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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Jan. 8, 2016 (*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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- **This is School Board Appreciation Month** – We'll honor them officially on Jan. 26, but you can say "thanks for all you do" anytime!
- **We're on the Fit-Friendly Honor Roll** – Everett Public Schools continues to earn Gold level award for 2016 for being a Fit-Friendly Worksite with the American Heart Association
- **Seattle Times Education Lab invites you** – to *Unexpected Adventures in Learning* where educators share their best ideas
- **District newsletter** – the [fall edition is online](#). Watch for the winter edition coming to your mailbox next week.
- **PTA Reflections** honoring participants Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Community Resource Center
- **Do you have news to share?** – It's easy; use this [simple form](#)
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BOND? LEVY? WHEN?

Over the past year, the board has incorporated the "voices of 10,000" into decisions about what to ask of voters this spring. Thank YOU for taking part in some of those – *Thoughtexchange*, the Fishbowl sessions, public meetings, Council deliberations and the time you've taken to provide feedback and questions through staff sessions.

These topics are major agenda items for board meetings on Jan. 12 and 28. These are also topics of travelling presentations to district staff this January through March 23 (times and locations below). If you can't make it to a meeting at your school, you are welcome to attend one close to you.

Watch for updates and additions to this staff presentation schedule.

Date & time	Location	Date & time	Location
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Tues, Jan 5 8:25 a.m.	Jackson ES	Wed, Jan 13 8:30 a.m.	Silver Lake ES
Tues, Jan 5 8:30 a.m.	Cedar Wood ES	Wed, Jan 13 3:30 p.m.	Emerson ES
Wed, Jan 6 8:25 a.m.	Garfield ES	Tues, Jan 19 2:55 p.m.	Eisenhower MS
Wed, Jan 6 8:35 a.m.	Silver Firs ES	Fri, Jan 22 1:35 p.m.	Cascade HS
Wed, Jan 6 3:05 p.m.	Woodside ES	Wed, Feb. 3 3 p.m.	Madison ES
Tues, Jan 12 3 p.m.	Lowell ES	Wed, Feb. 10 3 p.m.	North MS
Wed, Jan. 13 8:35 a.m.	Penny Creek ES	Thu, Feb. 11 8:30 a.m.	View Ridge ES
Wed, Jan 13 2:15 p.m.	Jackson HS	Wed, Jan 27 2:15 p.m.	Evergreen MS
Wed, Jan 13 3:20 p.m.	Heatherwood MS	Wed, Jan 27 3:30 p.m.	Monroe ES
Tues, Jan 19 8:35 a.m.	Forest View ES	Wed, March 2 2:15 p.m.	Everett HS
Tues, Jan 19 3:05 p.m.	Sequoia HS	Wed, March 2 3 p.m.	Whittier ES
Tues, Jan 12 8:30 a.m.	Jefferson ES	Wed, March 23 3 p.m.	Hawthorne ES
TBD Support services			

Reminder – 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!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS MONTH

Do you know a child who will be five years old by Aug. 31, 2016? That kiddo is eligible to attend kindergarten next fall, and registration will be hoppin' this month. EVERY elementary school will offer full-day-K for all students in fall 2016.

FIT-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE from the American Heart Association

"As a Gold level award recipient you have not only recognized the importance of a healthy workplace for your employees, but have taken important steps to create a

culture of wellness by providing support to employees, and we commend you and your employees.”

Check out our recognition on the [Fit Friendly Honor Roll](#) on the American Heart Association’s website. If you’d like to know more about our wellness program, contact [Ricki Lee Marker-Hoffman](#), Wellness Coordinator.

SEATTLE TIMES EDUCATION LAB INVITES YOU – to *Unexpected Adventures in Learning* where teachers share their best ideas in 20-slide presentations at Town Hall in Seattle, Thursday, Jan 21.

Teachers, principals, parents, students and anyone passionate about education submitted ideas until Jan. 4. The Lab staff will choose a handful of the most compelling ideas and work with those presenters to make their five minutes on stage shine. [Tickets available online.](#)

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ONLINE

The fall edition showcased AP Capstone coming to all three high schools next year, our 2014 graduation rates (watch for news about improved 2015 dates coming out soon!), a Korean delegation visiting one of our schools and information about how FAST we are growing.

