliers

The Edmonds School District supports non-profit community organizations by providing information about program offerings. You may access the latest fliers approved for distribution to our families by clicking on this [community efliers](#) link.

Save the date

- Wednesday, Sept. 4: First day of school (Grades 1-12).
- Monday, Sept. 9: First day of kindergarten.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10: School board meeting at the Educational Services Center.
- Friday, Sept. 20: Early release – all grades.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24: School board meeting at the Educational Services Center.