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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Jan. 5, 2017 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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NEW MILEAGE RATE

Effective Jan. 1, the mileage reimbursement rate is 53.5 cents per mile. This is a minor decrease from the previous rate of 54 cents/mile. The new rate is for miles driven on or after January 1, 2017. Miles driven prior to January 1, 2017, should still be calculated at the old rate of 54 cents per mile.

To help ensure mileage claims are processed quickly and accurately, please separate mileage claims so that any miles driven under the 54-cent-rate are on one form, and any miles eligible for the 53.5 cent rate are on a separate form.

If you have any questions about mileage claims, please contact the Accounting Department.

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SEND YOUR 2016 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!

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS MONTH

Do you know a child who will be five years old by Aug. 31, 2017? 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 students in fall 2017.

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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!

2017.01.05 [Garfield Elementary School earns Academic Achievement Award](#)

2017.01.04 [Evergreen Middle School students digest lunch and career options](#)

2017.01.04 [Kinder Konnection, Kindered Hearts community drive helps more students](#)

2016.12.15 [Eisenhower Middle School students partner with Microsoft](#)

2016.12.15 [Elementary literacy instructional materials open houses](#)

2016.12.02 [Kindness ties in with Shoelace Brigade at Penny Creek Elementary](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If you know of a family or student in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, they may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If they've lost their housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, their child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so the student(s) can continue being enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so their child can participate fully in school.

Please contact your school counselor or [Amy Perusse](#), McKinney-Vento Facilitator, 425-385-4032, for more information.

2. **New Online course! | Supporting Gifted and Talented Learners (OLTEC17197)** is now available. New courses are added monthly. To check out what is [available online](#) and click on Course Catalog Search enter OLTEC in the Course Code field.

3. [Sustainable Development Goals: Girls at the Center of Development](#) Thursday, Jan. 26 | 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring in the New Year with a creative workshop at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center. Cost is \$20, includes three clock hours (with STEM components), classroom resources, and a light dinner. Join the World Affairs Council and the Gates Foundation Visitor Center for an educator's workshop highlighting the Global Goals for Sustainable Development with a focus on Goal 5; Gender Equality. Hear from experts in the field and explore how to introduce the Global Goals and Gender Equality in the classroom. Teachers, students, and all community members are welcome!

4. **[Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace writing and art contests](#)** - Each year, the Snohomish NAACP sponsor writing and art contests for K-12 students. **Contest deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 10.**
5. **[2017 Free Tax Preparation by United Way](#)**
Last year, their tax program helped 3,430 households file their taxes. It's a free and easy service that helps you keep more of what you earn.
 - You are eligible if you earn \$64,000 a year or less.
 - Free e-file.
 - Walk-ins welcome. Return appointments may be required.
 - All returns quality reviewed.
 - Se habla español.
6. **[Backyard wildlife sanctuary certification program](#)** offered by the Pilchuck Audubon Society.
The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Pilchuck Audubon Society are promoting a backyard wildlife sanctuary certification program. The main aim of the certification program is to improve conditions for wildlife (birds in particular) in urban areas.

They would love to engage children and their families and have brainstormed a few ideas, including:
 - Setting up a wildlife sanctuary habitat on the grounds of one or more schools
 - Recruiting students to volunteer to help set up a wildlife sanctuary at one or more public sites (city parks, hospital, etc.)
 - Organizing field trips for children to existing urban wildlife sanctuaries
7. **[Atomic Learning has a new look](#)**
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.](#)

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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, 425-385-4106; **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104; **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rbalbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201