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*Our students will lead and shape the future.*

**A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools**

Dec. 1, 2016 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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## BEYOND THE HOUR OF CODE

Students, staff and community members will code together at the Community Resource Center on Monday, Dec. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event brings students, parents, and community together to celebrate Computer Science Education Week and the Hour of Code. Everyone is invited to learn to code, engage in computer science activities, and watch robotics demonstrations. See [last year's highlight reel](#) to get a feel for this fun event.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Dr. Cohn was recently named [2017 Superintendent of the Year](#) by Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). The Board of Directors recognized Dr. Cohn during their Nov. 22 board meeting. Community members and past board members at the meeting spoke about Dr. Cohn's accomplishments and watched this [one-minute video](#) celebrating his time here at Everett Public Schools.

## STILL TIME TO RETURN UNITED WAY FORMS

It is not too late to turn in your United Way pledge form. Deadline to submit your form to the EPS Foundation office in the CRC is **Thursday, Dec. 15**. If you have any questions, please contact [Kathy McKenzie](#) in the Foundation office or call her at 425-385-4694.

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Atomic Learning has restructured many of its courses into a new format called *Hoonuit*.

Watch video tutorials, apply your learning, connect and get feedback, and then document your learning. [Register online](#).



Below are the *Hoonuit* courses that are now available with more coming soon.

Course Id	Title	SRN	Clock Hours
OLTEC17192	<a href="#">Being Savvy Online</a>	16112214	4
OLTEC17118	Challenges in the Classroom (combination of classes)	16112209	12
OLTEC17124	Enhance your Communication Skills (combination of classes)	16112210	6
OLTEC17163	<a href="#">Evaluating Web Resources</a>	16112216	4
OLTEC17199	<a href="#">How Do I Deal with Resistance to Change?</a>	16112213	5
OLTEC17191	<a href="#">How Do I Motivate My Students?</a>	16112212	3
OLTEC17195	<a href="#">Improving Communication Between Parents &amp; Teachers</a>	16112203	4
OLTEC17119	Learners with Special Needs (combination of classes)	16112211	16
OLTEC17198	<a href="#">Overcoming Test Anxiety</a>	16112215	3
OLTEC17170	<a href="#">Special Ed Primer for Teachers</a>	16112207	4
OLTEC17164	<a href="#">Successful Time Management</a>	16112208	3
OLTEC17193	<a href="#">Tech for Students with Dysgraphia</a>	16112201	4
OLTEC17194	<a href="#">Tech for Students with Dyslexia</a>	16112202	4
OLTEC17196	<a href="#">Tech for Students with Learning Disabilities</a>	16112204	4

[See descriptions](#) of all the online courses.

Contact [LauriBeth Hull](#) if you have questions or need help.

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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 [news releases](#) and other district and school highlights. **Like** us on [Facebook](#) and **follow** us on [Twitter](#). Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you!

2016.11.28 [Gail Walters honored as a 2016 Conservation Leader of the Year](#)

2016.11.22 [Everett Public Schools board named Board of Distinction](#)

2016.11.18 [Gary Cohn named 2017 Superintendent of the Year](#)

2016.11.17 [First AP Capstone research class gets inspired at UW libraries](#)

2016.11.14 [Take note! Music4Life comes to Everett Public Schools](#)

2016.11.08 [Cascade Sound Marching Band and Color Guard places first!](#)

2016.11.08 [Moody's upgrades district's rating to Aa1](#)

**Do you have news to share?** – It's easy; use this [simple form](#).

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## OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. [WAEOP workshop at the CRC on Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.](#) to help office professionals obtain their Professional Standards Program (PSP) certification.

Are you receiving the extra stipend (up to \$115 per month) when you receive your PSP-CEOE accreditation? Remember, you can be reimbursed up to \$200 for continued education while funds last each school year.

If you have not yet obtained your PSP certificate through National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP), this is the time! Just think of this as your holiday present to yourself to receive a monthly stipend for your hard work and having something to show for all those college credits or workshops or trainings you have participated in throughout your career.

2. [Technology Student Association \(TSA\) judging opportunity | Jan. 7, 2017](#)

Technology Student Association (TSA) is an organization committed to exposing students to the technology of the real world through a series of competitive events. Students brainstorm, develop and implement their projects over the course of the school year and present their work at competitions. To validate and provide valuable feedback on the work that our members have done, we recruit professionals like you to participate as a judge at our TSA regional competition.

On January 7, 2017. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. TSA chapters from all over Western Washington will compete at Henry M. Jackson High School to determine who is eligible to move on to state and, ultimately, nationals.

**We need YOU to be a judge!** All events have clear, easy-to-use rules and rubrics for scoring. **No experience necessary.** Students especially appreciate getting to perform at their best for educators, professionals and community leaders in and out of technical fields.

If you can donate your time for one or more events, please contact [Judy Baker](#), 425-385-7062.

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

1. **President's Environmental Youth Awards**

This award application is open to students of all ages, with a chance of recognition by the President of the United States. [Find details and applications online.](#)

The President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement.  
**Deadline is March 1, 2017.**

2. **National Poison Prevention Week poster contest**

Students in grades 1-5 are invited to create an eye-catching poster highlighting poison prevention and the role Mr. Yuk and Washington Poison Center (WAPC) play in keeping kids and families safe. Details and entry forms are on the [WAPC website](#). **Poster entries must be postmarked by Jan. 13, 2017.**

The winning artist will receive \$500, a visit from Mr. Yuk, and their winning design will be the poster for Poison Prevention Week in March 2017. The winning artist and his or her family will serve as WAPC ambassadors for 2017, with the opportunity to visit Olympia with Mr. Yuk to meet their local legislators. Three runners up will each receive \$100. All entries will receive goodies from Mr. Yuk.

### 3. WAEOP scholarships available

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, observances and holidays](#)

**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, [rc Clifford@everettsd.org](mailto:rc Clifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201



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