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# A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

May 4, 2018 (NewsLinks are archived on Docushare)

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#### **WE'RE PROUD** – share educational milestones

We salute staff and their family members celebrating educational milestones each year. We're Proud is published in the June NewsLinks. To recognize someone, please answer these <u>brief questions</u> by Friday, May 19. (Take a peek at the 2016-17 <u>We're Proud</u>.)

#### **HOW ARE WE DOING?** – #EPS\_AlwaysLearning

Please take a moment to answer <u>10 quick questions</u> to let us know what you want to hear about and how you'd like to hear it. Your answers help us improve our communication strategies - how we get information to you. <u>The survey</u> will be open until **Friday, May 25**. Thank you for your time and your thoughts.

**OSPI SURVEY** – Share your thoughts on what's important to you in public K-12 education What's your opinion on the most important issues facing public K-12 education in WA? For the first time ever, OSPI is giving you a chance to #PickYourPriorities! <u>Take the 5-minute survey today</u>. #WAedu #WAleg

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

Boundaries will change for some students at these elementary schools beginning fall 2019 when the new Elementary School 18 opens at 4419 180th St. SE, Bothell.

Cedar Wood Silver Firs
Forest View Silver Lake
Mill Creek Woodside

Penny Creek

A committee of parents and principals representing each of these schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent.

Review the recommendation and share your thoughts through the website until May 25. The superintendent will review input and make a recommendation to the school board on June 19. The board is expected to finalize boundaries in fall 2018 – a year prior to the new school's opening. Boundaries changes will go into effect September 2019.

<u>Find more information about the boundary adjustment process online</u>, or by contacting Dr. Gerard Holzman at x4192.

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#### LET'S TALK ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL GROWTH

Since the 2018 Capital Bond proposal did not meet the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass in February, the school board is reviewing results and determining next steps to manage high school growth until a new high can be built. Three community conversations are scheduled this May to share information on implications of high school overcrowding and to gather input on options to manage this growth in the near future.

Community conversation dates:

- May 15 at Cascade High School, 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 17 at Everett High School, 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 29 at Jackson High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

# **DISTRICT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION IS MAY 30**

Some of our co-workers will be enjoying new adventures! On May 30, we celebrate the work and future journeys of this year's retiring staff.

Community Resource Center 4 p.m., program at 4:30 p.m.

Come celebrate these folks and send them off with best wishes!

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, <u>watch a fun video</u> of just some of the amazing teachers in the district. Maybe you will see yourself or someone you know!

Hats off to **all** our amazing school staff! Thank you for what you do and the difference you make – whether in the classroom or supporting classroom magic.

# INNOVATION EXPO JUNE 6, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena STEM competition judges needed!

Judges should arrive at 4 p.m. for a brief training and then review student projects from 5-6 p.m. Judges will use rubrics provided in the STEM Competition Handbook.

Your feedback and observations about students' projects are critical to students' learning and continuous improvement. If you would like to volunteer to be a judge, please <u>sign up</u> <u>here</u> **by May 18.** 

#### AQUASOX FAMILY NIGHT AUG 9 - Save the date!

If you haven't seen it yet, check out the new turf field! Everett AquaSox celebrates Everett Public Schools with a great deal for ALL employees and their families.

Game starts at 7:05 p.m. and Thursday nights feature a \$2.50 special on hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks. The AquaSox are offering us a special rate on Upper Box Seats for only \$6 each (this price beats the general group rate of \$10 per ticket and the game day price of \$13).

More details to come on ordering tickets, so mark your calendar for now!

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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!

**Do you have news to share? We'd love to share your school stories!** – *It's easy; use this <u>simple form.</u>* 

2018.05.02 Celebrating 20-year partnership supporting the arts in Everett Public Schools

2018.05.01 Elementary Boundary Committee submits recommendation

2018.04.30 First female to win state diesel competition

2018.04.27 Let's talk about growth

2018.04.27 New classroom materials for ninth-grade science under consideration

2018.04.25 Forest View fifth-grader is Patrol Hall of Famer!

2018.04.25 N.J.R.O.T.C. Seagull Company earns state title

2018.04.25 Jackson High School's Jack in the Bot robotics team second in world!

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

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

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

WA state students in grades K-8 are encouraged to nominate his or her favorite teacher by filling out an official entry form at any Puget Sound-area Kidd Valley restaurant (excluding airport and stadium locations). Kidd Valley's Teacher of the Year will receive \$500 in class supplies and recognition in the community. The student who nominates the winning teacher will win a Kidd Valley Kids Meal for the entire class!

