



# Mustang Messenger

## Evergreen Elementary

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### A Note From your Principals

Dear Evergreen Families,

We love summertime! The weather is incredible drawing folks outside—walking, riding bikes, running, and just playing. Summer is the best!

I hope, as we have, that you all have made memories this summer. Maybe your kiddos have been outdoors or visiting the county library. Maybe the kids have spent time at the Whitworth Literacy Center or at one of the Mead STEM camps.

Mrs. Montecucco and I have worked a bit this summer, namely hiring some incredible teachers, but we have taken some time off as well. Mrs. Montecucco has been in Idaho at her family's river place, while I was in Colorado to see family and in North Bend, WA for an absolutely incredible ½ marathon.

As we near the beginning of school, keep a few things in mind: the office opens back up to support families as needed August 20. If you have previously attended Evergreen, there is no need to re-register. If you know of new Kindergarteners, encourage those families to register right away. Class assignments have generally been crafted, but with transfers in and transfers out, class assignments remain fluid until August 29. That afternoon, we'll mail home class assignments.

If you can't wait for the mail and are too excited to hear about class placements, drop by Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 29 at 5:30. In addition to getting a tasty, cold ice cream treat, you'll learn of class assignments, meet teachers, and can drop off school supplies.

Looking forward to seeing you all real soon.

Best,

Mr. Danford

### A New Open House Model

In years past, Open House was about two weeks after the beginning of school, somewhere mid-September.

This year, Open House will happen simultaneously with Ice Cream Social, August 29.

Teachers will not only welcome kids and parents, but offer classroom expectations and curriculum—in a casual true open house kind of format.

### Mark Your Calendars

#### August

- 20 The Evergreen school office will again be open for business.
- 29 Classroom assignment letters will be mailed home.
- 29 5:30-6:30 Ice Cream Social

Come to school, learn of classroom assignments, drop off school supplies, and have an ice cream bar.

#### September

- 3 School begins at 9:10-3:20

## Our Newly Updated School Mission

After lots and lots of work this past spring, a fresh school mission statement for our work with our students was crafted.

Teachers, paraeducators, Leadership Team, PTO, and parents all played a part in the process of creating a mission that will more precisely drive our work with our students.

Moving forward, your Evergreen staff will commit daily to...

**Create a safe, challenging learning community that educates, empowers, and encourages all students to be future ready.**

Ask any one of us questions. Help us define our work. Watch as we bring our updated mission to life.



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## A Daily Promise to Our Students

*Our Evergreen Promise*

**Engage, Empower,  
Encourage**

## The Evergreen Vision

We...

**E**ducate all students

**V**alue individual differences

**E**mpower minds to be active, future-ready citizens

**R**espect others and our community

**G**row mindsets

**R**ecognize rigor, perseverance, and challenge

**E**ncourage and support

**E**ngage and collaborate

**N**urture



## Ice Cream Social

On Thursday evening, August 29, 2019 at 5:30, we would like to invite all Evergreen kiddos and their families to school for an ice cream social.

Ice cream will be served to all kids and their families. In addition, class assignments will be available. The school and classrooms will be open for self-guided tours.

Come meet your new teacher!

To make the first day of school a little less hectic, students wishing to drop off school supplies may do so that evening.