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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**

April 15, 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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## [BOND OR LEVY QUESTIONS?](#)

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## **NEW ONLINE COURSES FOR PARA EDUCATORS AND CLASSIFIED STAFF**

All on [elearning system, Moodle](#). Courses range from 30 minutes to 1 hour, 45 minutes. See a [brief description](#) of each new course and the ERO Course Code. [Once you](#)

[register](#), watch for an ERO system email with instructions on accessing the class and the enrollment key for the class.

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### **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITIONS, APRIL 19**

- Jean Simmons of North Middle School is the best kitchen manager in the state!
- Wayne Thomasson of Eisenhower saved a student's life!
- Tony Wentworth is a regional Distinguished Principal!
- Garry Larson is an EHS GEAR UP Champion and going to Washington D.C. this summer!
- Rose Margaretich is 100 years old this month and graduated from EHS in 1934!
- Margarita Hurtado's CHS students, Donna Trejo, Sandra Isabel Rojas, and Steven Bishop won state honors for their Spanish language essays!

They are all being honored at the April 19 school board meeting in the CRC at 4:30. There is even birthday cake to help Rose celebrate her birthday. Come cheer their accomplishments!

### **DISTRICT RETIRMENT CELEBRATION IS ON MAY 26**

Some district staff are moving on to other adventures, and May 26 is when we say *bon voyage* and *thank you*. The *Everett Way* includes an end-of-year retiree reception at the Community Resource Center. We hope you can come on May 26 and celebrate these folks and send them off with our best wishes! Doors open at 4 p.m. and the program begins at 4:30 p.m.

### **SUBSCRIBE TO BE 'IN TOUCH'**

[InTouch](#) 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

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### **INNOVATION EXPO | JUNE 6, 5-8 P.M. AT THE XFINITY ARENA**

Previously the STEM Fair, but renamed because it is bigger and better! Come see the Elementary/Middle School Research, Experiment, and Engineering Competition and a showcase celebrating students' STEM learning.

Don't miss hearing from Professor Brian Fabien. He has one of the coolest jobs ever! As part of his work in the University of Washington's Mechanical Engineering Department, he oversees UW's [EcoCar3 project](#). His students are competing with others around the country in the Advanced Vehicle Competition to transform a Chevrolet Camaro into an advanced hybrid vehicle. Professor Fabien's team began disassembling their car last fall. He'll talk about this work and the importance of innovation in teaching and learning today at the Innovation Expo.

## GRADUATION DATES

**June 16 | Everett Civic Auditorium**  
Sequoia High at 6 p.m.

**June 18 | Xfinity Arena**  
Jackson High at noon  
Everett High at 4 p.m.  
Cascade High at 8 p.m.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

As of today, Wednesday, June 22 is the scheduled last day of school.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS AND SURVEYS FROM OUTSIDE VENDORS

Are you getting requests from outside companies to allow a research project? Or to distribute surveys to your students? **WHOA!**

Forward those requests to [Dr. Catherine Matthews](#). We are very careful of student and staff information. If a study or survey is legit, Dr. Matthews will verify it. Thanks for helping stick to the approval process and policy.

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## 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](#). If you have a Facebook account, please *like* our page so you can stay in the loop! Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you!

2016.04.15 [Teacher's quick action helps save student who couldn't breathe | Herald article](#)  
2016.04.12 [Cascade students win state Spanish language awards](#)

2016.04.04 [Sequoia's Krystal Tucker likes science, loves Harry Potter | Herald article](#)  
[SUPER KID](#)

2016.04.01 [Garry Larson is GEAR UP Champion](#)

2016.03.31 [Student art shows](#)

2016.03.24 [Everett High Principal Sally Lancaster is League Principal of the Year](#)

2016.03.24 [Whittier Principal Tony Wentworth is a Distinguished Principal](#)

2016.03.23 [The science of winning!](#)

2016.03.16 [DECA state winners from three high schools](#)

2016.03.15 [Reading matters! And parents' reading matters too](#)

2016.03.09 [Late-qualifying Henry M. Jackson High School wins Hi-Q](#)

2016.03.09 [Cascade's Darrell McNeal selected as boys basketball Coach of the Year!](#)

2016.03.09 [Technology is key for English Language Learners to master English](#)

2016.03.07 [Jefferson Elementary students show robots to airplane engineers](#)

2016.03.04 [Henry M. Jackson High School welcomes author Erik Kirschbaum](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

### 1. [VIDEO CONTEST: Building Green Communities | Contest for students](#)

In 90 seconds or less, students will tackle big-picture questions: How do we cultivate a sustainable future? How can kids lead the way? All students from K-12 schools in

Washington state are eligible to submit a video. Deadline is Wed., June 1.

**2. WEA Educator Appreciation – [Discount tickets to Sounders games](#)**

**3. [Tools for Employment and Education Success](#) | FREE classes in May and June**

Feeling Stressed? Want help managing your time? Want to increase your motivation, self-esteem and power to change your life? In addition, this class helps students reduce stress so they can focus on achieving their goals (feel free to share with your students). Get to know yourself and concentrate on YOUR potential. Come learn the Power of YOU! Sponsored by Edmonds Community College and Housing Hope.

**4. Educational exchange program for students and chaperones from Iwakuni, City, Japan | July 23 – August 6**

This summer, July 23 - August 6, Everett Community College Nippon Business Institute will conduct our 20th annual educational exchange program for students and chaperones from Iwakuni City, Japan. One of the most important aspects of their visit to the USA is the opportunity to stay with an *American family* and *experience American life and customs first-hand*. [See more](#) if you would like to host a student or chaperone.

**5. [SNOHOMISH SUMMER INSTITUTE](#) – it's that time of year**

It is a week-long class right after school gets out and worth between 3-4 semester credits or up to 50 clock hours. Classes are in our own back yard – at Little Cedars Elementary school in the Snohomish School District.

**6. LEGO Art, Sherlock Holmes Exhibits Coming**

Get ready for [The Art Of The Brick](#), opening May 28 at the Pacific Science Center, an exhibition by contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya featuring more than 100 masterpieces made entirely from millions of little LEGO® bricks. Then, in October, it's [The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes](#) that brings Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's mysteries to life.

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**OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW** – still-current opportunities from previous issues

**1. [ANYONE ASK YOU ABOUT THE BOND OR LEVY?](#)**

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**2. [CHILDREN & YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS FAIR](#)**

FREE event for all families May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [Evergreen Middle School](#). 'Drop-in' sessions covering bullying, signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety, building better relationships with your teen, suicide prevention, music

therapy and more. Trent Shelton is motivational guest speaker.

## **HOW TO ACCESS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**You could be a child's best advocate.** If you or your child is experiencing a crisis, call Care Crisis Response Services Triage Line at: 1-800-584-3578. Click for [brochure of resources](#).

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**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](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106; **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104; **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, [bclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:bclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201