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Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Dec. 12, 2017 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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CAPITAL BOND AND REPLACEMENT LEVY ELECTIONS IS SET FOR FEB. 13, 2018

School board okays [bond projects](#) to meet future readiness needs and levy to replace expiring one. Future readiness is the “why” behind the district’s Feb. 13, 2018 Capital Bond request, according to school board president Caroline Mason. “Bond funds are needed in three areas,” she said. “Growth readiness, career readiness and facilities readiness.”

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PROGRESS REPORT ABOUT 2016 BOND & LEVY PROJECTS

Important reminders about funding for those projects and project timing:

- Although voter-approved in April 2016, tax collection for projects approved that year did not begin until 2017.
- AND, the 2016 Bond and Levy projects were planned out over six and eight year completion schedules.
- Our region is experiencing one of the “hottest” construction markets in the country! If you’ve tried to get a home repairman or someone to install flooring or kitchen countertops, you know how high the prices are and how long the waits are for skilled contractors. So ... the facilities and planning department is working within those constraints to complete the 2016 projects on time and within budget.

2016 BOND & LEVY PROJECTS – SOME COMPLETED; SOME UNDERWAY

- ✓ North's groundbreaking is spring 2018; Woodside's is 2019.
- ✓ Design and planning for both are underway.
- ✓ Elementary #18 is fully designed; project is on schedule. The boundary committee for this and nine other schools began meeting in November and will be done by fall 2018.
- ✓ Land negotiations for Elementary #19 are underway.
- ✓ Phase 1 of increased student technology began in September at Sequoia and Everett High, Garfield, Lowell, and Monroe elementaries. These schools check out laptops to each student; one laptop per student (known as "one to one"). A high school student uses laptop at home and school. An elementary student uses the laptop during the school day. More schools and students will get this 1:1 technology each year over the next five years (2012-22). Middle school students will use devices at home and school, like high school students do.
- ✓ Nine of 24 portables are on school sites, plumbed, wired, furnished, equipped and fitted with ADA ramps.
- ✓ Gateway has a new roof and upgraded HVAC system.
- ✓ Hawthorne has new flooring and paint.
- ✓ Hawthorne and Silver Firs are pilot locations for secure entry access hardware systems.
- ✓ Heatherwood and Penny Creek now have upgraded fire alarm systems.
- ✓ Sequoia and Everett high schools now have improved wireless access.

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WHAT'S NEXT ON THE 2016 BOND & LEVY LIST (Remember, this is just year #1 of a six- and eight-year project schedule)

- ✓ Mill Creek roofing and flooring
- ✓ Eisenhower chiller replacements
- ✓ Sequoia HVAC upgrade
- ✓ Everett High main building air conditioning unit replacement
- ✓ Jackson Elementary fire alarm upgrade
- ✓ More painting, flooring, roofing and HVAC projects to follow

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'TIS THE SEASON ... FOR GIVING – STILL TIME TO DONATE!

About 600 Everett Public Schools students qualify as a "Kid in Transition" (KIT). This means they are either unsheltered (they don't know where they will sleep tonight), doubled-up with another family, in a temporary shelter, living in a car, or in another unstable home situation. The holidays and cold winter months can be particularly rough on these youth and their families. In the past, your generous holiday season donations have helped brighten the season for KIT families and Unaccompanied Youth.

Here's how you can help:

Volunteers of America has partnered with Everett Public Schools and is waiving administrative costs/fees for donors supporting district KIT students. Every cent donated for "EPS-KIT students" will go to our KIT families!

You may send your donations, in the form of gift cards, or a check made out to

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indicating “EPS-KIT” in the note field. **Donations will be accepted at VOA, 2802 Broadway Ave, Everett, WA 98201 until Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 – that’s the last day before our winter break.**

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TECH ROUNDTABLE – EARN CLOCK HOURS

All EPS certificated staff interested in learning more about integrating technology into teaching and learning are invited to do just that with super LMS team members. LMS brings the topic and a short tutorial...you bring your ideas and experiences to share and learn with others! All sessions are at Eisenhower Middle School Library (see table below for session dates, locations, and topics.)

