

2023-24

NewsLinks

for staff in  EVERETT
PUBLIC SCHOOLS®

DECEMBER ARTICLES

December 7, 2023

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Appreciation for Director Pam LeSesne's 12 years of service

At the November 28 school board meeting, Pam LeSesne was honored for her contributions serving on the board of directors since 2011.

Dr. Saltzman shared his gratitude in [his introduction](#) and President LeSesne shared her [farewell comments](#). In addition, a recognition video was also played as a summary of 12 years of service, see below.



Recognition video for Pam LeSesne

Your unwavering
commitment is
incredible.



4th Annual Story Time with Dr. Saltzman

This is Superintendent Saltzman's 4th annual story time! We hope you can join the fun!

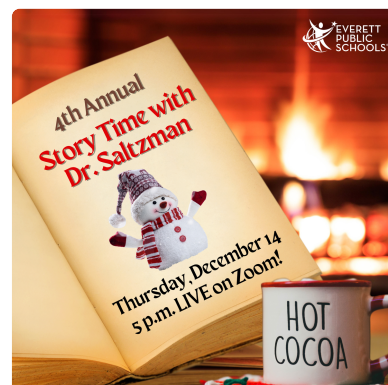
You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Dec 14, 2023 at 5 p.m. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 4th Annual Story Time with Dr. Saltzman

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86146882293>



You're invited to celebrate the arts!

Attend the open house for PTA Reflections on January 10, 2024 from 6 to 7 p.m. or 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. hosted by the Everett PTSA Council at the Community Resource Center. The theme this year is "I am hopeful because..."

Please RSVP for one of the timeslots at

<https://tinyurl.com/22M285NA>.



Save the date! Everett Public Schools Foundation Benefit Event

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Civic Auditorium

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Event starts at 7:15 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information!



Is your contact information correct?

If we have a school closure or delay, will 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.](#)



Staff News Hub

The [Staff News Hub](#) (you must be signed in to see the content) 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, including:

- Doc's Dugout
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion newsletter
- HR & Payroll monthly newsletter
- LITS newsletter
- NewsLinks for staff
- Wellness Committee newsletter



The left navigation on the page includes staff messaging and newsletters including archived copies for your convenience.

Winter athletics have begun

[ArbiterLive](#) is your best resource for the most up-to-date game schedules as weather can sometimes impact our contests.

[Click here](#) to view our entire districts' Varsity home contests. This list is updated weekly if contests get rescheduled.

Reminder that your staff badge admits you to all home contests for free.

Questions? Contact your building Athletic Department or the Department of Athletics 425-385-4260.



Winter break is almost here!

Winter break begins December 15, which is an early release day for all students, and runs through January 1, 2024. We hope you have a warm and happy winter break with family and friends!



NEWS AROUND 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](#).*



NEWS



Jackson kindergarteners have hot takes on turkey, gratitude — and crab?

The Herald interviewed some of our kindergarteners at Jackson Elementary and they had some cute (and wild!) thoughts about Thanksgiving. [Read article here.](#)



Everett Public Schools board election results

Jen Hirman will continue to serve on the Everett Public Schools board of directors in Position 2. Hirman was appointed to fill the position vacated by April Berg in June of 2022. As board member elect, she will serve the remaining years of the term through 2025.

Charles Adkins is the board member elect for Position 5 and will succeed Board Director Pam LeSesne who has served our students the past twelve years. [Read news release.](#)

Click to share your school story!



