

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

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Happy New Year!

From Superintendent Saltzman ...

"Welcome back! My hope is you enjoyed your holidays in a safe and healthy manner. As we enter 2021 we are looking forward to bringing students back into the classroom in a safe manner, and being able to gather with family & friends."

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Yesterday's events ...

Dr. Saltzman shared a message on his webpage regarding the events that happened yesterday, "Like many of you, I have been monitoring the national and local news concerning the political rioting. It is discouraging and disappointing when our own government and democratic process is halted, and our elected representatives are evacuated for their safety. It is a great cause for concern, especially if you view the events from a perspective of justice and equity."

[Read full message.](#)

These resources may be helpful too.

- [Responding to Traumatic Events in Remote Settings](#)
- [Helping Students Troubling Times](#) - American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
- [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) - through the school district (counseling free of charge)

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COVID online attestation: TEXT OPT-OUT

By now you should all be receiving the Daily COVID Health Attestation. The system is set up by default to also send the attestation via a text message at 5 a.m. to those who have cell phone numbers registered with Everett Public Schools. The majority of the users in our pilot over the past several weeks have appreciated

having a text option, however some have not.

If you would prefer NOT to receive a TEXT MESSAGE for the COVID attestation each morning beginning January 4, please fill out this [Google form](#) and your phone number will be removed.

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state's COVID-19 vaccination plan.

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COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recently announced the [next phase of vaccine prioritizations](#), you can [find more information here](#).

People who live in Washington are also welcome to [send feedback](#) to the DOH on the



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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 will honor them officially during the Jan. 26 board meeting, but feel free to send a [virtual "thank you" to our board members](#) anytime!



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Let's Connect | Budget Outlook

Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. [Click to register](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Check out our [Citizens' Guide to the Everett Public Schools 2020-21 Budget](#) for more information.



Let's Connect | Strategic Plan Refresh

Two events, Jan. 25 and 28. Strategic planning is the process our district uses to define our long-term strategic goals, priorities and the allocation of resources. Your input will assist us to build common goals and outcomes.

[Click to register.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Staff News Hub

The [Staff News Hub](#) is the place to find current notifications, news, and information for Everett Public Schools staff, as well as links to all-staff newsletters and messages from around the district.

The left navigation on this page includes staff messaging and newsletters including archived copies for your convenience.

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100th Year of National Champions!

Did you know the 1920-21 football team at Everett High clinched the 1921 NATIONAL High School Championship! This [video tells the origin story](#) of their fearless seagull mascot, as well as the amazing coach and team that put Everett High athletics on the national map.

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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

NEW: 2021 Prodigies for Peace Writing and Art Contest

The Snohomish County NAACP is proud to announce the 20th annual Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest for the Snohomish County Martin Luther King, Jr Day and NAACP Black History Month celebration in January and February 2021. This writing 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. Participating in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. [Click for more information and how to submit entries.](#)

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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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