

NewsLinks

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

April 12, 2022

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Welcome back Super Stars!

"I hope you had a fantastic spring break and are recharged for the final stretch of the school year. You have 100% got this!" --Superintendent Saltzman.



Assistant Principal Appreciation Week April 4-8

With last week being spring break and all schools closed, we felt we needed to expand [Assistant Principal Appreciation Week](#) to two weeks!

"We honor and recognize this incredible team for the enormous contributions they make to support, guide, challenge, and care for students as they help them become their best," shared Dr. Saltzman. "I thank them for their unwavering leadership and for being the rock stars they are!"



What more do you want to know about the Strategic Plan?

In fall 2021, we launched the strategic plan for 2021-26. It is important to us that our community understands the strategic plan and the way it guides our work and our community includes you! Please [participate in a ThoughtExchange](#) to share your ideas **through April 14.**



Let's Connect - Family engagement

Look for information from your school about April's Let's Connect session which provides an opportunity for families, the community and staff to provide feedback on important and/or timely topics.

During the weeks of April 18-29, each school will host a virtual Let's Connect session focused on family engagement. Schools will begin their presentation by describing what family engagement looks like at their school, the benefits, and next steps. Attendees then join breakout rooms and respond to the following prompts.

- What does family engagement mean to you?
- What have been the most beneficial programs and/or experiences of engagement at your school?
- What could your school do to help you and your student(s) feel more engaged?

Responses from Let's Connect are collected and used to inform next steps at the school and district level. [A summary of the feedback is posted on the district website.](#)



Family Resource Center now open!

Our Homeless - KIT Program team recently opened the first [Family Resource Center](#) (FRC) in Hawthorne Elementary. Through a school referral process, they help the district's homeless families navigate the county's social service programs — which are spread across the school district, county agencies and dozens of nonprofits.

The FRC serves as a hub for a limited supply of donated basic needs items and also provides a welcoming space for our students and families to receive support, have some basic needs met and connect to school and community resources. The team has hopes to open a second center in the south end of the district in the fall.

Following the links below, please consider donating to help fill the shelves of the EPS Family Resource Center.

- [Using the sign up genius list of needs](#)
- Donations of needed items can be dropped off at the CRC in the blue bins located in the lobby **through April 30.**
- Donations ordered online can be shipped to: Family Resource Center c/o Hawthorne Elementary, 1110 Poplar St., Everett 98201.
- Monetary donations can be made online at [Everett Public Schools \(intouchreceipting.com\)](https://intouchreceipting.com), select "Everett School District Office" under School and for now the activity auto populates with Family Resource Center



Did you miss the virtual seminar on social media safety?

Watch the recorded video (available with closed captions and Spanish translation) to learn what YOU need to know about kids and social media. Learn about the most popular apps, technology addiction,

cyberbullying, how to talk to your kids about social media and more.
[Click for the link and password!](#)



Parent Night on Social Media Safety

Watch the recording!





Come Learn What You Need to Know!

- *Pros & cons of most popular apps*
- *The technology addiction & what you can do about it*
- *6 Proven safety concerns*
- *How to talk to your kids about social media*
- *Additional tips & resources*

Recording includes closed captioning and Spanish translation

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](#).

OPPORTUNITIES - for staff and students

Robert Polk's Celebration of Life dedication

A Celebration of Life dedication for Robert Polk will be on **April 16 at 2 p.m.** at Langus Riverfront Park (400 Smith Island Rd, Everett, 98201).

There will be a dedication of a tree and bench in Robert's honor. You are invited to share stories, walk the path, and remember Robert.



**Washington Family Engagement presents
the FREE viewing of the film "RACE to be
human"**

Washington Family Engagement presents the FREE viewing of the film "RACE to be human" on **April 18 at 7 p.m.**, followed by an informative panel discussion. A documentary that shows how to have open race and racism discussions in the classroom, the workplace, and home to promote empathy and compassion. [Register here.](#)



Ready WA video contest for high school students

Ready Washington launched their seventh annual student video contest and are giving five Washington public high school students the chance to earn a \$500 scholarship for recording a video about their education and career dreams. The deadline is **April 27, 2022**. [Learn more](#).



Girls Explore STEM event for grades 6-8 | EARLY registration available

[Girls Explore STEM is a FREE event](#) held on on **April 30 at 9 a.m.** at the WSU Everett campus (915 N Broadway Ave, Everett, 98201). This event is designed to increase interest in engineering among 6th, 7th, and 8th grade female students.

Students will experience hands-on engineering and scientific activities while encountering challenges that engage specific engineering and science disciplines. Students will be assisted by current WSU Everett student mentors and WSU Everett faculty.



To support equitable access to this event, WSU Everett is offering [early registration](#) for up to 5 female students from each middle school(s), prior to opening registration to the public.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Most misused prescription drugs come from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) sponsors [National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) on **April 30 at 10 a.m.** to remind people to drop off their unused prescription drugs in a secure location. Washington residents can safely dispose of unused medications by taking them to a drop box location or by mail. [Learn more here](#).



Learn more about becoming a foster parent

Make a difference! Learn more about becoming a foster parent in virtual information sessions held the first Tuesday of each month. [Learn more](#).

- Intro to fostering, what does it mean, how to begin
- Q&A with foster parent recruiters
- Connection building with others interested in learning more



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Key dates and celebrations

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

Policies and procedures

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

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