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# ...NewsLinks

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*Our students will lead and shape the future.*

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

Jan. 9, 2018 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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## EPS IN 96TH PERCENTILE FOR LEARNING GAINS

In a Stanford University study of about 300 million elementary and middle school test scores across more than 11,000 school districts nationwide, Everett Public Schools scores in the 96th percentile for academic learning gains. According to this study, the district is closing the gap by accelerating students' learning. Our students make 5.9 years of academic growth in five years.

The article looked at socio-economic data along with test scores from grades three through eight in 2009 through 2015. Elementary and middle school students in Everett Public Schools increase their learning more quickly than most similarly-sized school districts, including some with higher median incomes.

[See Stanford study](#)

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## NEW MILEAGE RATE

Effective Jan. 1, the mileage reimbursement rate is 54.5 cents per mile. This is a minor increase from the previous rate of 53.5 cents/mile. The new rate is for miles driven on or after January 1, 2018. Miles driven prior to January 1, 2018, should be calculated at the old rate on a separate mileage form.

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

## JANUARY IS BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Each January, we take time to thank the Board of Directors for their work and vision as school board members. We'll honor them officially during the Jan. 23 board meeting, but feel free to say "thank you" anytime you see a board member.

## BOND AND LEVY INFORMATION AND FAQs

We've compiled information about the 2018 Capital Bond and EP&O Levy along with [answers to the most frequent questions](#) based on staff, parent and community members' questions about the Capital Bond and Replacement Levy. Remember to vote by Feb. 13.

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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!

2018.01.08 [District and Cocoon House earn \\$60,000 for partnership](#)

2018.01.05 [Jackson High students to plant on Jan. 9](#)

2018.01.04 [Stanford study shows impressive learning in district](#)

2018.01.02 [Free dining and spontaneous music for 230 on Dec. 24](#)

2017.12.21 [Jackson High student earns \\$25,000 Siemens scholarship](#)

2017.12.19 [47 robotics teams compete locally; six advance to January semifinals](#)

2017.12.14 [District earns spot on College Board AP Honor Roll](#)

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

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## OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

### 1. Looking for professional development opportunities?

There are monthly [instructional professional development sessions](#) for certificated staff at Evergreen Middle School. The next sessions will be Jan. 22. Register in ERO.

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

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1. [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.**

2. **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.

### 3. **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
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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**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.

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