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...NewsLinks

FOLLOW US!

Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Dec. 9, 2015 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

NEW this year – Maintenance department newsletters are also [archived online](#).
Learn more about the dedication and professionalism of our maintenance pros!

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BEYOND THE HOUR OF CODE

Watch for *Beyond the Hour of Code* school events, Dec. 7-14. On Dec. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., students, staff and community members will be [coding together at the CRC](#). Come join the fun and learn how to code from students!

UNITED WAY FORMS DUE DEC. 10

Don't forget this last-minute opportunity to "do a good thing" for the year. Be sure your United Way pledge form is turned in to the Foundation office at the CRC by next Thursday.

CHECK OUT NAVIANCE AND ATOMIC LEARNING

Next Parent Tech Talk is on Dec. 14. Tell your students' parents they can discover **Naviance**, which helps middle and high school students (and their families) create personalized *High School and Beyond* plans. Also learn about **Atomic Learning**, 24/7 technology training tutorials available to students and parents! Learn more at

the [Dec. 14 Tech Talk](#) or contact Naviance@everettsd.org if you are already using Naviance and have questions.

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SEND YOUR 2015 CALENDARS TO PATTY POTE AT PORT GARDNER

Patty's students use the calendars and high quality, glossy magazines for art projects. They also "upcycle" old socks, washed first please. ☺ Send these items to Patty through the intra-district mail and know you are doing a good deed!

HELP A 'KID IN TRANSITION' (KIT PROGRAM)

Volunteers of America has graciously partnered with Everett Public Schools to help support our KIT students. Every cent donated for **'EPS-KIT'** will go to KIT kids! You can send your donations, in the form of gift cards, cash, or check (made out to VOAWW indicating in the note field: 'EPS-KIT') to Amy Perusse, Categorical Programs at the CRC, **by Dec. 15**. Click [eflyer](#) for more information.

READY WASHINGTON AND PUGET SOUND ESD ARE HIRING a cadre of

Washington State Teacher Leaders from all content areas and grade levels in Washington state. Teacher Leaders will contribute to conversations and engage other teachers about connections and best practices for college and career ready learning standards and assessments (Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards, Smarter Balanced) and the Teacher Principal Evaluation Program. Click [eflyer](#) for more information.

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Like knowing what's happening in the district? [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!

2051.12.08 [School brings library to students' homes](#)

2015.12.08 ["Filling buckets" becomes "bucks" for kids](#)

2015.12.08 [Girls Soccer Player of the Year Drew Locknane | Herald article](#)

2015.12.03 [Where math hits the pavement](#)

2015.12.01 [Cascade High robotics team reaches out to community](#)

2015.11.23 [Rotary honors Monar, Musaa-Hussein and Boswell as *Students of the Month*](#)

2015.11.20 [Laurie Cappello of Cascade High School is 2016 Hall of Fame member](#)

2015.11.20 [YMCA of Snohomish County buys school district property on Colby](#)

2015.11.20 [Teacher Wanda Hill a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert](#)

2015.11.17 [Principal David Jones 'Putting Planning into Practice' article published](#)

2015.11.17 [Natural Leaders serve as "multi-cultural bridges"](#)

2015.11.19 [School staff heroes lessen windstorm damage woes](#)

2015.11.14 [Jackson junior Limberg wins two 4A championships at state swim](#)

[meet | Herald article](#)

2015.11.11 [In 1947 Everett Memorial Stadium was dedicated to veterans](#)

2015.11.10 [Jayden Terry-Olson has plenty to sing about | Herald article](#)

2015.11.09 [Cascade High's Brooke Guidice | Herald article SUPER KID](#)

2015.11.07 [Puget Sound Festival of Bands | Letters to the editor](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. **[PTA/PTSA SHOE FUND NEEDS DONATIONS](#)** – The Everett PTSA Council's Shoe Fund program works directly with schools to identify students in need and provide Payless Shoes gift cards. The program has already given out 260 cards to students across the district this year, but there is a **waiting list of more than 170 students, and the program is currently out of funds.**
2. **[Professional Development for Office Professionals](#)** – Jan. 23, 2016. Register for a full day of learning! Workshops will cover improving efficiency and effectiveness, Office 365, records management and risk management. [Register by Jan. 8.](#)
3. **[Do you know an exemplary math or science teacher in grades 7-12?](#)** 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching nominations are now open. More information is on the [website](#). Deadline is April 1, 2016.
4. **[Know a student who is helping improve race relations](#)** in school or community? Encourage that student to apply for **The Princeton Prize in Race Relations**. [Apply online](#) or by mail. Application deadline is **Jan. 31, 2016.**
5. **[The Harlem Globetrotters](#)** return to the Seattle area the weekend of Feb. 13, 2016. [Click for dates and discounted tickets.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. Schack Art Center [fall art schedule](#) for educators
2. The ESD *Education Connection* course catalogue is [online](#).
3. [Field trip opportunity](#) – Alderwood Dance Spectrum is offering daytime performances of *A Storybook Nutcracker* at the PUD auditorium in Everett this December.
4. President's Environmental Youth Awards **due Dec. 31**. Open to students of all ages – with a chance of recognition by the President of the United States. Details and [applications online](#).
5. Washington Poison Center (WAPC) annual poster contest to celebrate National Poison Prevention Week. **Entries are due Jan. 15, 2016.**
6. [Congressional App Challenge](#) for high school students. **Entries are due Jan. 15, 2016.**
7. **EAEOP members** – are you earning to your full potential? If you are a WAEOP member, check out the many [WAEOP scholarships](#) available to you and to your dependents. If you're not a member, it's not too late to [sign up](#).

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KEY DATES – [important dates and celebrations](#) you won't want to miss planning for now!

SAFETY REMINDER – From the friendly folks at the Risk Management Pool
Winter break and inclement weather bring added safety risks. Below are some friendly tips and reminders to keep you safe and prevent theft and vandalism this season and throughout the school year, brought to you by the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool. While these thoughts are intended for schools, they are good reminders for our homes and cars too.

Putting the brake on theft and vandalism

- **Lock all interior doors** and **keep your window coverings closed** so no one outside is tempted by what you have inside.
 - **Lock up portable electronic equipment** when you aren't using them.
 - **Don't keep student valuables** and turn in all cash and checks at the end of each day.
 - Report any graffiti immediately. Remember, the motto is, "Report, record and remove." All you need to do is the "report" part, so someone else can do the rest.
 - Do not leave school files and records unattended. (This might seem like a "duh," but there is big money in data breach business.)
 - Give visitors a friendly reminder to check in at the front office if you see someone wandering without a badge.
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Damping the possibility of a fire

Did you know that half of school fires are set intentionally and that one fourth of those are set in easily accessible trash bins?

- Keep flammable materials to a minimum and **take flammable wastes** to an outside metal trash can or dumpster.
- **Don't let waste materials and trash accumulate** inside or outside. Do you use oily rags for school projects? Then put them in metal trash cans with self-closing lids.
- (Another "duh" here) **Keep the fire exits clear** so that you and everyone else can get out.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

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