1. [Sequoia staff \(current and past\) working together to make our celebration amazing for our students. These are people to be thankful for!](#)
2. [Forest View Elementary Principal for a Day!](#)
3. [Tambark Creek Elementary paraeducators rock!](#)
4. [A fabulous McTeacher Night with the Heatherwood Middle School community!](#)
5. [EHS girls bowling team competing at Evergreen Lanes.](#)
6. [SLE staff and students participated in a Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day event. On this day we wore purple and walked to honor Ruby's bravery.](#)

[EPS Social Media Directory](#)

KEY DATES AND OBSERVATIONS

[DEI's cultural & religious calendar](#)

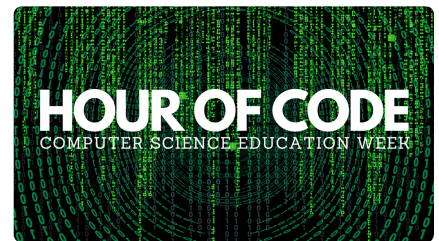
[OSPI's common religious & US public holiday calendar](#)



Dec. 2: Special Education Day



Dec. 4 - 8: Inclusive Schools Week



Dec. 4 - 8: Computer Science Education Week

OPPORTUNITIES - for staff and students

Santa is coming to town!

The Evergreen Beauty College is offering free haircuts and styles, mini manicures and mini facials, as well as free photos with Santa on December 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students ages K-12!



All services are performed by students under the supervision of a licensed professional. Call 425-423-9186 for details.

Experience Wintertide Lights 2023 - A magical December Delight!

Step into a world of enchantment at Wintertide Lights! Immerse yourself in the sparkling wonderland every evening in December from 4 to 8 p.m. Explore the mesmerizing grounds, adorned with captivating lights and the spirit of the season.



Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens
145 Alverson Boulevard
Everett, WA, 98201

[More information here.](#)

Wintertide is December 9

Free event, open to community members of all ages. Wintertide at the CGC will be on Saturday, December 9 this year.

Partners will include: [Homage Senior Services](#), [Everett Public Schools.WA](#), [Music4Life Everett](#), and [Camp Fire Snohomish County Council](#).

Musical Line-Up:

10 a.m.: North Middle School Jazz Band
11 a.m.: Eisenhower Jazz Ensemble
noon: Kamiak High School Barbershop
1 p.m.: Voyager Middle School Choir
2 p.m.: Heatherwood Middle School Choir
3 p.m.: Evergreen Community Orchestra
4 p.m.: The Inclusion Jam Project

Plus Holiday Bingo starting at 5:30 p.m. (card sales start at 5 p.m.)

A Wintertide meal is available for \$6 and includes a hot dog or sandwich (Chicken Salad or Tuna) with potato salad, Tim's potato chips and bottled water. Drink upgrades are available, prices vary.



Explore future building projects with local school districts

Edmonds School District's Capital Projects Office is partnering with other local school districts to host an open house to go over upcoming opportunities for building projects.

Local, minority, women, small, disadvantaged, and veteran-owned businesses are invited to learn about Public Works processes and discover how they may participate in learning environment projects for our students.

When:

1-3 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2023

Where:

Edmonds School District Office
20420 68th Ave. W.
Lynnwood, WA 98036

RSVP:

bit.ly/BuildingProjectsRSVP



Student Nutritional and Physical Health Advisory Council

The district is developing an advisory council to provide perspective on and assess the district-wide student wellness policy. The committee will comprise family, staff and students. The



well as physical education. The committee will meet to review the policy as well as school compliance reports.

The committee will meet two times this school year: February 26, 2024, and May 9, 2024.

Each meeting will be 90 minutes and will be held at the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway.

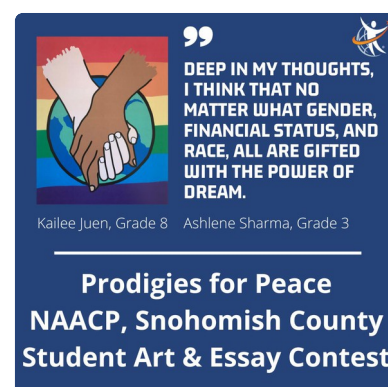
If you are interested in serving on this advisory council, please [fill out this application](#) by Noon, December 15 to be considered. You will be contacted shortly after the application process closes.

