

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

December 3, 2020 (NewsLinks are [archived in DocuShare](#))

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## SNOW DAYS WHILE REMOTE?

Yes, if weather and road conditions call for closing school buildings, all learning will be canceled, including remote learning.

Remote learning must be canceled because students who may be learning in the building may not have their devices at home, and teachers who have been working in the building may not have the equipment or resources to teach from home.

[Read more](#), and it's always a good idea to keep your phone

charged.

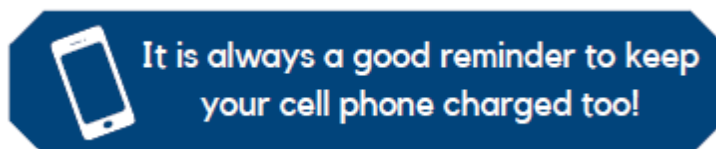
## IF POWER GOES OUT DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Now is also the time to remind students what to do if they lose power or internet at home. Encourage them to do the following, if possible:

- Contact their teacher or school to report the outage
- Continue to work on previously assigned learning activities
- Participate in on-demand activities if possible

It is difficult when things happen that are out of our control, and we thank you and your students in advance for your patience and flexibility.

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## HELP A KID IN TRANSITION (KIT)

Did you know there are over 800 students currently enrolled in our schools who qualify as a 'Kid in Transition' (KIT)? They either don't know where they will sleep tonight, are doubled-up with another family, in a temporary shelter, living in a car or in another unstable home situation.

There are also over 100 kids in our high schools who are unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) which means they are not in the care of a parent or legal guardian. The holidays and cold winter months can be particularly rough on these youth

and their families, even more so this time of year. Want to help this holiday season?

**Donate by December 14** to [Washington Kids in Transition](#), indicating on your check "EPS-KIT HOLIDAYS" or through their [secure PayPal donation page](#), where your generous donation may be one-time or recurring. Be sure to click the Everett button to directly impact those in Everett Public Schools. [Click for more information](#).

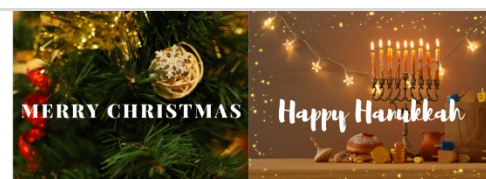
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## CRC BUILDING HOURS UPDATE

Due to the renewed focus on safety and the increase in remote work, the Community Resource Center is open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., except for breaks (10-10:15 a.m. & 3-3:15 p.m.) and lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m). The building front doors will be locked during the lunch hour and morning and afternoon breaks for safety purposes.

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## WINTER BREAK

From December 21, 2020 through January 1, 2021 we hope you have a safe, healthy and restful break. Whatever holiday you celebrate, make it joyful!

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## NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Like knowing what's happening in the district?** Follow us on social media! Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of schools, club, or teacher accounts.



Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you!



**Do you have news to share? We'd love to share your school stories!** – *It's easy; use this [simple form](#).*

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## OPPORTUNITIES – for staff and students



### Story Time with Dr. Saltzman

All elementary school students are invited to 'Story Time with Dr. Saltzman' **TONIGHT**, December 3! Reading to children helps create a love of learning and 'Readers make Leaders!'

Ask your elementary school families to [register](#) to get Zoom link and join the fun!

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### Santa's neighborhood cruises

Beginning Dec. 2, the Everett Fire Department will be escorting Santa on a fire engine chariot through Everett neighborhoods spreading holiday cheer to Everett residents. It is also their [food drive](#) for [Volunteers of America](#) and [toy drive](#) for [Christmas House](#). Santa will have firefighter elves bringing up the caboose to collect any donations from community members standing along the [route](#).

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### Everett Elks Lodge 479 Americanism Essay Contest

[How Can Patriotism Be Demonstrated?](#) Students in grades 5-8 may submit their essay (300 words or less) to the Everett Elks Lodge with the official application packet. [Directions and application packets can be downloaded](#) and must be submitted by December 15. The contest starts with the Local

Lodge, progresses through district and state levels, and ends with the naming national winners at the Grand Lodge Session in July 2021. Local winners receive \$50 and a certificate. Questions? Contact [Jenny Steele](#).

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## Read The NY Times for free

The New York Times is offering high school students and teachers a free digital subscription through Sept. 1 of 2021. Teachers and administrators, [follow this link](#) to invite your students.

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## BloodWorks NW Pop-up Donor Centers

[Bloodworks Northwest](#) is continuing to provide Pop-up Donor Centers. Donating blood is an essential and encouraged activity critical to sustaining community healthcare, especially during emergencies. Your one-hour donation appointment is a safe action to support local hospitals and patients. Pop-Up Donor Centers are being conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. No walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are permitted onsite. Masks are required. [Click to find a location and make your appointment](#) or call 800-398-7888.

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## Everett PTSA Council membership drive

Our PTSA Council is asking for your help supporting Everett students, staff, and schools by joining PTA! You may join as many groups as you like, and you don't have to have a student enrolled to join! Washington State PTA advocates for children by adding your voice to the state's largest child advocacy organization. If you are able, they encourage you access [online membership sign-ups](#) for our local PTAs. AND—if they reach their Council membership goal for the 2020-21 school year Dr. Saltzman gets a bucket of ice water poured over his head!

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## Key dates and celebrations

[Important dates, observances and holidays.](#)

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## Policies and procedures

All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

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