

# NewsLinks

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

**January 5, 2023**

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## Welcome back!

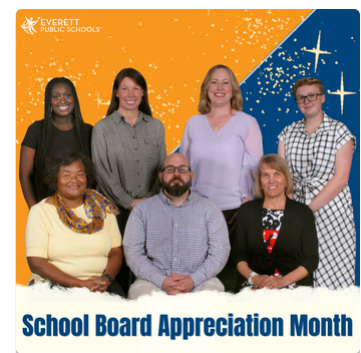
"Welcome back!" shared Dr. Saltzman. "I love winter break spending time with family and friends, but I have missed all of you. Let us make this second half of the school year the best ever!"

[Read January superintendent message.](#)



## School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Appreciation Month—a good time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. Our school board speaks out for public schools by ensuring our students can benefit from a high-quality education. Their decisions and actions affect the present and future lives of our community's children.



Join us in celebrating our school board members at the Jan. 10 school board meeting!

## Drive smart. Keeps kids safe.

It is important to be extra cautious this time of year when it is darker in the mornings and late afternoons. Make sure everyone gets home safely by staying alert, slowing down and following all traffic laws and signals.

[Click to find tips for drivers and students.](#)



## Get Admitted - GUARANTEED!--deadline extended to May 15, 2023

Everett Public Schools has partnered with Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Washington State University and Western Washington University to help students meet their college and career goals through the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP). Through GAP, a student who meets the required criteria is guaranteed admission to these institutions. [Learn more.](#)



## 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.

## 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

### We Speak Youth Poetry Slam competition

The annual We Speak spoken word youth competition and festival is taking place this March. The competition is open for ages of 14-21 and the selected finalists perform with critically-acclaimed spoken word artist Shane Koyczan. Finalists additionally receive workshop training prior to their stage performance and cash prize. The first prize winner is awarded \$1,000 and second and third place student artists are awarded \$500 each. The deadline to submit content is January 30. [Learn more.](#)

## Multicultural Training - Clock hours approved by OSPI

Did you know how changing demographics affect your teaching today and tomorrow? Bridge-building experience has been described as a fascinating, educational, and enriching experience. The day includes a guided visit to a Muslim Mosque, Sikh Temple, Hindu Temple, Buddhist Temple and has been attended by several EPS staff and considered a worthwhile experience.

Training is on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration is \$99 per person including a training tour certificate. **Clock Hours approved by OSPI.** [Register here.](#)

## Talk Time! Conversational English practice for adults

Beginning January 20 from 9:30-11 a.m., Volunteers of America volunteers will lead adults learning English in conversation practice, with a focus on functional, everyday vocabulary. Located at the Carl Gibson Center it is free and open to all in the community. Registration form required for participation. Click for [more information](#) and [registration form](#).

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### Bi-monthly newsletter

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## Key dates and celebrations

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



## Happy New Year

From Superintendent Saltzman ... A new year means a new chapter. I hope 2023 is an incredible part of your story. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."—Albert Einstein



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16 we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are."



## Temperance and Good Citizenship Day

This year Temperance and Good Citizenship Day is observed the same day as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Day promotes civics education and peaceful citizen engagement. It is fitting this day is observed on or close to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## 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.