Date	Topic
December 13	Technology in Everett Public Schools
January 10	Exploring Canvas
February 21	Multi Media Projects
March 14	Networking and Global Outreach
April 18	Digital Inking
May 23	Online Communication and Collaboration

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IT’S SNOWVEMBER! – WORTH REPEATING

Snow fell earlier this year than many can remember, and it’s really cold out there now! Just a reminder – if no school closure or delay announcement appears on the website, social media or Blackboard Connect, school is happening as usual.

It’s a good time to review the information [on the web](#) about how school delay and closure decisions are made and how those announcements reach staff and families.

Stay warm; charge your phones!

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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 about student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account. Then you’ll get eflyers emailed directly to you!

2017.12.05 [Seahawks legend Marcus Trufant visits Gateway Middle School](#)

2017.11.23 [Capital Bond and Replacement Levy elections set for Feb. 13, 2018](#)

2017.11.20 [Garfield Elementary is a 2017 School of Distinction](#)

2017.11.16 [Graduation rates up; vocational career pathways underway](#)

2017.11.09 [Special Services Department earns highest rating again](#)

2017.11.08 [76 trombones? Try 116!](#)

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

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. [Scholastic Book Holiday Warehouse Sale – BOGO | Dec. 14-16, 2017](#)

2. [Make-a-Wish Christmas Spectacular | Dec. 16](#)

Everett High School jazz band members join the cast of many for this extravaganza. America's Got Talent semi-finalists, The Everett Chorale, National ballroom dance champions, and more.

3. [Grants Training | Dec. 18-19, 2017](#)

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Everett, Dec. 18-19. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals.

[Click here for full event details.](#)

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

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. 9.**

5. [Multi-cultural training tour | Dec. 27, 2017](#)

Did you know that many languages are spoken in our cities? Join us for a fascinating and enriching training tour of a Muslim mosque, Hindu temple, Buddhist temple and a Sikh temple.

- Discover global cultural communities in your neighborhood
- Learn effective cross-cultural communication styles and techniques
- Discover how to build bridges with diverse cultural communities
- Beating racism with education and increased cultural tolerance

6. [President's Environmental Youth Awards | Deadline March 1, 2018](#)

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.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. [Free guided field trips](#)

Thanks to a generous grant from the National Park Foundation, and in partnership

with Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and Island County Museum, fourth-grade students can choose from [five different educational programs](#) from February through June. Title 1 schools qualify for a transportation stipend.

2. *The ESD Education Connection* course catalogue is [online](#).

3. NCCE Conference registration is now open | Feb. 14-16, 2018

The Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) conference will be Feb. 14-16, 2018. Find details and [register online](#).

4. Disaster preparedness training for students

Red Cross offers multiple FREE disaster preparedness programs for youth. Students are also great ambassadors of preparedness and often times take home what they've learned and share with their families.

Program options include:

- **Passport to Preparedness** (K-6th grade, 30-45 min.) – a general overview of techniques for preparing for local hazards and house fires. Each participant receives a "Passport to Preparedness" booklet with tips for preparing themselves and their loved ones for natural hazards, emergencies, and disasters.
- **Basic First Aid for Youth** (K-6th grade, 30-45 min.) – demonstration of basic first aid skills such as contacting 911, tying a sling, and dressing a wound. Each participant is provided with a practice basic first aid kit at the end of the presentation that they get to keep.
- **Pillowcase Project** (2nd-5th grade, 1 hour) – participants learn about how to prepare for local hazards and create a disaster preparedness kit of their own. Participants are provided with a customizable pillowcase to create personal kit.
- **Survival Scenario** (6th-8th grade, 1 hour) – in this presentation, participants are given a variety of disaster-related scenarios to which to respond. This can be done through skits, songs, speeches, and more. Popular with kids who are energetic or have previous knowledge of disaster preparedness. Scenarios include volcanic eruptions/lahars, flooding/tsunamis, home fires, snowstorms, and earthquakes.

Red Cross can deliver these classes to individual classrooms, conduct a school assembly (for some programs), or conduct the classes with the physical education teachers as the children rotate through the week/day. Interested? Contact [Jared Schneider](#), American Red Cross, 425-740-2347.

5. The Harlem Globetrotters return to Xfinity Arena | Dec. 28, 7 p.m.

Everett Public Schools employees and their families and friends can save up to 55 percent on online ticket prices. Use the discount code "MATTG" or contact [Matt with the Harlem Globetrotters](#), 678-497-1885. [Details and discounted tickets available online](#).

6. EAEOP members – are you earning to your full potential?

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