Prodigies for Peace Writing and Art Contest

Please see the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee sponsored [23rd Annual 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest](#).

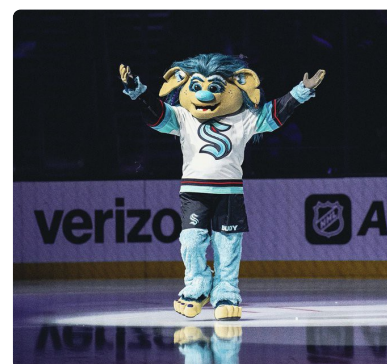
Please share this with other teachers and students. The deadline this year is December 15, 2023.

Awards will be presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration the weekend of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.



Meet the Kraken's mascot, Buoy, at Everett Ice Rink on Dec. 15!

As the holidays approach, kick off your Winter break for an evening of outdoor skating! We are delighted to announce that the Seattle Kraken, your local NHL hockey team, is bringing the excitement of ice skating and the opportunity to meet our beloved mascot, **Buoy**, to Everett on **December 15th!**



Buoy, our energetic and friendly mascot, will be making special appearances across the region to meet with kids, pose for photos, and spread the Kraken spirit. We are excited to be in Everett Silvertips territory and encourage all fans to join us!

Teachers and Staff, stay involved with the Seattle Kraken by joining [Future Goals](#), a program designed to leverage STEM in hockey to create a fun and memorable learning experience! You can also encourage your students to get active, practice teamwork, and have fun by playing street hockey and ball hockey throughout the school year!

Event Details:

Please join us in Everett at Everett Ice Rink (details below) on December 15th
Dec. 15th – Everett Ice Rink (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

1028 13th St.
Everett, WA 98201

[Website Here](#)

Study abroad this summer, experience the world!

Choose from 35+ amazing global destinations and study abroad for 3 to 4 weeks.

Immerse yourself in a new language and culture or focus on your passion, whether it's theater, creative writing, wildlife conservation, engineering, social justice or entrepreneurship, and more. Meet like-minded teens from all over the U.S. to explore and learn together in the real world.



Come home with new skills, new friends, and memories to last a lifetime.

Ask about our scholarships! Every year, we award more than \$6 million based on academic merit and financial need.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so many new things about language, culture and myself" - Wynne H. CIEE Global Navigator Alum

"It was a positive and transformative experience for both of my children" -Peter B. Parent of CIEE Global Navigator Alum

Apply by December 1 for a chance to win a free flight!

Web: cīee.org/summer2024

Phone: (866) 583 0332

Email: hsabroad@cīee.org

Alternative routes to teacher certification program

Are you a current staff member who would love to learn more on becoming a certified teacher? Come learn about the Alternative Routes options, along with admission and financial aid program information. The alternative routes program supports staff with an AA degree and a BA degree on becoming certificated educators. This event will be offered as a hybrid model.



Benefits of the program for EPS staff:

- Possible financial assistance available

- Support from local faculty and staff
- Possibility to work while in the program
- Flexibility: hybrid, evening and or weekend courses
- Typically costs less than traditional teaching programs

Come and connect with City University on Wednesday January 24th 2024 from 4:30pm-5:30pm on [Zoom](#). Steve Brown, Director of Alternative Routes Program at City U will be in attendance answering any questions. City University of Seattle offers the following endorsements:

- Elementary Education (K-8)
- Special Education (P-12)
- English Language Learners (P-12)
- Math (5-12)
- Reading and many more...

Human Resources will be presenting on a scholarship opportunity in partnership with City University that will be applicable for the 2024-2025 school year at City University. If you have any questions please connect with Dulce Ruiz Diversifying Pathways Program Coordinator in HR druiz@everettsd.org 425-385-4285

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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 and ADA Coordinator**, [Chad Golden](#), 425-385-4100; **Section 504 Coordinator**, [Dave Peters](#), 425-385-4063.



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