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...NewsLinks

FOLLOW US!

Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Feb. 5, 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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FREE YEAR ROUND WAY FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND YOU TO BUILD TECHNOLOGY SKILLS WITH [ATOMIC LEARNING](#)

Do you know how to mail merge in Word? Can you create a pivot table in Excel? Can you create a holiday invitation in Publisher? There are more than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials. [Click for more info.](#)

IRS DECREASES RATE PER MILE

Do you use your personal vehicle for official district business? If so, please note that the Internal Revenue Service has changed the standard mileage rates. The rate has decreased from 57.5 cents to 54 cents per mile, effective for miles driven Jan. 1, 2016 and after. Full details are in the [Business Information Manual Section 1.05](#). Questions? 425-385-4170.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Washington State School Retirees Association will sponsor a FREE WORKSHOP for ALL employees considering retirement in the next five years. [Click for more info.](#)

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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 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!

2016.02.02 [Tony Byrd to be state's Teach For America Executive Director in July](#)
2016.02.02 [Peter Scott to become Associate Superintendent July 1](#)
2016.01.29 [Mill Creek students join "pioneer expedition"](#)
2016.01.22 [H. M. Jackson students are best-in-state for their mobile app](#)
2016.01.12 [District wellness program continues to earn excellence award](#)
2016.01.08 [Eighth-grade students will get a chance to explore a college campus](#)
2016.02.01 [Sriharshita "Harshu" Musunuri, sophomore, Henry M. Jackson High School | Herald article SUPER KID](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Burien, **February 16-17, 2016**. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. [Click for more info.](#)
2. **Three free special education trainings coming up at the Arc of Snohomish County (Everett) – earn clock hours**
[Special Education and the Law \(Feb. 20\)](#); [IEP Non-Transitional \(April 16\)](#); [IEP Transition \(May 14\)](#). Space is limited. RSVP today!
3. **17th annual World Citizen Essay Contest – essay deadline March 28.**
This year we are challenging students to engage with one of the most urgent issues of our time: *Worldwide water crises are among the most critical concerns of this century. You have successfully applied for a large grant from the Gates Foundation to address a pressing global water issue. What is the main issue that you will address with the grant and why?* [Click for more info.](#)
4. **UW in the High School (UWHS) teacher application cycle is now open!**
The application deadline is **April 25, 2016**; however, teachers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as some courses may fill earlier due to space limitations. [Click for more info.](#)

5. **Rewordify is powerful, free, online software that improves reading, learning, and teaching.** The site is free and child-safe:

- Intelligently simplify difficult English, for faster comprehension
- Effectively teach words, for building a better vocabulary
- Help teachers save time and produce engaging lessons
- Help improve learning outcomes

There's no software to install. Try the online demo and the first-time user guide. Teachers: You can print free, full-color literature to get started.

6. **Map store opens in Alderwood Mall.** Metsker Maps, a long time resource for educators in this area, has expanded to Alderwood Mall in Lynnwood. 10% educator discount is offered every day.

7. **February is American Heart Month!** A month dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States.
You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease.

Consider joining our Healthy Heart Campaign and challenge yourself to make small changes to support a heart healthy lifestyle.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. Historic 2016 calendar, Everett's First Schools – Check out their calendar for this year which features Everett's first schools from 1891 through 1911.
2. The ESD *Education Connection* course catalogue is online.
3. **The Harlem Globetrotters** return to the Seattle area the weekend of **Feb. 13, 2016**. Click for dates and discounted tickets.
4. **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-

