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NewsLinks

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Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Jan. 10, 2019 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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JANUARY IS BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Each January, we take time to thank the Board of Directors for their work and vision as school board members. We'll honor them officially during the Jan. 22 board meeting, but feel free to say "thank you" anytime you see a board member.

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MUSIC4LIFE HOSTING 'FIRST FRIDAY' INSTRUMENT DRIVE EACH MONTH

Our community partner, [Music4Life Everett](#), has started hosting a First Friday Instrument and Donation Drive at the CRC from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Friday of the month January through June. Donate your unwanted new or used musical instruments and Music4Life will get them to a K-12 student in need in our district.

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NEW MILEAGE RATE

Effective Jan. 1, the mileage reimbursement rate for miles driven while conducting official district business has increased to 58 cents per mile. This is a 3.5 cent increase from the prior rate. Additionally, the mileage chart (located in the [Business Information Manual](#)) now includes the new elementary school, Tambark Creek, noticed as "TC." Miles traveled within the district will be calculated based on the mileage charge when filling out the paper form. When submitting mileage claims, please separate by year so the separate rates are on separate forms.

If you have any questions about mileage claims, please contact the accounting

department.

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Do you like knowing what's happening in the district? The [Everett Public Schools Facebook](#) page is a great way to read [news releases](#) and other district and school highlights. **Like** us on [Facebook](#) and **follow** us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account. Then you'll get eflyers emailed directly to you!

2018.12.13 [District receives \\$1.9 million grant for medical pathways program](#)

2018.12.11 [College in the High School participation is up!](#)

Do you have news to share? – It's easy; use this [simple form](#).

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. Encourage high school seniors to apply to National Youth Science Camp

Washington high school seniors are encouraged to submit an application to attend the 2019 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC).

Two Washington high school seniors will be selected from the applicant pool to receive a scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership.

Application materials are available on the [NYSC website](#) must be submitted by Feb. 28, 2019. Prospective candidates are also encouraged to let OSPI know of their intent to apply by emailing [Rachel Farrington](#).

2. NPR Student Podcast Challenge for students in grades 5 through 12

Students can create their podcast entry in any class or extracurricular group, on any topic. Here are some suggestions from NPR on topics:

- Tell a story about your school or community: about something that happened there — recently or in the past — that your audience should know

about.

- What is a moment in history that all students should learn about?
- Show both sides of a debate about an issue that's important to you.
- What do you want to change about the world? What's a big change that you want to make in the future?
- Explain something to us that kids understand and grown-ups don't.

Before starting a podcast, [read through the official rules](#).

OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

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1. 'Teach Writing Well' with Ruth Culham

Snohomish Reading Council invites you to learn how with Ruth Culham, champion of improving writing using 6 Traits. Ruth will lead two workshops: 'What's in Your Writing Wallet' and 'Becoming a Writing Thief'. With her expertise, you can bring to your classrooms the renewed excitement for integrating the writing process and 6 Traits in our instructional practices. This Mini-Conference is on **Saturday, Jan. 19 at Eisenhower Middle School** and is free to WaSLA members and \$30 for non-members (payable by check or money at the door). Learn more at ['Teach Writing Well' with Ruth Culham](#).

2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace writing and art contests

The Snohomish County NAACP is sponsoring their 18th annual [Prodigies for Peace writing and art contests](#) for MLK Day and NAACP Black History Month celebrations in January and February 2019.

The *Prodigies for Peace* contest helps students draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today. Participation in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Contest deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 1.**

3. President's Environmental Youth Awards

This award application is open to students of all ages, with a chance of recognition by the President of the United States. [Find details and applications online](#).

The President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. **Application deadline is Feb. 1.**

4. Multi-cultural training tour

Did you know that many languages are spoken in our cities? Join in for a fascinating and enriching training tour of a Muslim mosque, Hindu temple, Buddhist temple and a Sikh temple. **Register [online](#) for tour on Saturday, Feb. 9.**

- Discover global cultural communities in your neighborhood
- Learn effective cross-cultural communication styles and techniques
- Discover how to build bridges with diverse cultural communities
- Beating racism with education and increased cultural tolerance

5. FREE books for Read Across America

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF), a nonprofit organization, invites to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects. Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **Orders must be received by Feb. 11.** Use the [order form](#) to get your books.

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KEY DATES – [important dates, observances and holidays](#)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

Nondiscrimination statement

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: **Affirmative Action Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104; **Title IX Officer** – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106; **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201