Watch your mailbox for the January issue being mailed to district residents next week.

PTA REFLECTIONS – The Everett PTSA Council honors participants in this year's PTA Reflections contest on Jan. 13 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Visual arts and photography entries displayed in the Community Resource Center through Jan. 13.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Send your news tips to the [communications department](#). A short [online form](#) captures the details. Filling out the form means your news is less likely to be delayed by need for back-and-forth requests for more info and details. And remember to send FERPA-cleared pictures to be shared on the Web and on the district Facebook and Twitter pages.

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!

2016.01.06 [High school credit for language skills](#)

2016.01.06 [Dana Riley Black to head STEM program](#)

2016.01.05 [48 teachers and teacher teams earn \\$33,000 in Everett Public Schools Foundation grants](#)

2016.01.05 [Kindergarten registration begins in January](#)

[2015.12.22 Rotary Honors Bergevin, Matheny and Syberg as Students of the Month](#)
[2015.12.21 Garfield Elementary earns School of Distinction award](#)
[2015.12.18 Cascade High DECA students connect with seniors | Herald article](#)
[2015.12.17 Henry M. Jackson High School 'student programmers' place second](#)
[2015.12.16 Lowell students create fire prevention posters and practice fire safety](#)
[2015.12.11 Twenty-two robotics teams compete Dec. 12 & 13](#)
[2015.12.10 Board swears in newly elected members and elects new officers](#)
[2015.12.09 School board adds world language to middle school](#)
[2015.12.08 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](#)

OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. [**Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace writing and art contests**](#) - Each year, the City of Everett and the Snohomish NAACP sponsor writing and art contests for K-12 students. **Contest deadline is 5 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2016.**
2. [**Write Out of This World**](#) – “As a museum devoted to music, science fiction, and popular culture, our goal each year for the *Write Out of This World: Science Fiction and Fantasy Short Story Contest* is to encourage young writers and provide an outlet for their creativity. Journey to other worlds and explore your wildest imaginations through EMP’s sixth annual sci-fi and fantasy short story contest. Submissions must be 200-2,000 words long and be in the genre of sci-fi and or fantasy.
3. [**Historic 2016 calendar, Everett's First Schools**](#) – Check out their calendar for this year which features Everett’s first schools from 1891 through 1911.
4. [**Creating a Democratic Classroom: Platform for Engaged Global Leaders**](#)
 Jan. 21 – Global Classroom is partnering with Global Visionaries for a teacher's professional development workshop on effective strategies to engage students in being active global citizens. Join educators from around the region to learn to create a climate of mutual respect and shared ownership in which student leaders become engaged global leaders both in and out of the classroom. Walk away with free resources, new approaches and a community of support to begin integrating global issues and sustainable solutions into your classroom.
5. [**Financial aid for college help Jan. 27 and 30**](#)
 Workshops Jan. 27 in Monroe and Jan. 30 in Everett. Everett Community College will host *College Goal Washington*, a free event that helps participants fill out the FAFSA for 2016-17. For undocumented students, help is also available with filling out the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WAFSA). Non-citizens can apply for the Washington State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship. [**Video**](#): An Everett Community College student completes the first

step toward his New Year's resolution to apply for financial aid, which is cause for celebration.

OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. **PTA/PTSA shoe fund needs donations** – 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. The ESD *Education Connection* course catalogue is [online](#).
3. Washington Poison Center (WAPC) annual poster contest to celebrate National Poison Prevention Week. **Entries are due Jan. 15, 2016.**
4. [Congressional App Challenge](#) for high school students. **Entries are due Jan. 15, 2016.**
5. **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.](#)
6. **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](#).
7. **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.**
8. **The Harlem Globetrotters** return to the Seattle area the weekend of Feb. 13, 2016. [Click for dates and discounted tickets.](#)
9. **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.**

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](#).

Nondiscrimination statement

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. 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, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201