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...NewsLinks

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Feb. 5, 2015 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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THOUGHTEXCHANGE PROCESS ENTERS PHASE 2

Were you among the 1,700+ who responded to the Thoughtexchange invitation? Even if you missed phase 1 which ended on Jan. 27, you can still take part in the next phase. In early February, all who sign up will be able to see others' comments and to virtually "star" those you agree with most. To ensure that you get an invitation, [click here](#) to register and see what others had to say.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REMINDER

District elementary schools began registering kindergarten students on Monday, Feb. 2 for 2015-16. Registration materials are available via the [district website](#).

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.

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KING COUNTY OPENS SECTION 8 HOUSING WAIT LIST

Some of our district's *Kids in Transition* (KIT) live in King County and may benefit from housing assistance available through King County. On Jan. 28, King County opened an online-only process for their waiting list. Information is available at www.kcha.org only through Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Want to know more about the [district's KIT program](#) and the students it serves? Visit the [department website](#).

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL GYM DEDICATION – postponed

Last month's *NewsLinks* announced this Friday as a dedication date for the EHS gym. Watch for another date to be announced.

W-2 FORMS WERE MAILED TO HOMES ON JAN. 22

You should have your paper forms, unless you chose to get yours electronically. If you went the electronic route, log into [Employee Online](#) and select W2 Forms under *Tax Information*.

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WEAR RED DAY IS FRIDAY, FEB. 6

February is American Heart Month. Join the [American Heart Month Challenge](#). Eat more veggies, eat healthy fats, get more exercise, stress less, sleep and relax more ... all to help improve your heart health.

Healthy Heart Fair on Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Community Resource Center from 2 to 5 p.m. Heart healthy vendors, prizes, give-a-ways, blood pressure checks and healthy heart screenings.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN A 'WIN/WIN'

United Way nominated Everett Public Schools Foundation's Kirsten Hansen for their 2014 Campaign Manager of the Year award. Kirsten used her time and talents to successfully lead the Everett Public Schools United Way Campaign. Congratulations, Kirsten!

Thank you to the nearly 20 percent of you who donated to the United Way this year. Together, staff pledged \$124,165 to the United Way, giving hope and support for those most in need in our communities.

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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 [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!

2015.02.04 [Secondary Social Studies material review](#)
2015.02.04 [District now using Peachjar for eflyers](#)
2015.02.02 [CHS robotics students to address State Senate](#)
2015.01.30 [Fourth-grade teacher uses real life classroom lessons and is published in science magazine](#)
2015.01.30 [Eighth-grade student takes top honors and moves to international competition](#)
2015.01.30 [Local jazz band swingin' to Georgia | Herald article](#)
2015.01.28 [Everett High's jazz band is going to national competition | Tribune article](#)
2015.01.27 [Twenty-seven DECA students to compete at state level this spring](#)
2015.01.26 [District asks for public perspective about disaster planning](#)
2015.01.23 [Cascade High reorganizes track and cross country coaching positions](#)
2015.01.23 [Reading is experiencing in Scott Louck's class](#)
2015.01.23 [Eisenhower make modern tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
2015.01.21 [Everett High jazz 'plays' for Savannah competition](#)

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OPPORTUNITES

1. City of Everett Valentine Dance for Dads and Daughters – Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7

From little feet riding on daddy's dress shoes to grown adults respectfully honoring a cherished bond, Everett's annual daddy-daughter dance invites pairs of all ages to dress up and share a special evening.

Dads and daughters can dance to a variety of pop favorites spun by DJ PJ Parsons, who welcomes requests. Enjoy sweet and healthy refreshments and pose for complimentary commemorative pictures. Tickets are \$29 per dad/daughter pair and \$6 for each additional daughter. Grandpas, big brothers and other male role models also are welcome as escorts.

Advance tickets are encouraged for one of two nights: Friday, Feb. 6 or Saturday, Feb. 7. Both nights are 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Floral Hall at Forest Park, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd. Reservations through the Recreation Office at 425-257-8300, ext. 2., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2. Online Courses available for staff

New courses are available including course on Adobe Acrobat, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Word. To find available courses go to <http://pd.everettsd.org>. Select Course catalog. In the Course Code or Title field enter online and click search. For more information contact LauriBeth Hull, lhull@everettsd.org

SBAC Face to Face

This course is for those staff who would like to register and begin the online Chromebook and SBA modules. You will work at your own pace through the modules, but will have someone there to answer questions and provide assistance.

To register go to <http://pd.everettsd.org>. The courses are on the following dates and times:

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| • February 12 | 4-6 p.m. | CRC |
| • February 17 | 1-5 p.m. | CRC |
| • February 26 | 3:30-5:30 p.m. | Eisenhower |
| • March 9 | 4-6 p.m. | Heatherwood |
| • March 10 | 3:30-5:30 p.m. | Eisenhower |
| • March 23 | 4-6 p.m. | Emerson |
| • March 25 | 4-6 p.m. | Heatherwood |

- 3. Harlem Globetrotters at Xfinity Comcast Feb. 16, 2 p.m.** – district staff can save up to \$7 per ticket. Order your tickets by Thursday, Feb. 12. See [flyer](#) for order form.

- 4. Do you know someone who needs a wheelchair ramp?** The Master Builders Association (MBA) is accepting applications for its annual Rampathon building project. MBA members will build FREE access ramps for homeowners in need within King and Snohomish Counties. Applications are due by **Feb. 27**. For more details and an application, MBA [website](#).

5. PUD Art Contest – Create an Energy Smarty Pants poster

Students K-12 are eligible to submit a poster design to show people how to make smart energy choices. Up to 12 winners will each win \$50. See [PUD website](#) for guidelines and registration form. Deadline is 5 p.m. on **March 13, 2015**.

6. Spanish training workshop | March 14

Improve your communicating with Spanish-speaking students and their families while earning [credit or clock hours](#).

7. Snohomish County Transition Resource Fair – March 24, 4 to 8:30 p.m. at Cascade High School.

For the last 18 years, the Transition Resource Fair has helped residents with disabilities connect with jobs, housing, education, transportation and other services. With the resources available at the event, the hurdles sometimes faced by residents with disabilities are lessened so that their skills and talents can shine.

This year's fair will include more than 60 community agencies and business

and a schedule of free workshops to help build connections. In the past, the agencies have included Social Security, transit representatives, attorneys, Department of Services for the Blind and health benefit advisors.

Questions? Contact Melinda Bocci at 425-388-7259.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF

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

YOU could be a judge! On **Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015** when TSA chapters from all over this region compete at Henry M. Jackson High School.

If you can donate your time this Saturday, please contact
Rick Wigre 425-385-7151 rwigre@everettsd.org
Judy Baker 425-385-7062 jbaker@everettsd.org

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

Learn more about career, volunteer and educational opportunities that are available in the field of marine biology.

[Pre-register online](#) for discounted admission rate of \$7. Open to students, parents, educators.

3. [Retirement seminar for Everett Public Schools employees](#)

Do you have questions about when and how to retire?

Washington State School Retirees Association's free workshop for employees on Plans 2 or 3 who are considering retirement in the next five years is at the Community Resource Center (Board Room) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19.

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.

4. [Explore Chinese culture by visiting China and Taiwan](#) for two weeks this summer **at no expense to you**. *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](#).

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

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](#).

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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