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# ...*NewsLinks*

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

Feb. 15, 2013 (*NewsLinks* articles are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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### DIANE LUSTYK – Funeral to take place in Woodinville, Sat. Feb. 23, 11 a.m.

The last issue of NewsLinks failed to mention that long-time teacher Diane Lustyk was working at BOTH Jackson and Madison Elementary schools this year. Her family has asked that we share information about funeral arrangements with all who knew her.

[Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church](#)

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### DISTRICT WEBSITE FEEDBACK – new site to be launched in the fall

Thanks to those who have already taken a moment to share your thoughts for improving the district website. We'll all have a totally new site by next fall, based upon what users tell us is most important. The online [survey](#) is open until **March 1, 2013**.

### 15 NEW NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS – Everett Public schools employees 2 percent of all NBC teachers in the state.

If you missed the Feb. 13 reception for the "class of 2012," you can see their group photo in the [news release online](#)

Some interesting stats about NBC in our district:

- 138 of our teachers are National Board Certified, which is more than 12 percent of the EEA membership
- In our district, 18.5 percent of our schools are considered “highly challenged,” and 18 percent of our NBC teachers work in those “highly challenged schools.”
- Cascade has the highest number of NBC teachers – 13, which is 9 percent of the NBC teachers in the district
- Hawthorne, Silver Lake and North each have 11 NBC teachers
- There are 102,237 NBC teachers in the nation; Washington is one of the top three states in the nation in the number of NBC teachers. Everett Public Schools is in the state’s top six districts for the number of NBC teachers who work here.

### HEART HEALTH TIPS

February is all about hearts and flowers, and you still have time this month for proactive steps to protect your own heart, including a chance to win a blood pressure monitor. There are five home blood pressure kits, and you could win one of them just by having had your blood pressure checked in the last month. One simple [CLICK](#), puts you in the running.

Get a jump on the March Wellness program activities! **Eat SMART-31 Day Nutrition Challenge during March *National Nutrition Month*.** A different nutrition goal each day is a great way to help you get on track with your health by nourishing yourself with a healthy diet! [Learn more and register](#).

### RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS – Feb. 21 and April 11

Whether you are coming to this presentation to refresh your memory about your retirement benefits or it’s your first time attending, this presentation is packed with essential information and tips for making the transition from active employment to retirement as easy and comfortable as possible. It is not necessary to register for this workshop.

Choose from Thursday, Feb. 21 4-5:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 11, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Longfellow Annex. Both sessions are identical and presented by Department of Retirement Systems (DRS).

### NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

- 02.14.2013 [Heatherwood Middle School hosts student leadership conference](#)
- 02.14.2013 [Science class includes community experts in learning](#)
- 02.14.2013 [National Board Certified Teachers now total 138](#)
- 02.14.2013 [Folk band Tiller's Folly to perform for View Ridge Elementary students](#)
- 02.13.2013 [Everett Public Schools welcomes next year's kindergarten](#)

[students](#)

02.13.2013 [Twenty-seven Jackson High musician entries qualify for state](#)

02.12.2013 [Everett students sign National Letters of Intent](#)

02.08.2013 [Everett students competing in ocean quiz bowl](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

### 1. **Pacific Science Center seeking uninhibited performers and exhibitors**

With fewer than five months before the [2013 Seattle Science Festival](#), the Pacific Science Center is kicking exhibitor and program recruitment into high gear.

They are looking for exhibitors to bring engaging, innovative, hands-on activities to Seattle Center for the annual Science EXPO Day on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, they need musicians, entertainers and scientific stage performers to star on EXPO Day stages. Applications are due by March 15 to be included in the Festival's printed materials. [Learn More](#).

### 2. **FREE dental screening for kids** – please share with families

The screenings are in Seattle, but they are FREE for all who can get to Magnuson Park on Saturday, Feb. 23. Details available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

### 3. **Writing contest prompt: *If you were Seattle author and librarian Nancy***

***Pearl*** and you were writing a new blog post entitled “*Books Without Borders*,” what book would you include? Write a blog post to describe one book that has helped you see the world in a new light and that focuses on a world culture or global issue. The book could be one that you are reading now or one that was read to you as a small child and changed the way you looked at the world. How did this book impact you and why would you promote it to children and young adults?

