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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Jan. 20, 2015 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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DISTRICT GATHERS INSIGHT ABOUT SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT

What are your concerns; what do you appreciate; and what else would you like to say? These are the three questions students, families, staff and community are invited to answer between Jan. 17 and Jan. 27 in the first of a three-phase online conversation. If you didn't get an email from *Thoughtexchange* this past weekend, [click here](#) to sign up and share your thoughts.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR FOR EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES

Do you have questions about when and how to retire?

Washington State School Retirees Association will sponsor a free workshop for employees considering retirement in the next five years at the Community Resource Center (Board Room) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

Jim Mendoza from the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) will present information on Plans 2 and 3 for employees at all levels. He will also hand out

forms and information packets on Pension Benefits, health care options and PEBB, Social Security and AMBA benefits available to WSSRA members.

Enjoy beverages and snacks during the session, or you may bring your own snack. Please pre-register with [Marianne Harvey](#) 425-348-4993 **by Friday, Feb. 13**, so that DRS knows how many handouts to bring. Leave your name, phone number and plan number.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS EARLIER THAN USUAL – on Monday, Feb. 2

Although this school year is not yet finished, it is time to [register for kindergarten](#) for next fall.

Children who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2015, are eligible to begin kindergarten in September. To ensure that teachers and classrooms are ready, district elementary schools will begin registering kindergarten students starting Monday, Feb. 2 for 2015-16. Registration materials will be available via the [district website](#) on Jan. 26 and at elementary schools on Jan. 28.

Initial application for tuition-based full-day kindergarten **ends Friday, Feb. 6 at noon**. Lotteries will be held the afternoon of Feb. 6 at schools where applications exceed spaces.

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL GYM DEDICATION – during halftime Feb. 6

Voters said “yes” to the 2006 bond, making it possible to remodel Everett High School’s gym. Given the history of that school and its athletic legacy, much of the old building has been incorporated into the new. See where the old scoreboard now hangs, where the old gym floor now appears and see how the architects and builders kept the spirit of “The Pit.”

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. The rate has increased from 56 cents to 57.5 cents per mile. This new rate is effective for miles driven Jan. 1, 2015 and after. Full details are in the [Business Information Manual Section 1.05](#). Questions? 425-385-4170.

ACCESS YOUR WEBSITE FROM A SMART PHONE

LauriBeth Hull has created a nifty [Accessing Teacher Websites with a Smart Phone help sheet](#). Please share with your students’ parents.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

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

please **like** our page so you can stay in the loop!

2015.01.12 [Super Kid Jessica Miller's got a running start on life | Herald article](#)
2015.01.08 [Everett Public Schools welcomes next year's kindergarten students](#)
2015.01.07 [District gathers insight about schools and district](#)
2015.01.06 [Here come the robots! Gateway wins top trophy](#)
2015.01.06 [What do you know about new state tests?](#)
2015.01.05 [FAFSA season is here, and IT MATTERS!](#)
2014.12.18 [Silver Lake Elementary students and staff help others](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

1. EAEOP members, are you CEOE certified? Earn what you're worth! If you are interested in earning extra pay, please contact [Cheri R Burkhardt](#), CEOE. Your monthly stipend pay is waiting for you!

- [NAEOP Certification program](#)
- [NAEOP Membership](#)
- [WAEOP Membership earns 1 PSP point towards your CEOE certification](#)
- [WAEOP April 24-25, 2015 Conference](#) (Spokane, WA)

Professional development pays off!

2. Do you know someone in the class of 2019? This year's eighth-grade students will graduate in 2019. The class of 2019 is the first class that must meet the state's new 24-1 credit high school graduation requirement. Learn more on the [district website](#).

3. [Volunteers needed for 2015 annual Point in Time homeless count](#) | Jan. 22

Volunteering three hours of time can be a big step in helping end homelessness in Snohomish County. The county needs volunteers to help with the annual Point In Time Homeless count Thursday, Jan. 22.

Volunteers work three-hour shifts between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Training and materials are provided, and volunteers can choose to work in various parts of the county.

4. Sheriff's Office recruits [citizens for academies](#) | begins Jan. 29

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the annual Citizen's Academy, a free, 13-week program for county residents to learn more about law enforcement's day-to-day operations.

5. [Write Out of this World: Sci-fi and fantasy short story contest](#) | Jan. 31 deadline

Students in third- through 12th-grades are invited to express their creativity through EMP's fifth annual [Write Out of This World: Sci-Fi and Fantasy Short](#)

Story Contest.

Deadline for submissions: Jan. 31, 2015

6. [Technology Student Association \(TSA\)](#) judging opportunity | Feb. 7

February is officially Career and Technical Education (CTE) month in Washington, and Henry M. Jackson's TSA would love your support!

On **Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015**, TSA chapters from all over Western Washington will compete at Henry M. Jackson High School to determine who is eligible to move on to state and, ultimately, nationals.

We need YOU to be a judge! All events have clear, easy-to-use rules and rubrics for scoring: **no experience necessary**. Students especially appreciate getting to perform at their best for educators, professionals and community leaders in and out of technical fields.

If you can donate your time for one or more events, please contact
Rick Wigre 425-385-7151 <mailto:rwigre@everettsd.org>
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7. [Autism expert, Mary Temple Grandin, coming to Everett, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium](#)

Mary Temple Grandin is an American doctor of animal science, a professor at Colorado State University, a best-selling author, an autistic activist, and a consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. She also created the "hug box," a device to calm those on the autism spectrum.

She has a place among TIME magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2010 in the "Heroes" category, and her life story was the subject of a 2010 HBO biopic, "Temple Grandin," winner of seven Emmy awards and a Golden Globe.

Her speech, "The Way I See It," will focus on autism. For tickets, go to brownpapertickets.com.

8. [Seattle Aquarium hosts Ocean Career Day | Feb. 7](#)

Students, parents and educators are invited to learn more about career, volunteer and educational opportunities that are available in the field of marine biology.

A discounted admission rate of \$7 is available to students and teachers who [pre-register online](#).

9. [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. 23, 2015.**

For more information about the organization or the [trip application](#), please visit their [website](#).

10. Super Saturday | Jan. 24

Ever wanted to take apart a motorcycle engine? Want to create a brand new bag out of old jeans? Come to Super Saturday on Jan. 24 at McCollum Park at the WSU Education Center sponsored by WSU Snohomish County Extension 4-H Program. Class offerings include art, dance, and needle felting to name a few. You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate. The cost of a whole day of classes is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Classes are open to all ages except where specified on the [registration form](#).

11. [Kids' Art contest celebrates 50 years of Voting Rights Act](#) | April 15 deadline

Just in time for Good Citizenship Day on Jan. 16, the Office of the Secretary of State announced this year's *Kids' Art* contest theme, "Every Vote is Equal!" celebrating 50 years of the Voting Rights Act.

All fourth- and fifth-grade students in Washington's public, private, tribal and home schools can submit their original art. Official contest rules and entry form are [online](#). **Contest ends April 15.**

The [free curriculum](#) *Teaching Elections in Washington State* discusses good citizenship and the history of voting in America. These lessons for grades K-12 meet state and Common Core standards, and satisfy the civics coursework required for graduation. Classroom based assessments (CBAs) are included with each lesson.

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](#).

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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