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

April 10, 2017 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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## SEE WHAT OTHERS SHARED ABOUT ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Phase two of our [Thoughtexchange](#) process begins today.

This provides you an opportunity to see what others have shared about enrollment growth and to help prioritize these thoughts for the school board. “I encourage you to participate by adding your voice; it is welcome and essential to guide the school board’s work,” said Dr. Cohn.

**Didn’t get an email?** You can [register](#) and join the conversation at any time!

## DID YOU MISS THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING?

Our schools have been wrestling with rapidly growing school enrollment for several years. The lack of space for our students has become a serious problem, and our school board is studying this issue to find long-term solutions for students across the district. Information from the March 30 meeting is available [online](#), you can see the overall [capital program](#) on our website, and you can provide your views by emailing the school board at [schoolboard@everettsd.org](mailto:schoolboard@everettsd.org).

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## EARLY LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday, April 29, at Evergreen Middle School, we will spend from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. learning together about how to capitalize upon the fact **90 percent of a child's brain growth happens BEFORE age five**. Every dollar invested in high quality early childhood education, **SAVES** at least \$7 on social costs later and **INCREASES** economic and educational outcomes. Full information about the symposium and its speakers is online. Please RSVP **by April 14** at [EarlyLearning@everettsd.org](mailto:EarlyLearning@everettsd.org) or call 425-385-4024.

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## STUDENT ART SHOWS

Everett Public Schools and Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 19th annual art shows. Art shows are open for public viewing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center.

The **High School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **April 11-27**. The awards reception will be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center.

The **Middle School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **May 3-18**. The awards reception will be Monday, May 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center.

The **Elementary School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **May 23-June 6**.

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## SMARTER BALANCED TESTING (SBA) BEGINS SOON

Another year of outscoring the state average on all SBA tests at every grade resulted from thousands of hours (including hundreds of Learning Improvement Fridays) by teams determined to help our kids shine. Smarter Balanced Assessments will be administered to students in grades 3-8, 10 and 11 in math and English Language Arts for the third year.

## INNOVATION EXPO JUNE 8, 5-8 p.m., at Xfinity Arena

Interact at booths from community organizations and every school at this year's [Innovation Expo](#). Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students are learning. School booths will highlight projects or demonstrations related to 21st century skills, this year's Expo theme.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many attendees. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.

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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](#) and [Instagram](#). Want eflyers

of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register for a free account to have eflyers emailed directly to you!

2017.03.29 [Henry M. Jackson's Mock Trial team places in top 10 at state competition](#)  
2017.03.28 [Woodside Elementary celebrates diversity](#)  
2017.03.24 [Silver Lake Elementary celebrates inaugural STEAM Night!](#)  
2017.03.22 [Everett High School students get job experience with espresso stand](#)  
2017.03.17 [Nineteenth Annual School Art Show](#)  
2017.03.15 [District earns STEM Lighthouse award from OSPI](#)  
2017.03.14 [High school DECA teams heading to national competition!](#)  
2017.03.10 [Rose Smith receives Snohomish County Branch NAACP President's Award](#)  
2017.03.08 [Prodigies for Peace contest winners honor Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)  
2017.03.08 [Jackson Elementary School celebrates their first Engineering Day](#)  
2017.03.08 [Sewing Club stitches together learning and fun at Lowell Elementary](#)  
2017.03.08 [Everett High senior earns NAACP award](#)  
2017.03.07 [Woodside Elementary kindergarteners and staff celebrate the "big 100"](#)  
2017.03.07 [Everett Rotary honors three as Students of the Month](#)  
2017.03.07 [North Middle School's STEM Career Fair is a much-anticipated event](#)

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

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## **OPPORTUNITIES** – for students and staff

### **1. Ivar's and Kidd Valley's Teacher of the Year Contest**

Ivar's and Kidd Valley restaurants are looking some of Washington's most inspiring teachers in their 14th annual Teacher of the Year Contest.

