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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

April 13, 2015 (NewsLinks are archived on Docushare)

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FISHBOWL CONVERSATIONS - FIRST ONE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 28

To augment winter <u>online conversations</u>, the school board is hosting face-to-face conversations in April and May.

What IS a fishbowl conversation? (hyperlink to news release) According to multiple sources, fishbowl meetings can vary, but all have a common purpose – that is to engage all participants in a conversation and thus gather varying perspectives on a topic.

On three Tuesdays in April and May, Cascade High, Henry M. Jackson High and then Everett High will be *fishbowl* conversation sites from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The topics for those three evenings are school facilities and technology. Click on the links below to register.

April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cascade High School cafeteria May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Henry M. Jackson High annex May 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Everett High School cafeteria

SUBSCRIBE TO BE 'IN TOUCH'

<u>InTouch</u> is an easy way to stay 'in touch' with what's happening in our schools and district. If you haven't already done so, register your email address and select the topics you want to know about. Choose from:

- Board meeting news
- InTouch (general information, updates, news releases, etc.)
- Land use news

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STAFF

With measles, whooping cough (pertussis), and other diseases increasing in our state and in the nation, the following immunizations are recommended for school staff: measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox), diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (Tdap and Td), hepatitis B, and influenza (flu). See the recommended immunization table for more details.

While immunizations are not required for school staff, having easily accessible staff immunization records can prepare schools to respond in a timely manner should a disease outbreak occur.

STEM FAIR | JUNE 8 AT 5 P.M. AT THE COMCAST CONFERENCE CENTER

Come see the Elementary/Middle School Research, Experiment, and Engineering Competition and a showcase celebrating students' STEM learning.

GRADUATION DATES

June 10 | Everett Civic Auditorium Sequoia High | Time TBA June 13 | Xfinity Arena Cascade High at noon Jackson High at 4 p.m. Everett High at 8 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, JUNE 16

As of today, Tuesday, June 16 is the scheduled last day of school. Fingers crossed for no snow days – yes, it has snowed before in April!

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!

2015.04.09 Jack Kidd gets seventh in the state at the National Geographic Geo Bee

2015.04.08 Henry M. Jackson High's Jean Sarcletti on national panel

2015.04.07 Battle of the Books was a close encounter

2015.04.01 World class competitive dancer shares dance moves

2015.03.31 GEAR UP and AVID students explore capitol and college

2015.03.26 Cultures shine at global fair | Tribune article

2015.03.26 Jackson High School STEM club students win at regional competitions

2015.03.25 Woodside Elementary is district's largest elementary school

2015.03.25 Students in regional Bee | Herald article

2015.03.25 Everett High scholarship established in memory of 2 MPHS shooting victims | Herald article

2015.03.19 Whittier Elementary teacher continues to do good work earning recognition and awards

2015.03.17 Everett High Student Uses Fire Department Ladder Truck To Rescue Stuck Seagull | My Everett News article

2015.03.13 New class replaces Senior Seminar for high school students

2015.03.13 Mill Creek Garden Club hands over the dough! | News of Mill Creek article

2015.03.09 Cascade High School's DECA earns honors at state conference

OPPORTUNITES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

1. EAEOP Members Have You Earned Your PSP Certificate?

The Professional Standards Program is a voluntary program established by the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (<u>NAEOP</u>) to encourage educational office professionals to grow professionally.

Are you new in your position or do you not have a college degree? There are many different ways to satisfy requirements in each of the areas. PSP is for everyone! Join <u>WAEOP</u> to start your journey today.

- 2. Holocaust survivors speak at Everett Community College | April 15-May 27 Four people who lived through the Holocaust will tell their stories this spring as part of Everett Community College's Holocaust Survivor Forums. The presentations are free and are from 12:20 to 1:20 p.m. at EvCC's Whitehorse Hall, room 105. No reservations are required.
- MISS REPRESENTATION a documentary film | April 16 FREE
 This opportunity will encourage students to develop the critical thinking skills they need to navigate the mixed messages they encounter through TV, radio, movies, online and social media. Hosted by North Middle School PTA at the Everett Civic Auditorium.
- 4. Office Professionals Spring Workshop | April 24-25
 The Washington Association Educational Office Professionals (WAEOP) spring workshop has several speakers covering what a leader looks like, record retentions and more. While funding lasts, up to \$200 per person is available for voluntary professional development cost reimbursement on a first come, first served basis. Earn up to 15 hours in-service training clock hours which may be applied to becoming a Certified Educational Office Employee (CEOE) in the Professional Standards Program (PSP) and EARN MORE MONEY (\$115 monthly stipend is available when you earn your CEOE accreditation)!
- 5. Nominate Washington's Best Teacher | Deadline May 19 Do you know an inspirational teacher? We encourage any K-8 students, 14 years or younger, to nominate his or her favorite teacher by filling out an entry form at any Puget Sound-area Ivar's or Kidd Valley restaurant (excluding stadium locations). Nominations are also accepted online by completing entries at Ivars.com/teacher or KiddValley.com/calendar. Nominations for the Teacher of the Year accepted through May 19, 2015. Winners will be announced around May 26, 2015.
- 6. Summer professional development opportunity at EMP Museum for grades 5-12 educators | June 29–July 3
 STEM + Arts = STEAM! Arts-Based Inquiry, Engagement, and Discovery: New Spins on Project-Based Learning for the STEM Classroom

OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF – highlights from past issues

1. <u>Kids' Art contest celebrates 50 years of Voting Rights Act</u> | 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.

2. Complimentary Estate Planning Seminar | April 29

The EPS Foundation is hosting a <u>complimentary estate planning seminar</u> on Wednesday, April 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. Current and retired staff of Everett Public Schools is welcome!

3. Pay Date Changes

The <u>Payroll Calendar</u> has been updated with the new pay dates. Revisions to the <u>Payroll Calendar</u> have been highlighted in <u>orange</u>.

KEY DATES – <u>important dates and celebrations</u> 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.

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