

NewsLinks

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

December 1, 2022

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Kid in Transition (KIT) Gift Card Drive for the holidays needs your help!

Thank you to all who have donated gift cards or made a monetary donation to bring some cheer to our KIT kids who need some extra support this holiday season, but more is needed!



The EPS Family Resource Center and KIT Department need your help supporting these students and families this holiday season, but they are short on gift cards! If you are able to make a donation in any amount, it would be greatly appreciated. [Click to learn how you can make the holiday season brighter.](#) **Deadline to donate is Dec. 7.**

DID YOU KNOW there are almost 1,000 students currently enrolled in Everett Public Schools who qualify as a “Kid in Transition” (KIT)? This means they are either in foster care, unsheltered (they don’t know where they will sleep tonight), doubled-up with another family because they have nowhere else to go, in a temporary shelter, living in a car, or in another unstable home situation. The holidays and cold winter months can be particularly rough on these youth and their families.

Is your contact information correct?

We have had a couple 2-hour late starts, did you get the emergency message in the way you preferred? If you [have the EPS app](#), you can update your contact information yourself or you can contact the [communications dept.](#) and we can update for you in the Blackboard Connect system.



In addition to the automated messaging to staff, you may also watch media reports, our social media pages or www.everettsd.org for information about school schedules. If there is no announcement, schools will operate on a normal schedule. [Learn more on our emergency school closure and late start webpage.](#)

Winter weather resources

With this cold weather upon us, you may know of someone or a family who are looking for assistance. [Please click to find and share winter resources, a community services directory and more!](#) Stay safe and warm.



3rd Annual Story Time with Dr. Saltzman

On December 6 at 7 p.m., Superintendent Saltzman is going to read a fun book to our students via a live event on Zoom! We hope you can join the fun, it is a favorite event of Dr. Saltzman!

Since this is live, [check back on Dec. 6, just before 7 p.m., to click on the Zoom link.](#) We will also share the link on our social media pages, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Refresh your Outlook email signature line

If you would like to refresh your email signature line to include our strategic priorities and your school's social media, [click for instructions.](#) Please note, you will need to update your desktop version and your Office365 version, they do not sync.

These instructions include district branding for departments, but schools should replace with their own logo and [school colors](#). If you have questions, contact the [communications department](#), x4040.



2022-23 Budget Communications

Dr. Saltzman recently emailed all staff information about the 2022-23 budget. The current economic downturn and increased costs of goods and services are causes for many governments, businesses and families to look at their budgets and be more frugal with their spending. The district, like many others, is tightening its belt and figuring out ways to work together to ensure we maintain fiscal integrity while focusing on student learning above all else. As a team, we need to start making sensible spending decisions to help us remain strong as the economy fluctuates.



Therefore, starting December 1, we will hold all non-essential spending to help reduce the predicted deficit this year and next. This is part of the process to right-size the organization and prioritize our budget for the long-term. In addition, we have been thoughtfully reviewing each open position to ensure it is essential for district operations or specifically impacting student learning and safety.

If you have any questions, you can visit the [staff budget FAQ page](#) – you must sign in to access this resource.

Winter break is almost here!

Winter break begins December 16, which is an early release day for all students, and runs through January 2, 2023. We hope you have a warm and happy winter break with family and friends!

The first day of winter is Dec. 21! The winter solstice is the day with the fewest hours of sunlight in the whole year, making it the “shortest day” of the year. Although the winter solstice means the start of winter, it also means the return of more sunlight. It only gets brighter from here! [Enjoy snow from The Old Farmer’s Almanac.](#)



Music4Life refurbishes and passes back to our students!

Did you know Music4Life has passed along 500 donated and refurbished instruments for our students to use?

Some of our students may have never learned the joy of playing an instrument if not for these donations. [Click to learn how you can donate](#) your unused instrument or financially support this incredible program.

THANK YOU!



500 donated and refurbished instruments have been provided to our students to use!

Go to www.Music4Life.org if you would like to donate.

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

Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest

Take this opportunity to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest. The contest deadline is December 16, 2022, [click for contest packet and more information](#).

FOLLOW US!



Social media

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Bi-monthly newsletter

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Video resources

[YouTube](#)

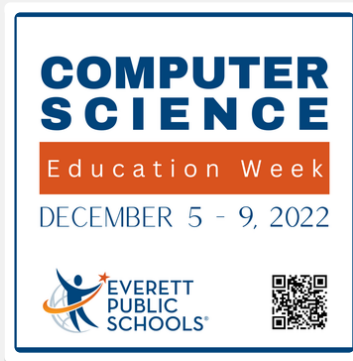
Key dates and celebrations

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



Special Education Day

Dec. 2. This day commemorates the anniversary of the nation's first federal special education law. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act signed on this day in 1972. We strive to help our students learn what they CAN do, not what they cannot do. [Click to learn more.](#)



Computer Science Education Week

Dec. 5-9. This week is Computer Science Education Week which includes the Hour of Code! The Hour of Code is organized by Code.org, a public non-profit dedicated to expanding access to computer science and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. [Go to Hour of Code for lots of activities to do in 45 languages.](#)



Inclusive Schools Week

Dec. 5-9. Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated annually the first week in December by families, schools and organizations to highlight and celebrate the progress schools have made in implementing inclusive practices to ensure a quality education for an increasingly diverse student population. [Click to learn more.](#)



Hanukkah

Dec. 18-26. To all our friends and families celebrating this dedication, Happy Hanukkah! [Click to learn more.](#)



Christmas

Dec. 25. To all our families and friends celebrating, we wish you a very Merry Christmas! [Click to learn more.](#)



Kwanzaa

Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 1, 2023. To all our families and friends celebrating, we wish you warmth and togetherness this Kwanzaa. [Click to learn more.](#)

Policies and procedures

All policies and procedures are available online.

Non-discrimination

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer**, [Kevin Allen](#), 425-385-4100; **Section 504 Coordinator**, [Dave Peters](#), 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator**, [Randi Seaberg](#), 425-385-4104.