Any K–8 student, 14 years or younger, are encouraged to nominate his or her favorite teacher by filling out an official entry form at any Puget Sound-area Ivar's or Kidd Valley restaurant (excluding airport and stadium locations). Nominations are also accepted online at [lvars.com/teacher](http://lvars.com/teacher) or [kiddvalley.com/promos-events](http://kiddvalley.com/promos-events).

**Nominations are due May 19.** Winners will be announced by early June.

The two teachers chosen as Ivar's and Kidd Valley's 2017 Teacher of the Year will each receive a \$500 gift card for classroom supplies and a commemorative plaque. The students who nominate the two grand prize winning teachers will be rewarded with an Ivar's Kids Meal and a visit by Ivar's famous Dancing Clam or Kidd Valley Kids Meal for their entire class (with school permission, of course)!

### **2. [Digivations Camp Demigod Institute](#)**

Campers and faculty from throughout North America are fully immersed in a STEM+ARTS+MOVEMENT curriculum where like-minded children ages 9-17 learn to innovate through science, technology, art, creative writing, theatre, sword fighting, martial arts, quests in the mountains, rivers and the town of Leavenworth, Wash.

**Additionally, they recruit high school students to work at camp as counselors.**

They offer community service credit with room, board and partial tuition. Older and experienced counselors also may earn a small stipend.

### **3. Mukilteo Way Garden Club's Annual \$1,000 Horticulture Scholarship**

The scholarship pays for horticulture classes at Edmonds Community College

during the 2017-18 academic year. Those eligible to apply include anyone interested in horticulture, landscaping, landscape design, whether seeking a career change, degree or not. Current EdCC students, graduating high school seniors and 'adult learners' are all eligible. Applications and details are available at [www.mwgc.org](http://www.mwgc.org). Completed applications must be **postmarked by May 31** and sent to Mukilteo Way Garden Club, PO Box 1361, Mukilteo, WA 98275. Email questions to [info@mwgc.org](mailto:info@mwgc.org).

**4. "Overcoming obstacles" guest speaker opportunity**

Henry M. Jackson alumnus [Alex Carlson-Helo](#) is the current Miss Washington USA. Alex had to learn how to walk again due to rheumatoid arthritis, which has been a long, painful and humbling journey. Nonetheless, she is passionate about sharing her story with students: How to overcome obstacles when life throws you a curve ball.

Interested in having Alex speak at any of your classes or assemblies? Please contact [Maureen Francisco](#) at 253-709-3650 (cell) or 425-202-7578 (office).

**5. [The 9 Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom®](#)**

Are you searching for a fun way to earn seven clock hours while learning to relate to tough kids? Are you seeking tried and true techniques that reduce the time and energy you spend maintaining discipline in the classroom? Have you been hoping to find ideas and strategies that put some fun back into teaching?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then [register](#) for this class. This educator training offers practical student management skills that can be used right away.

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**OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still current opportunities from past issues**

**1. [Brain Education classes for teachers, May 6-7](#)**

Brain Education programs give teachers tools to integrate into classroom practices to empower children (and adults) to improve focus, confidence, memory, creativity and emotional wellness while reducing stress and anxiety. This two-day workshop, May 6-7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Body and Brain in Kirkland is \$395. See flyer for details.

**2. [Mental Wellness Fair at Evergreen Middle, May 6](#)**

Join school families and community members for the second annual Children and Youth Mental Wellness Fair on May 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Evergreen Middle School. Drop-in sessions include coping with depression and anxiety, bullying, managing screen time, suicide prevention, healthy relationships and more. Food and fun too!

**3. New Online courses!**

*Google Apps for Education* (OLTEC17127) – 3 clock hours

*Coding in the Classroom* (OLTEC17128) – 5 clock hours

*Moving Forward: Coding Grades 3-8* (OLTEC17129) – 5 clock hours

New courses are added monthly. Check out what is [available online](#) by clicking on Course Catalog Search and entering *OLTEC* in the Course Code field.

Don't forget [Atomic Learning](#) has many useful courses online. LMS has an [EPS Gradebook course](#) that covers the basic features and functions of the elementary gradebook.

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



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