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A Web-based newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

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HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND – Oct. 23, 24 and 25

Oct. 23, 24 and 25 mark the third annual [High School & Beyond](#) events for each of our comprehensive high schools. Thanks to K-12 counselors and principals for orchestrating these opportunities for families to explore the possibilities for careers and education in high school and beyond.

IT'S CLASSROOM GRANT TIME – Foundation grants due Oct. 18

Don't miss out on your chance to get part of the annual \$32,000 in grants given each year for student-learning projects and materials for grades K-12. Application information is online at the [Foundation website](#).

K'NEX DONATIONS NEEDED – for Science Resource Center

Help students learn about the engineering design process – **send your old K'NEX pieces to the Science Resource Center**. Students build a [mousetrap car](#) with K'NEX pieces and research various innovations to

the design. Using their findings, they construct a prototype and test the speed of their new version. This project is a big part of the STEM program in middle school. In addition to teaching how to think like an engineer, they are learning the importance of collaboration, creativity, and problem solving.

HEAVY WEATHER SEASON AHEAD!

All kinds of predictions about what we are in for this year. Best to be prepared and to know what happens to school programs when the weather closes or delays school. When is lunch served on delay days? What happens to half day kindergarten? Do we have sports practices? The answers are [online](#).

SHOE FUND UPDATE

Message from Everett Council Shoe Fund Chair, Michelle Sirkis: "Thank you everyone for your donation so far to the Everett PTSA Shoe Fund. As of Sept. 23, the PTSA groups have given out 136 Payless gift cards for students at all grades, K-12. Please take a moment to say "thank you" to your school PTSA members for this important work to help students – and "thank you" as well to our school counselors for coordinating with PTSA to discretely help students get new shoes." Shoes will be needed throughout the year, and shoe fund donations are always welcome at PTSA Shoe Fund, c/o Michelle Sirkis, Chair, 5525 1st Drive W, Everett, WA 98203.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

10.04.2012 [High school juniors to take free PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 17](#)

10.04.2012 [Three seniors in Everett high schools earn National Merit semifinalist status](#)

09.27.2012 [Friday night football game to include halftime *Miracle Minute*](#)

09.27.2012 [Come see math books being considered for next school year](#)

09.21.2012 [Derek Greenfield to highlight third annual *High School & Beyond* events](#)

09.21.2012 [FREE community forum on homelessness, Tuesday, Oct. 2](#)

09.21.2012 [IF Project at Denney Juvenile Justice Center featured on Q13](#)

09.20.2012 [Silver Lake Elementary; one of Washington's four top-performing Title I schools](#)

This just in! [Evergreen Middle School will be featured on KOMO TV on Monday, during the station's Schoolcast segment. Watch for pictures of Evergreen and why staff there nominated it as a school to feature.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

1. [2012 Human Services Partnerships Forum Award nominations](#)

for successful partnerships and collaborative human service efforts in Snohomish County. Nominate a health/human service agency, educational institution, faith-based organization, association, local government program and/or service club currently operating within Snohomish County for the Business Partnerships Award, Agency Collaboration Award, or Youth Group Award. Submit [nomination forms](#) no later than **Monday, Oct. 15, 2012**.

2. [Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals \(WAEOP\)](#) is pleased to announce the return of Fall Institute! Institute offers you 15 hours of quality training – one-half a course-work-PSP point. **October 19-21, 2012**

Also, on **Nov. 15**, you have another opportunity to earn a Workshop PD Hour and have dinner! Our own HR director of classified employees will present [“Write Right.”](#) an update on correct business grammar and more.

3. [Links and Alliances Conference](#) – Everett Community College is hosting the 16th annual Links and Alliances Conference **Oct. 20** for and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning youth and allies. The conference is for youth, parents, educators and the community. The event is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at EvCC’s Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower St.
4. **KPLU School of Jazz** is now accepting applications for 2012/2013 (Volume 9) *from schools that are new to the School of Jazz program*. The goal is to work with diverse schools and jazz programs: those with award-winning jazz bands, those who crave mentoring, and/or those who want the experience of recording a CD. More information on KPLU School of Jazz can be found at www.schoolofjazz.org.
5. [Seattle Performing and Visual Arts College Fair](#), **Oct. 23, 2012, from 7 to 9 p.m.**, designed for students interested in pursuing undergraduate and graduate study in the areas of music, dance, theater, visual arts, graphic design, and other related disciplines. Attendees learn about educational opportunities, admission and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements, and much more by meeting with representatives from colleges, universities, conservatories, festivals and other educational institutions with specialized programs in the visual and performing arts. Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, WA 98109; 206-684-7200
6. **Pilchuck Audubon Society** would like to recognize and reward innovative educators at the elementary level. Multiple awards of \$400 will be made to Snohomish County elementary classroom

teachers with funds for conservation and science-related learning activities and/or materials that enhance and enrich a classroom program. [Classroom Conservation Award applications](#) due by **Nov. 1, 2012**.

