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# ...NewsLinks

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

Jan. 13, 2014 (*NewsLinks* are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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**PTA Reflections** – The Everett PTSA Council is honors participants in this year's PTA Reflections contest on Jan. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. Visual arts and photography entries displayed in the Community Resource Center atrium through Jan. 14!

## GREG METCALF MEMORIAL INFORMATION

**Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.**, friends, family, students and co-workers will gather at the [Marysville Nazarene Church](#) in memory of Greg Metcalf who taught music at Eisenhower Middle School for more than 20 years. Mr. Metcalf lost a long and courageous battle with cancer in December. In addition to countless awards for his students' performances, he earned the hearts and adoration of countless families and staff in the district.

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**OFFICE MANAGERS, PARAEDUCATORS AND REGISTRARS!** Jan. 27 is an opportunity for you!



Why is there so much excitement about “The 8-Step Instructional Process,” and how can you be a part of it? These are among the topics you will explore as you get hands-on instruction and experience from Pat Davenport – the woman who has been working over the last three years with district teachers and administrators.

The class, held at the Community Resource Center Port Gardner Room runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a 45-minute lunch on your own. Information about the class and your involvement in it was sent before break to school principals. **Please register for the class through the [district course registration system](#).**

### **RESTORING HOPE PROGRAM**

Henry M. Jackson High School is hosting a program on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to bring awareness about the effects of drugs and alcohol in our community. This program is in response to recent heroin overdose deaths of young people in our community.

[Please pass this invitation](#) along to your neighbors, family members and co-workers; and especially young people as one of the speakers has a special message for youth.

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### **JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH**

Since 1995, the [National School Boards Association](#) has designated January as a time to reflect upon the contributions and dedication of local school board members and thank them for countless hours and focus on what is best for all students in their districts.

In Washington state 1,477 locally elected board members set governing policies and pathways for success for the state's 295 school districts. More than one million students depend upon their vision, wisdom and big-picture perspective to equitably and ethically oversee nearly \$13 billion in combined local school district budgets and 160,000 employees.

On [Feb. 3](#), the school board will interview five candidates to replace a former board member who resigned in [January](#). Those interviews, which will be in open session, begin on each of those days at 3 p.m. in the board room of the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett.

Of the candidates who applied for the January interviews to replace the December vacancy and of those who might apply between now and Jan. 23, Superintendent Gary Cohn says, “That these individuals seek to step into this demanding and very public role is emblematic of the support this community has for its schools. Knowing the time and accountability commitments expected of them, these individuals are not only willing, but excited about, the important work they face – and the more than 50 public meetings and many more public appearances and events they will attend each and every year.”

### **THANKS FOR YOUR UNITED WAY GENEROSITY**

District staff donated \$119,219.20 to the United Way campaign this year – giving hope and support for those most in need in our communities.

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## MILEAGE – IRS increases rate per mile

Do you use your personal vehicle for official district business? If so, please note that the Internal Revenue Service has changed the standard mileage rates. As of Jan. 1, 2014, the mileage reimbursement rate for miles driven while conducting official district business is **\$.56 per mile**. This is a .5 cent decrease. Full details are in the [Business Information Manual Section 1.05](#). Questions? 425-385-4170.

## NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Like knowing what's happening in the district?** The [Everett Public Schools Facebook](#) page is a great way to read about [Points of Pride](#), [news releases](#), and [events](#) (learn about events and see photos as they happen). If you have a Facebook account, please **like** our page so you can stay in the loop!

01.13.2014 [Cedar Wood Principal David Jones honored as county Distinguished Principal](#)

01.09.2014 [Caroline Mason appointed to school board](#)

01.08.2014 [January is School Board Appreciation Month](#)

01.07.2014 [School board member resigns](#)

01.03.2014 [Elementary school teacher recognized for 30 years of service in US Air Force Reserves](#)

01.03.2014 [High school students motivated to win Jingle Ball tickets](#)

01.03.2014 [Whittier Elementary School students created over 400 holiday cards](#)

12.30.2013 [Madison Elementary School earns national honor - one of only two schools in state](#)

12.30.2013 [Everett High School launches Robotics Club](#)

12.30.2013 [Everett Public Schools welcomes Opportunity Council as latest strategic partner](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- 1. Writing contest about science for third-, fourth- and fifth-graders**, sponsored by the district and Everett Public Schools Foundation. Each student is asked to think of a science-related question about Washington state's natural environment – something to “wonder” about – *Why is Washington so wet? How do salmon climb ladders? How does the convergence zone impact plants? Why is a tail important on an airplane, or is it?* Each student is to research the question and write about the findings.

