



Marysville Early Learning Center September 2020 Newsletter

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## Welcome Back ELC Otters!

Staff welcome back families to **Distance Learning 2.0** at our Beep and Greet.



Welcome back ELC families! We've missed you over the summer and look forward to starting an exciting school year, unlike any other. Our ELC team has been working hard, preparing to roll out our new and improved distance learning environment for our families and students. While this year's school

reopening is certainly not typical for our preschool community, we are optimistic and excited that what we've planned will be a positive and enthusiastic back to school experience for our families and students. Our teams are busy creating lessons, videos and planning Zoom meetings that will nurture our young learners while encouraging them to play and explore.

Thank you, families, for attending our first ever Beep and Greet back to school event on September 2nd. It was wonderful to see so many families (over 100) participate and to meet our students in-person, even for just a few minutes. By 5:00 pm, we had a line-up of cars (and bicycles) down the street of families and students excited to meet their teachers. We enjoyed seeing vehicles decorated with posters, balloons and even a large chalkboard celebrating the start of the school year! Each student received a bag of free back to school items that will be used for lessons and activities teachers are planning as we kick off Distance Learning 2.0 later this week. If you missed the Beep and Greet, please reach out to your child's teacher and schedule a time to pick up your materials. We want to make sure everyone has supplies to start the year off!

Thank you, students, for submitting your pictures of SPLASH the sea otter, our new school mascot. We will put all pictures into a drawing and pick a winner for a classroom visit with Splash on their first group Zoom meeting! The winner will be announced on the 14th of September.

Please stay connected, download our Marysville School District app and follow us on Facebook. I will be updating families and the community about upcoming materials deployment, family workshops and community Zoom meetings that we hope you will find helpful and relevant. I will also keep you posted about any changes and updates and will let you know when we will return to in-person class sessions (hopefully sometime in the not too distant future).

As always, your partnership, input and feedback are greatly appreciated and always welcomed. Please feel free to reach out and contact me if you have any questions that may arise. Thank you for entrusting us with your child/children's early learning educational experience. We look forward to partnering with you. Please enjoy this Beep and Greet slideshow we put together for you: [Link](#).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cassarino - ELC Principal - [jennifer\\_cassarino@msvl.k12.wa.us](mailto:jennifer_cassarino@msvl.k12.wa.us)

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## Welcome SPLASH to the ELC

Splash, our new ELC Otter mascot, is officially here! Last February, students took part in the process of picking a new mascot and voted on the sea otter as their

favorite. In the spring, families had an opportunity to hear about the process of creating a new brand logo and mascot and offered their feedback on our designs at our ELC Cafe. Staff also offered input on their favorites as well. Now that we are officially the ELC Otters, you will see our new mascot and logo on our website as well as on our Facebook page. We are excited to introduce Splash to our students and community this school year!



## ELC Cafe (Coffee with the Principal)

We welcome you to join us at our first ELC Cafe Zoom meeting on Friday, September 25th from 10:30 - 11:30. Principal Cassarino along with Family Support Coaches Moiya Rossnagle and Chelsea Holiman will provide ample time to answer any of your questions about distance learning, upcoming events, ways to work with your child at home, early learning, or any other questions or concerns you may have. If you are interested in

joining us, please contact Moiya at [moiya\\_rossnagle@msvl.k12.wa.us](mailto:moiya_rossnagle@msvl.k12.wa.us) to get the Zoom link for the event.

## Upcoming Events

- ELC CAFE - September 25th 10:30 - 11:30
- OCTOBER MATERIALS DEPLOYMENT - Thursday, October 8, time TBD
- OCTOBER ELC CAFE - October 30th 10:30 - 11:30

We look forward to seeing you at one of these upcoming events!

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