The goal of the World Citizen Essay Contest is to promote discussion among students, teachers, families, and community members about the ways that individuals can effect positive change on the global community. This year, in partnership with Nancy Pearl, is a great opportunity for students to practice their persuasive writing skills. All students in grades 3-12 are invited to enter the blogosphere with this prompt.

Essays are due no later than **March 29, 2013**, so get started now with [Getting Started Guide](#). Please visit the [webpage](#) or email [essaycontest@world-affairs.org](mailto:essaycontest@world-affairs.org) for more information.

The top three winners in three categories, grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, will receive cash prizes, recognition online, and the chance to meet Nancy Pearl at a celebratory event in May.

### 4. **STEM Saturday: [Spring into science](#) at Edmonds Community College, Feb.**

**23** Edmonds Community College invites students, parents, and teachers to spring into science at STEM Saturday, 1-3 p.m., Feb. 23 in the Brier Hall lobby on campus, 20000 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood. STEM Saturday is free and open to the public.

Explore science, technology, engineering, and math, with hands-on activities for kids of all ages – including a pollination station and an egg drop engineering contest.

Enjoy resources from STEM instructors and time to connect with Edmonds CC STEM students. RSVPs requested at [rise@edcc.edu](mailto:rise@edcc.edu).

5. **I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition design contest offers \$1,500 scholarship (\$500 scholarship to runner-up)**

Washington State Department of Transportation engineers are looking for student designs of a wildlife crossing over Interstate 90. The crossing should be similar to the structure already designed and scheduled to be built in 2015 near the Price Noble Creek Sno-Park, as part of the second phase of the [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project](#).

Students register for free at [Washboard.org](http://Washboard.org) and search for *2013 Bridging Futures* to download the application. For a wide variety of resources to help with the design and essay, students can visit the [I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition Web page](#). The Bridges Coalition supports WSDOT's wildlife crossings as part of the I-90 improvement project.

**Applications must be postmarked by May 3, 2013.**

## OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF

1. [Over 700 Washington State Opportunity Scholarships available](#) for students interested in earning a first bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care. [Application online until Feb. 18, 2013.](#)
2. Entries for the [Superintendent of Public Instruction's 40th Annual High School Art Show](#) for schools in the NWESD region are **due by 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013**. Fourteen \$200 purchase awards will be given at the state level.
3. [Get fit, be safe AND help Boys and Girls Club](#) – Saturday, Feb. 23. Self-defense and combat-style camp beginning at 8:30 is free, with donations accepted to support the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County.
4. [Cultural Exploration of Greater China \(CE\)](#) – opportunity for teachers to visit [Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong](#) this summer and learn about Chinese

culture firsthand. Space is limited; **application deadline is Feb. 25, 2013.**

5. **Women Fly!** – The Museum of Flight's annual special event for young women in middle and high school who are interested in aviation and aerospace careers will be held **Friday, March 8**. Girls are invited to participate in a day of motivational and career-oriented activities while meeting and learning from exceptional women working in these fields. Volunteering their time are dozens of women aerospace professionals: airport operators, pilots, air traffic controllers, and engineers in all disciplines. For more information please email [education@museumofflight.org](mailto:education@museumofflight.org)
6. **Students of Color Career Conference** (SOCCC) “Dare to Dream” – **Thursday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Everett Community College's (EvCC) 11th annual conference is geared towards middle and high school students of color in the Snohomish County area, but all Snohomish County middle and high school students are invited to participate. Last year, EvCC welcomed 1,400 students and anticipate more attending this year. There is no limit to the number of students you can bring. [Registration and scholarship applications](#) are due **Friday, March 1**.
7. **University of Washington Math Day 2013** – Save **March 25** for Math Day fun with your high school students. You'll receive more details on this event once registered.

**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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