Elementary principals have the details, and you can get information from [Christy Clausen](#) or [Molly Ringo](#). Entries should be ready for judging by **Feb.14**.

### Benefits for teachers

- The contest guidelines align with the Common Core State Standards and 21st century skills.



- Everett Public Schools Foundation volunteers will judge the entries and host a celebration on April 17.

2. **Lights. Camera. Education!** [White House Student Film Festival](#) is **looking for awesome student filmmakers to show the power of technology in classrooms in a short film.** There's huge power in what technology can do for education – from taking a course online, to collaborating with students from across the country (or the world!).

[Go to WhiteHouse.gov/Film-Festival and find out how students can participate.](#)

But hurry! Students have only got until **Jan. 29** to send in their submissions. So if it's going to get "two thumbs up," they'd better start now.

3. **Girls on Ice** – a unique, FREE, wilderness science education program for **high school girls, ages 15 to 18** this summer. One adventure is in the North Cascades in Washington state and the other is based on a glacier in Alaska. Acceptance is by [application](#), and [applications are due Jan. 31, 2014.](#)

4. **Family STEM Night** – Wednesday, Feb. 5, [The Future of Flight Foundation](#) is hosting this FREE event that will give you and your family a chance to see some of the amazing technology that is being created and used right in your backyard. All [attendees must be pre-registered](#) to attend.

5. **Save the Date!** Please join the **Everett Public Schools Foundation** at their **breakfast on March 6, 2014**, to learn how your support can make a difference in the lives and academic success of our students. [Reserve your seat now!](#) Join us as a table captain. Contact [Kristie Dutton](#) at 425-385-4693 for information.

6. **PUD High school photography contest** – deadline for entries is March 14. Details about entries and prizes are [online](#).

7. **Explore Chinese culture by visiting China and Taiwan** for two weeks this summer. *Cultural Exploration of Greater China Foundation* (CE) is sponsoring four teachers from the greater Seattle area to go (a teacher from our district participated in this in past years). The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2014. For more information about our organization or the trip application, please visit our website at <http://CulturalExploration.org> or contact Robert Tung [rtung3@gmail.com](mailto:rtung3@gmail.com).

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## **OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF – highlights from past issues**

### **1. Great deals from Auto Program at Cascade High School**

The magnificent student techs of the CHS Auto Program have mechanical offers for district staff. If your vehicle needs attention, contact [Peter Smith](#), automotive



instructor at [Cascade High School](#). [Click here for pricing](#).

## 2. **Volunteers needed to help prepare taxes**

If preparing taxes is fun for you, might enjoy volunteering to help with the United Way effort to help families prepare their taxes. For more information and to volunteer, please call 425-374-5580, email [ian.nelson@uwsc.org](mailto:ian.nelson@uwsc.org), or go to [www.uwsc.org](http://www.uwsc.org).

3. The [Financial Literacy Challenge](#) is a free, online competition for **middle and high school students** in Washington. Teachers can enter students into either the middle school or high school division to take the multiple choice exams during a three-hour window of their choosing between Jan. 9 through Jan. 14, 2014. Results are announced on Jan. 21, 2014.

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**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](#).**

- [1400S Meetings Schedule](#)
- [2410 High School Graduation Requirements](#)
- [2410P High School Graduation Requirements](#)
- [3205P Harassment](#)
- [3319 Use of Physical Restraint and Isolation with Special Education and Section 504 Students](#)
- [3319P Use of Physical Restraint and Isolation with Special Education and Section 504 Students](#)
- [3323P Long-Term Suspension and Expulsion](#)
- [3409 Students with Diabetes](#)
- [3409P Students with Diabetes](#)
- [4205 Use of Tobacco or Tobacco-Like Products on School Property](#)
- [6810 Resource Conservation](#)
- [6810P Resource Conservation](#)

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