

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

March 4, 2021 (NewsLinks are [archived in DocuShare](#))

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WHAT A YEAR ...

Stop for a moment and remember where you were one year ago this month. We need to acknowledge how far we have come since March 16, 2020 when our school world was flipped upside down.

Schools buildings were closed, we began mass deployment of devices to families for remote learning, we rallied to supply free meals to students and so much more. It was surreal.

One year later, we are in Learning Stage 4a, soon to be 4b. We have students receiving special services and grades K-3 back in school in a hybrid schedule. Educators and school staff have just been prioritized for vaccines. We are still serving free meals to students. And, we have made incredible strides with our technical skills! Slowly and safely, we are getting through this. Dr. Saltzman was right ...

"With all of us working together and supporting each other we will look back on this time and marvel at the perseverance, dedication and grit of our students, families and staff. We will get through this."

—Superintendent Saltzman
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ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE

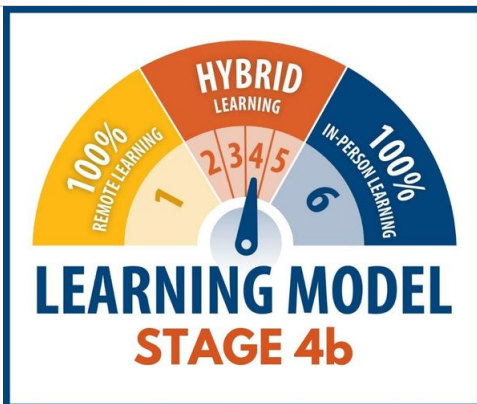
March 3 President Biden announced several exciting developments. He announced:

- A new partnership between Merck and Johnson & Johnson to expand production, and Johnson & Johnson will now begin operations 24/7.
- By implementing Defense Production Act, they will have enough vaccines to vaccinate every adult in America by the end of May.
- He directed every state to prioritize vaccination of the educational workforce. Challenge: every educator, school staff member, childcare worker to receive at least one vaccine by the end of March.

As a follow-up to Biden's challenge, Governor Inslee announced that, effective immediately, all school staff are prioritized and moved into vaccination stage 1b1, which means every district employee is immediately eligible for a vaccine.

The WA Department of Health will be announcing soon exactly what that looks like, where, and how you can get your vaccine. We will keep you updated as we know there is currently a shortage of vaccines available.

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LEARNING MODEL STAGE 4b

Hybrid Learning Model 4b begins Monday, March 15, unless circumstances require a delay. This will include welcoming back students in grades 4 and 5.

It has been great having students back and we are looking forward to this next group joining them. Thank you for your partnership and patience as we continue to bring students back into the building in a safe manner.

Families that have requested to return to the building will be attending in a hybrid model while other families chose to stay 100% remote. All other students participate in remote learning. [Click to learn more.](#)

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23RD ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOWS

For the 2020-21 school year, the 23rd Annual Student Art Show will go fully virtual.

Artwork submissions are being accepted for ALL elementary, middle, and high school artwork. It's easy to submit online!

[Click to learn more on how to help students submit artwork and deadline dates.](#)

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LIVE STREAMING HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Our high schools are live streaming some of their home games! This was challenging to implement, kudos to all the technical folks involved helping to make this happen.

Click on any of the links below and subscribe to watch your favorite team.

- [Cascade High](#)
- [Everett High](#)
- [Jackson High](#)

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WE ARE HIRING PARAEDUCATORS!

Do you know someone who enjoys supporting children learn and grow? Are they a volunteer or have a student in our schools? Are they seeking extra income?

Please share the great benefits and wages, with weekends, summers and breaks off! It's easy to [apply online](#), [check out HR's eflyer](#) for more information.

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Like knowing what's happening in the district? Click icons for more!



Want eflyers of student and family opportunities?



Go to Peachjar and register for a free account to have 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](#).

News releases:

[2021.02.19 23rd Annual Student Art shows--Virtual!](#)

[2021.02.18 Kids in Transition \(KIT\) Coordinator receives national recognition](#)

[2021.01.20 Dual language Spanish immersion program](#)

[2021.01.15 Competitive robotics goes virtual with CoderZ League](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES – for staff and students

NEW: Break the Chain of Homelessness

Four students from Central Washington University, College of Business are currently collaborating on their capstone leadership project focusing on leading an outreach and fundraising campaign for [Cocoon House](#), the non-profit here in Everett that serves homeless and at-risk youth in the community, some are our own students. They are reaching out to local businesses, government, and organizations for help with supporting their efforts by sharing information and/or donating to their [fundraising campaign](#). Click links to learn more. Questions? Contact Skyler Eden at Skyler.Eden@cwu.edu.

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[EvCC computer orientation classes](#) | Spring: March 22

Do you know an adult who wants to take classes online, but needs help with basic computer skills? This class is for them. Everett Community College has laptops to lend for free. Spring quarter begins March 22. Questions? Please contact Sandra Mejia at smejia@everettcc.edu or 425-388-9257.

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BloodWorks NW [Pop-up Donor Centers](#)

When you donate with [Bloodworks Northwest](#) between February 1 and February 28, your blood will be tested for the COVID-19 antibodies, which are a key component of the immune system that appear in blood after fighting an infection. The testing will help identify people who may be able to donate to our convalescent plasma program and help COVID-19 patients directly. Be a COVID-19 hero and schedule your one-hour appointment. Donating blood is a safe and essential activity. [Click to make your appointment](#).

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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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