Nominations are accepted online. Nominations are due May 20. Winners will be announced by early June.

# 2. Mukilteo Way Garden Club's annual \$1,000 Horticulture Scholarship

The scholarship pays for horticulture classes at Edmonds Community College during the 2018-19 academic year. Those eligible to apply include anyone interested in horticulture, landscaping, landscape design, whether seeking a career change, degree or not. Current Edmonds Community College students, graduating high school seniors and 'adult learners' are all eligible. Applications and details are available online. 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@mwqc.org.

# 3. American Red Cross honors heroes throughout the state of Washington

Ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. In addition to searching the news, the Red Cross reaches out to various community organizations and partners to help us find local heroic stories, as we do not want to overlook those that haven't garnered media attention.

They are currently searching for heroes in the Snohomish area. Nominations can be for an individual of any age, a group of people, or even a service animal. Examples of potential hero stories include, but are not limited to:

- A dedicated volunteer going above and beyond in their community
- A successful CPR/AED save, first aid use, drowning or fire rescue
- A blood drive coordinator or long-term blood donor

<u>Please submit all hero nominations by July 13</u>. The next Annual Hometown Heroes Breakfast will be held at the Tulalip Resort & Casino on Dec. 13. <u>Watch video of Eisenhower's Wayne Thomasson's recognition last year!</u> Thank you for helping the American Red Cross honor those who have significantly impacted the lives of others and the safety of their community.

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

## 1. MathFest, May 19

Everett Public Schools has partnered with ZENO to bring a free math celebration

Saturday, May 19, 1-4 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena for 3- to 11-year-old students. Experience math like never before—prizes and a free t-shirt for registered children. Register at <a href="https://www.zenomath.org/mathfest">www.zenomath.org/mathfest</a>.

#### 2. CTE video contest

The Workforce Board's video project, which encourages middle and high school students throughout the state to create their own videos to promote CTE (Career and Technical Education), has a video contest! The first three students who submit videos to the CTE "Get Real" Video Challenge that meet contest guidelines can win a \$25 gift card, or up to \$75 per team. **The deadline is June 15**, so get out your video camera, cell phone or tablet right away! All completed videos will be featured on CareerBridge.wa.gov so fame is guaranteed. More details are on the Workforce Board website. Print a flyer for your classroom.

# 3. Multi-cultural training tour, June 2

Did you know that many languages are spoken in our cities? Join a fascinating and enriching training tour of a Muslim mosque, Hindu temple, Buddhist temple and a Sikh temple. Tour starts in Bothell, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register online.

- 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

# 4. Everett naval station looking for student swimmers

The Everett naval station is looking for students 16 years old and older for several summer positions as <u>lifequards</u> and <u>water safety instructors</u>.

#### 5. Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Aug. 20-23

Everett Public Schools is hosting its second annual <u>Advanced Placement (AP)</u> <u>Summer Institute</u>, Aug. 20-23, at Jackson High School. This training is not just for AP teachers!

Training is free to all district staff and clock hours are available. Breakfast and lunch are included. If you would like to attend, please email <u>Jeanne Willard</u> or call x4078 for more information. Find more <u>AP Summer Institute information online</u>.

# 6. Tech Roundtable – Earn clock hours on May 23

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 and you bring your ideas and experiences to share and learn with others! Last session will be on May 23 covering *Online Communications and Collaboration* and it will be held in the Eisenhower Middle School Library.

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**KEY DATES** – <u>important dates</u>, <u>observances and holidays</u>

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – All policies and procedures are <u>available online</u>.

#### 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 Officer – Carol Stolz, <u>cstolz@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4106; Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, <u>rseaberg@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4104; 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, <u>rballbach@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4063; ADA Coordinator - Becky Clifford, rolifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

