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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

December 2, 2021 (NewsLinks are [archived in DocuShare](#))

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Two replacement levies

Everett School District board of directors voted to put two replacement levies on the February 2022 ballot. The 4-year replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy and the 6-year Capital levy would replace two levies expiring in 2022 and would start collecting in 2023.

All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or family income. This funding will ensure all students in Everett Public Schools have the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.



Proposition 1 – Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O)

Local EP&O levy funding allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our students, which goes beyond the minimum funded by the state. For instance, the state funds 3 district nurses and we have 12. They fund \$35 million for special education that costs us \$45 million to provide. This levy covers these and other basic operating expenses.

Proposition 2 – Replacement Capital Levy

The replacement capital levy provides funding to acquire, improve or maintain school facilities in the four categories below:

- **Technology \$96M**
Our students benefit from ongoing integration of technology into their learning.
- **Increased safety and security \$2M**
Our students will learn in buildings that are safer and more secure

- **Equal access, same experience \$172M**
Every student in our district will have the same opportunity to learn in well-functioning, safe and modern spaces.
- **Maintenance and mandatory upgrades \$54M**
Our facilities are valuable community assets and will be maintained to increase their life expectancy and comply with state mandated upgrades.

For more information, please visit www.everettsd.org/2022Levies.

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Winter weather, are you prepared?

It's a good time to [review the information](#) about how school delay and closure decisions are made and how those announcements reach staff and families.

Remember, it's always a good idea to keep your phone charged too.

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Help a Kid In Transition (KIT) this holiday season

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 8 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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Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

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Story Time with Dr. Saltzman

All are invited to 'Story Time with Dr. Saltzman' on Tuesday, December 7, 6-6:30 p.m. Reading to children helps create a love of learning and 'Readers make Leaders!'

[Go to our district calendar](#) to get Zoom link and join the fun!

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Staff News Hub

Using your district login credentials and clicking the Staff tab, 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 the page includes staff messaging and newsletters including archived copies for your convenience.

Newsletters include the most recent and archived versions of the [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Newsletter](#), [HR & Payroll Monthly Message](#) and much more!





WINTER BREAK

From December 20-31, 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.

[News releases](#)

- [2021.11.10 Board votes to put replacement levies on Feb 2022 ballot](#)



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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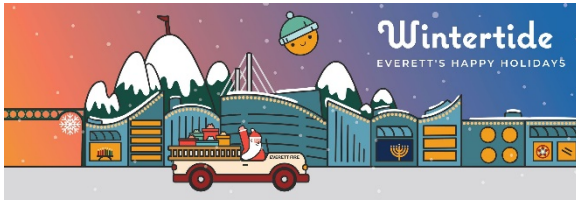
OPPORTUNITIES – for staff and students



Zoom Santa | Mill Creek Kiwanis

Once again this year, The Mill Creek Kiwanis have secured exclusive access to Santa via Zoom. [Log on for a great time with St. Nick!](#) [Click to learn more.](#)

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Santa's neighborhood cruises

Be on the [lookout for Santa on select Wednesday evenings in December](#) as he cruises the streets in a big red fire truck and visits Everett neighborhoods. Have a little extra to give this season? Everett Fire

will be accepting [new toys](#), [nonperishable food items](#), cash and check donation for [Volunteers of America](#). Please bring these items with you to see Santa, members from the fire department will be following the fire engine to collect these items.

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Everett Elks Lodge 479 Americanism Essay Contest

What does it mean to love your country? 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 2022. Local winners receive \$50 and a certificate. Questions? Contact [Jenny Steele](#).

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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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