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# ...NewsLinks

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

Dec. 18, 2013 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

## QUICK REMINDERS

- **Winter Break** is from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. Students and staff return to school on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. The printed calendar doesn't clearly show there is **NO SCHOOL** on Jan. 2 and 3. Enjoy!
- **UNITED WAY DEADLINE EXTENDED 'TIL FRIDAY!** Because so many in our community still need our personal support, ***please double check to see if you have returned your United Way pledge form for this year.*** If you haven't, please put it in the district mail to our Everett Public Schools Foundation ***by this Friday.*** If you have returned your pledge form, thank you so very much.

## IN THIS ISSUE

- **News around the district** – Good news happening throughout the district
- **Key dates and celebrations** you won't want to miss
- **Opportunities for staff and students** – including great deals for school staff from CHS Auto Program and **deadline extension** for *Prodigies for Peace* essay contest
- **Policies and procedures** – always available online

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## 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!

12.17.2013 [Bruin Buddies program at Cascade High School still shines](#)  
12.17.2013 [Heatherwood Middle School Hawk Spots rock Ballard](#)  
12.10.2013 [Next fall, sixth- through twelfth-grade students will use newly-selected middle and high school English/Language Arts classroom materials](#)  
12.05.2013 [WordWright pride at Henry M. Jackson High School](#)  
12.03.2013 [School board process for new board member appointment](#)  
12.02.2013 [School board member resignation](#)  
12.02.2013 [Club revives dormant greenhouse at Cascade High School](#)  
11.27.2013 [Sonja Delafosse selected as a global Education Expert](#)

11.27.2013 [Partnerships launch STEM Center](#)  
11.26.2013 [First Natural Leaders kick-off event at Woodside Elementary School](#)  
11.25.2013 [Cascade High School football team worked hard to live the dream](#)  
11.25.2013 [Letters of Intent Celebration at Cascade High School](#)  
11.22.2013 [Outstanding music students heading to All-State](#)  
11.21.2013 [Mayor's Arts Awards honors arts educator Ann Morgan](#)  
11.20.2013 [Everett High School sophomore ranks among nation's top 115 WordWrights](#)  
11.20.2013 [Cascade High students take over South Everett Safeway on Dec. 7](#)  
11.20.2013 [Everett High School celebrates six seniors signing letters of intent](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

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

Everett Public Schools staff and students are eligible for great deals from the Auto Program at Cascade High School. "Once again it's that time of year where the snow flies and we certainly don't want to get caught broken down in it, so here's what the magnificent techs of the Auto Program have to offer you," offers [Peter Smith](#), automotive instructor at [Cascade High School](#). [Click here for pricing](#).

### 2. **DEADLINE EXTENDED!** *Prodigies for Peace* essay contest for grades 3-12.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Celebration Committee is proud to announce the [Prodigies for Peace](#) Writing Contest for the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration in January 2014.

The *Prodigies for Peace* writing contest helps students draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today. Participation in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **All art and writing entries must be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, to the Everett Mayor's office, 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 10-A, Everett, WA, 98201.**

### 3. Project Learning Tree

Attend this fun workshop and receive **SIX FREE CLOCK HOURS!** Practice and take home indoor and outdoor environmental education lesson plans that meet Washington State's **Common Core and Current Science** standards. [Project Learning Tree](#) is an award-winning program that offers curriculum resources for teaching environmental education to students of all ages. **Who:** Classroom teachers grades 4-8, afterschool program providers, parent volunteers, 4-H volunteers and anyone interested in incorporating education in their classroom, after-school programs, or school clubs. **Questions:** 425-357-6023; [lauren.grand@wsu.edu](mailto:lauren.grand@wsu.edu) or [bachleda@wsu.edu](mailto:bachleda@wsu.edu).

### 4. Volunteers needed to help prepare taxes

Many working families in our community will not get the tax return they deserve. You can help! United Way is seeking volunteers to help prepare taxes during its annual Free Tax Preparation Campaign, which will take place from January 21 to April 15 at several locations throughout Snohomish County. Volunteers will receive

free training and will be certified by the IRS. Volunteers who are multilingual are especially needed. The Tax Program allows low-income people to keep more of their hard-earned money and avoid paying unnecessary fees for commercial tax preparation and "rapid refund" loans. Last year, 104 volunteers dedicated 3,800 hours, prepared 2,844 tax returns, and helped return \$5.1 million in federal refunds to the community, including \$1.6 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. 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).

**5. Everett Police Departments wants you to be safe this holiday season**

They want you to be prepared while driving, shopping and especially keeping your children safe! Here are [some tips to keep in mind](#) while you are out and about.

6. The [Washington Council for Economic and Financial Education](#) is pleased to announce the Washington Financial Literacy Challenge, with competitions in January for fall semester classes and in May for courses ending in June 2014.

The Financial Literacy Challenge is a free, on-line competition for **middle and high school students** in Washington. Teachers can enter students into either the middle school or high school divisions to take the multiple choice exams during a three hour-window of their choosing between Jan. 9, 2014 and Jan. 17, 2014. Students take the exam, and results are announced on Jan. 21, 2014. It's that easy.

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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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