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...NewsLinks

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Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

September 8, 2015 (*NewsLinks* are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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1,768 PACKPACKS DELIVERED TO SCHOOLS THIS WEEK

Thousands of school supplies and hundreds of backpack donations later, plus many volunteers, equals success! The annual school supply drive organized by [Everett Public Schools Foundation](#) will help every student be ready to learn on the first day of school. Thanks to all who donated and volunteered to help with the “stuffing” assembly line – and to Durham Transportation for once again volunteering driver time to collect and deliver supplies.

LMS QUESTIONS

Use LMSstaff@everettsd.org for the most efficient way to get your questions answered rather than emailing an individual. All LMS staff members have access to this email account and the response time is quicker.

NEW SAFETY TIP LINE POSTERS

New banners and classroom posters were delivered to all schools. Now anyone can call, text, email or go online to report a concern.

3 easy ways

Text or call



855-637-2095



1350@alert1.us



<http://1350.alert1.us>

THOUGHTEXCHANGE

We're talking about technology. On Sept. 8, we will launch our second online community engagement process through ThoughtExchange. As a staff member, you should get an email automatically, but if you don't, click on http://bit.ly/EPS_Texchange to join the conversation.

WEBSITE STANDARDS

If you are considering a new webpage, check the [online standards](#) before you start from scratch. This similar look and feel for each page lets readers know they are on a district page.

Interested in learning more about technology?

If you have a group at your school or department who'd like to earn professional development credit while mastering the website, Chromebooks or Google Drive, contact [LauriBeth Hull](#) at 425-385-4208.

FREE FOR ALL DISTRICT STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARENTS

[Atomic Learning](#) offers quick and easy online tutorials for Microsoft Office products and much more. This cache of videos and tutorials is self-paced and designed specifically for education. Click on the Atomic Learning logo, use your district login, and choose the programs and functions you'd like to learn more about. (Remember to bookmark the Atomic Learning login page so you can access this resource easily, as many times as you want.)

IT'S FLU SEASON – Maintenance Department is “on it!” Please help break the chain of infection.

Cold and flu season launches simultaneously with the start of school. News reports describe increasing incidents of a more virulent virus this year that is especially dangerous for young people. **Practice these germ busting habits and remind those around you to do the same:**

1. If you don't have a tissue handy, cough into your elbow.
2. If you use a tissue, throw it away and wash your hands immediately.
3. Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. (*Hand sanitizer is not the recommended option, unless no soap and water is available.*)
4. Wash your hands before and after eating, touching your eyes, nose or

mouth.

5. Don't share towels, lipstick, toys, eating and drinking items. These can be contaminated with respiratory germs.
6. Do you have a cough and fever? See your doctor!
7. Do you have a cough and fever? Use a face mask at the doctor's office.
8. Do you have a cough and fever? Stay home! Follow the doctor's prescription and get rest.

What the maintenance crew is doing to break the infection chain

1. Cleaning "high touch" areas often -- door knobs and doorway panic bars, light switches and drinking fountains
2. Cleaning office counter tops – with special attention to the attendance office counters
3. Cleaning lunch room tables
4. Staff are wearing gloves during this process and when emptying trash and they are also changing trash liners often
5. Teaching staff have Alpha HP to use to clean student desks
6. If schools have a major outbreak of flu, the custodian may forgo another cleaning project (such as vacuuming) to spend more time wiping down surfaces
7. Schools are using disinfectant products every day. Maintenance has a large-outbreak clean-up kit to send with additional custodians for a major clean up if a school closes because of illness. *(This happens rarely; the last time in this district was in spring 2009 during the swine flu season when Jackson Elementary was closed for a few days.)*

Avoid catching the flu with a vaccination

Everett Public Schools Wellness Program is sponsoring a health fair that includes **free flu vaccines*** for staff on **Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2 to 5:30 p.m.** at the Community Resource Center. While you're there, get a free seated massage, visit with vendors who can support your well-being and enter to win lots of great prizes.

Visit the [Wellness website](#) for more details and for a [complete list of vaccine clinics](#) for you AND your family scheduled throughout the district this fall.

Your insurance will be billed for the vaccine.** There will be ***no out of pocket expense for you as flu vaccines are a covered benefit with most health plans. Be sure to bring your insurance card with you to the clinic.

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!

2015.08.29 [Tentative agreement reached](#)

2015.08.26 [Tapping into Past Experiences to Inform the Future – Andrea Miles.](#)

[USA – Daily Edventures article](#)

2015.08.17 [Who has Smarter Balanced test scores and when will parents know how students scored?](#)

2015.08.17 [Varsity letters earned for Community Service - Herald article](#)

2015.07.28 [Barney Peterson returns from Space Camp](#)

2015.07.23 [Board authorizes purchase and sale of Colby property](#)

2015.07.22 [Cascade High School senior, Alexandra Cizek, is a Seafair Ambassador](#)

2015.07.21 [District partners with Math Whizz](#)

2015.06.30 [Students turn gym into a ballroom](#)

2015.06.29 [Everett High junior selected for leadership program](#)

2015.06.17 [Monroe Elementary is a Washington top ten fundraising school](#)

2015.06.10 [Everett student earns award in Holocaust Center contest](#)

2015.06.10 [North Middle School Garden Club grows vegetables for food bank](#)

2015.06.10 [Heatherwood Middle School symphonic band earns gold](#)

2015.06.10 [Everett junior Taggart is The Herald's Softball Player of the Year- Herald article](#)

2015.06.08 [Thanks for great musical program | Herald's Letter to the Editor](#)

2015.06.08 [Herald's Super Kid: Everett High's Viridiana Maciel has her eye on design | Herald article](#)

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: Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106; Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104; 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063; ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201



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