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Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

May 5, 2016 (*NewsLinks* are <u>archived on Docushare</u>)

NEW this year – Maintenance department newsletters are also <u>archived online</u>. Learn more about the dedication and professionalism of our maintenance pros!

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WE APPRECIATE OUR TEACHERS!

As we celebrate our teachers during *Teacher Appreciation Week*, Lowell's Lisa O'Connor shared a <u>wonderful story</u> with her school showing the difference a teacher can make. "As you finish the year and will hopefully have a break, I wanted to share an inspirational story," Lisa wrote. "You may have seen this one before, but it's a wonderful reminder of the power you have with your students."

Hats off to all our amazing school staff! Thank you for what you do and the difference you make – whether in the classroom or supporting classroom magic.

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THANK YOU!

The bond and levy passed, and you were part of that success! Thank you for taking the time to help friends, neighbors and community members understand the facts about the bond and levy. Here's a 'thank you' video.

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DISTRICT RETIRMENT CELEBRATION IS MAY 26

On May 26 we celebrate the work and future journeys of this year's retiring staff.

Community Resource Center 4 p.m., program at 4:30 p.m.

Come celebrate these folks and send them off with our best wishes!

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WE'RE PROUD – share educational milestones

We salute staff and their family members celebrating educational milestones each year. We're Proud is published in the June NewsLinks. To recognize someone, please answer these <u>brief questions</u> by Friday, May 20. (Take a peek at the 2014-15 of <u>We're Proud</u>.)

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

STEM competition judges needed!

50 judges will review student projects from 4:15-6 p.m. Judges will use rubrics provided in the STEM Competition Handbook.

Your feedback and observations about students' projects are critical to students' learning and continuous improvement.

STEM competition tabulators needed!

Good with numbers? This is for you!

Once the STEM competition entries are judged, a team of people tabulates the results to determine the winners. This involves entering the judges' results into a spreadsheet. If you know your way around an Excel spreadsheet and are available June 6, 5-7 p.m., please consider volunteering your skills. You will feel so good doing it!

If you would like to volunteer to be a judge or tabulator, please email <u>Jana</u> <u>Sanchez</u>.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY EDUCATION SUMMIT – meet the OSPI candidates

Academic Link Outreach welcomes you to attend a reception and forum with candidates for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Special guests include keynote speaker, Thomas Ahearne, attorney for the McCleary Supreme Court case and Summit honorary guest Nathan Gibbs-Bowling, *Washington State 2015 Teacher of the Year*. It will be held on June 2 at the Historic Everett Theatre on 2911 Colby Ave from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (light refreshments served). Please register if you plan to attend.

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Like knowing what's happening in the district? The Everett Public Schools

<u>Facebook</u> page is a great way to read <u>news releases</u>. 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 <u>Peachjar</u> and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you!

2016.05.04 Hawthorne Elementary School's Multicultural Night is a great success!

2016.05.03 Communications director earns Lifetime Achievement Award

2016.04.21 Five schools earn Achievement Awards

2016.04.21 Once again, a clean audit

2016.04.21 Everett Rotary honors Campbell, Pease and Hotchko as Students of the Month

Do you have news to share? – It's easy; use this simple form

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

- Girls on the Run of Snohomish County female running buddies over the age of 18 who can run, walk, or skip a 5k!
 46 running Buddies needed as well as some race day help. It's a 'race' for girls of all abilities and speeds so we ask for an average pace and have coaches place girls and buddies together appropriately! There is a charge of \$10 to buddies to help cover the cost of shirts and after-event food. Register to race or contact Megan Wolfe (206-931-7551) to volunteer.
- Tech Tool Kit Workshops, June 27, 8 a.m. to noon
 Earn up to 4 clock hours. Sign up for clock hours online and select June 27 on the calendar. Registration for individual classes will be sent out May 20.

3. New online courses

New courses have been created using Atomic Learning videos on our <u>elearning system, Moodle</u>. They range from 3 to 6 clock hours. <u>Online course descriptions are online</u>.

If you need assistance contact LauriBeth Hull.

Once you register look for the ERO system to send you an email with instructions on accessing the class and the enrollment key for the class.

Online Course Titles Challenges in the Classroom	Course Code TEC16118	Clock Hours 4
Creating Podcasts	TEC16115	3
Enhance your Communication Skills	TEC16124	4
Learners with Special Needs	TEC16119	4

Multimedia Wizardry	TEC16116	5
Office 2016	TEC16101	6
Searching the Web	TEC16117	3.5
The Gimp - Digital Image Magic	TEC16102	5

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OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. CHILDREN & YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS FAIR

FREE event for all families **May 7** from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at <u>Evergreen Middle School</u>. '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 are experiencing a crisis, call Care Crisis Response Services Triage Line at: 1-800-584-3578. Click for brochure of resources.

2. <u>VIDEO CONTEST: Building Green Communities | Contest for students</u>

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.

3. WEA Educator Appreciation – <u>Discount tickets to Sounders games</u>

4. 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.

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

This summer, July 23 – Aug. 6, Everett Community College Nippon Business Institute will conduct their 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.

6. SNOHOMISH SUMMER INSTITUTE

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.

7. LEGO Art, Sherlock Holmes exhibits coming

Get ready for <u>The Art Of The Brick</u>, 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 <u>The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes</u> that brings Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's mysteries to life.

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KEY DATES – <u>important dates and celebrations</u> you won't want to miss planning for now!

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are <u>available online</u>.

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