7. [Seattle National College Fair](#), **Nov. 2 and 3, 2012**, at the Washington State Convention Center – FREE and open to the public, NACAC's National College Fairs allow students to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general, and other information pertinent to the college selection process.
8. [Washington Aerospace Scholars](#) (WAS) is an educational program for high school juniors from across Washington state. The WAS program emphasizes science, technology, engineering and math, and encourages students to consider careers in these fields. **Teacher application deadline is Nov. 2, 2012; student application deadline is Nov. 9, 2012.** Contact Melissa Edwards, WAS Director, 206-764-5866
9. Providence is hosting its fourth **FREE [Hands-on Health Fair](#)** with over 40 booths of games, giveaways and more. **Saturday, Nov. 10**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Providence Cymbaluk Medical Tower.
10. United Way of Snohomish County is partnering with WithinReach Washington to provide asset assistance during our 2013 Free Tax Preparation Program. [Asset Specialists](#) offer complimentary services and information to tax site customers, including public benefits screening, information on U.S. savings bonds and credit reports. Training for the position will be held from November through January, with job duties to be performed from January 22 through April 15. Interested applicants should be well organized and comfortable engaging in conversation with eligible customers in a persuasive and courteous manner. Contact: Elsa, elsaf@withinreachwa.org
11. Free and researched-based **bullying prevention** information – The National Association of School Psychologists has a concise, well documented, and timely resource, [A Framework for School-Wide Bullying Prevention and Safety](#). Also, [StopBullying.gov](#) has a vast array of bullying prevention information and strategies such as training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, and much more.
12. **Flu shots available throughout Snohomish County** – \$30 to flu-proof an adult; \$15 for a child. [Call the Snohomish Health District clinics](#) for an appointment. More info, contact [Suzanne Pate](#), 425-

339-8704

13. The [NWESD course catalog](#) is ready to browse! If you would like to have a hard copy of the [Education Connection](#), please send your name and mailing address to publisher@nwesd.org.

OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF

1. Everett Public Library [GROWN UP SPELL DOWN](#), **Oct. 12, 7 p.m.**
The Everett Performing Arts Center is once again the location for the annual Everett Public Library Spelldown. Don't miss the show! www.epls.org/spelldown. Support library services for kids!
2. **Everett Community College's School of Cosmetology** is showing off its remodel with tours and specials **Oct. 15-19**. The school welcomes new instructor Armand Pacheco. The school, 9315 State Ave., Suite G, in Marysville, underwent an extensive remodel this summer. Changes include 64 new styling stations, a new shampoo area and a new manicure and pedicure area. For more information about EvCC's cosmetology degree and certificate programs, visit www.everettcc.edu/cosmo or call 425-259-8285.
3. [Artists invited to submit work for poster](#) – The city of Everett is accepting artist submissions **now through Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012**, for the poster design that will be used to promote the 2013 Sorticulture garden/art event in Everett. For more information, contact Carol Thomas at 425-257-7101 or cthomas@ci.everett.wa.us
4. **Edmonds Community College hosts [lecture series](#)** to raise awareness of the issues facing college students, people with disabilities, veterans, and American Indians. All lectures are free and open to the public and take place in the campus theater, 20000 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood. For more information, call 425-640-1139 or find [lecture schedule online](#).

KEY DATES – [important dates and celebrations](#) you won't want to miss planning for now!

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: Affirmative Action Officer, Carol Stolz, 3715 Oakes Ave., Everett, WA 98201, 425-385-4106; Title IX Officer, Randi Seaberg, 3715 Oakes Ave., Everett, WA 98201, 425 385 4104; 504 Coordinator, Linda Tyrrell, 4730 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98203, 425-385-4064; ADA Coordinator, Kristine McDowell, 4730 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98203 425-385-5250. (Email address for each is FirstInitialLastName@everettsd.org)