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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

Feb. 20, 2019 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Earlier this month, we asked you what characteristics you thought would make a successful superintendent. The results of that exchange will help the search firm as they do their work in the coming months. That search firm is being selected this week. Stay informed about the timeline and search parameters as they develop on the [superintendent search website](#).

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!

2019.02.20 [21st Annual student art shows](#)

2019.01.29 [District seeks high school boundary change feedback](#)

2019.01.28 [Everett Public Schools' superintendent search begins](#)

2019.01.25 [Cynthia Gaub honored as Pacific Region Middle School Art Educator of the Year](#)

2019.01.11 [Superintendent retiring after 10 years of district leadership](#)

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

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. LGBTQ+ staff reception Feb. 28

Join in building community and connections among Everett Public Schools LGBTQ+ staff at a reception Feb. 28, 5 p.m. at Lombardi's Italian Restaurant, 19409 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Bothell. This is an event designed to network with others inside and outside the school district, co-sponsored by Greater Seattle Business Association, Everett Education Association and United Teachers of Everett.

2. OSPI awards and recognitions – nominate Teacher of the Year!

Now is the perfect time to thank a great educator for their work. If you know an educator who makes a difference in the lives of students every day; someone who deserves to be celebrated for their dedication and is a model for others, [nominate them today](#)! Deadline is March 1.

3. Retirement Seminar for ALL Everett School District Employees

Do you have questions about when and how to retire? Washington State School Retirees Association (WSSRA) is sponsoring a FREE WORKSHOP for ALL employees considering retirement in the next five years.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Community Resource Center (Board Room A & B)

Eric Mathieu from the Department of Retirement Systems will present information on Plans 2 and 3 for employees at all levels. He will also distribute forms and information packets. Larry Cade will furnish information on health insurance benefits and Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB). Social Security forms will be provided. Rohn Rutledge will discuss more than 30 benefits available to members of WSSRA.

Register by emailing [Marianne Harvey](#) or at 425-348-4993 so there will be enough materials and supplies. Provide your name, number in party, phone number, and retirement plan number when registering. Spouses are welcome to attend.

4. Plan Your Path high school student video contest

ReadyWA is encouraging students to talk about their plans after high school: What are your education and career dreams, and how are you going to get there? [The contest](#) – open to Washington public high school students – will award five students with \$500 scholarships. The deadline is March 8.

5. Ellison Education Grants for teachers

The [Ellison Education Grants](#) were created to provide support to K-12 public school teachers who select and design academic enrichment curriculum for students and or professional learning experiences relevant to their current practice. The Ellison Foundation supports the classroom teacher's expertise in understanding their own professional learning needs and the needs of their students.

The Ellison Foundation will award at least 10 grants ranging between \$2,500 and \$10,000 for the 2019-20 school year. Applications are accepted through March 9.

6. Young Authors Conference March 26-28

The [Young Authors Conference](#) will be held at Skagit Valley College in Mt. Vernon for grades 2-8. Professional authors and illustrators provide hands-on workshops for students as they arrive for a day of celebrating the art of writing and illustration. The cost is \$25 per student.

7. Schooner field trips with SoundExperience

SoundExperience offers day and overnight field trips for students aboard their schooner, *Adventuress*. Their programs are designed to foster an interest in science, leadership, maritime and the environment. Learn more on the [SoundExperience website](#).

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OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

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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](#). Deadline is March 31.

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

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

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