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...NewsLinks

A Web-based newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools
June 12, 2013 (*NewsLinks* articles are archived on Docushare)

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WE'RE PROUD … staff share family and personal educational accomplishments

See this year's issue of *We're Proud*.

START AND DISMISSAL TIMES REMAIN THE SAME FOR 2013-14

Although the legislative session is not complete, there is indication that there

may be more funding for transportation next year. Based upon that possibility and the importance of staff and families having schedule information before the school year ends, the district will make no changes to the start and dismissal times for 2013-14. Staff will engage in further evaluation of transportation funding and efficiencies during next school year – and whether adjustments are advisable for 2014-15 or beyond.

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WATCH FOR *STUFF THE BUS*, AUG. 16-18

Each summer, the Everett Public Schools Foundation conducts a massive school supply drive to fill backpacks for students needing that support to succeed in school. Last year, they gave more than 1,700 backpacks to our students. Be sure to watch for blue bins in businesses around the community throughout August, and big yellow buses outside select locations Aug. 16-18 to help *Stuff the Bus for Kids*.

SNEAK PEEK AT *EVERETT SCHOOLS*

The latest *Everett Schools* newsletter will be arriving at homes in our school district mid-June. Get a "sneak peek" of the newsletter online and see why Lois Craig is Everett Public Schools' Teacher of the Year, how STEM is woven into our curriculum and much more!

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WEBSITE IS GETTING A FACELIFT

This fall, watch for a new look and new tools on the Everett Public Schools website that will make your life easier! Highlights include an online calendar system that you can filter by category, show events from multiple schools in one personalized view and export to your Outlook calendar.

Register on the course registration system for training opportunities available this summer.

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SUMMER CAMP – Technology learning opportunity for all staff

Technology specialists and instructional technology are teaming up to offer a one-day summer professional development opportunity at H.M. Jackson High School on Aug. 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Technology Summer Camp* will include concurrent sessions of a variety of technology classes including Excel, OneNote, digital storytelling, free Microsoft tools, Atomic learning, and more! Lunch will be provided, and the class is open to any district staff who wants to come (and worth 6 clock hours). More information is available online.

FOR ALL DISTRICT STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARENTS – FREE, quick and easy online tutorials showing how to use Microsoft Office products. This cache of videos and tutorials is self-paced and designed specifically for education. Click on the Atomic Learning logo, use your district login, and choose the programs and functions you'd like to learn more about. (Remember to bookmark the

Atomic Learning login page so you can access this resource easily, as many times as you want.)

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LEARNING EVENT OF THE SUMMER

At Everett Public Schools, we know our students will *lead and shape the future*! Their experiences in our schools and in our communities help prepare them for success, and all of us working together can help create a roadmap for their success in the 21st century.

To date, more than 300 parents, students, alumni, and business, education and community leaders have participated in our 21st Century Skills events, and many others have contributed their thoughts and ideas informally. All have helped us identify and refine our understanding of the skills, attributes, attitudes, and knowledge students will need to succeed in the future. And there is more to come!

Join us in this exciting and informative two-day event as we learn more about integrating 21st century skills into our curriculum and classrooms.

Day 1: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Learn just how critical 21st century skills are to future success for all students. Hear from visionary expert Ken Kay, president and CEO of EdLeader21 and from school district leaders who have successfully implemented a 21st century skills focus throughout a K-12 curriculum. Add your thoughts and ideas to the discussion.

Day 2: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Hear what we have learned from experts and from our Everett community about the importance and impact of 21st century skills in K-12 education. Contribute to the development of an action plan for our students and our district.

Register now to ensure your seat at the table. (50 seats are already taken!)

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ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS SURVEY – one more chance to comment on district communications

Just 9 quick questions 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. The survey will be **open until Friday, June 21**. Thank you for your time and your thoughts.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DISTRICT WELLNESS PROGRAM?

After five years, the district Wellness Program would like to hear from you how they are doing. Please take a moment to complete this one-minute survey if you have not already done so.

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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 about Points of Pride, news releases, events, learn about events and see photos as they happen.

If you have a Facebook account, please ***like*** our page so you can stay in the loop!

06.07.2013 Whittier Elementary student reaches 1,000 Accelerated Reader points
06.07.2013 View Ridge Elementary student wins essay contest
06.07.2013 H.M. Jackson High repeats as Wesco district track and field champs
05.31.2013 Everett Public Schools Navy JROTC Cadets test dive submersibles
05.31.2013 Post-it parade at North Middle School, a great way to start the week
05.31.2013 H.M. Jackson High student wins PTA scholarship to national conference
05.31.2013 Colton's Army gives thanks to Mill Creek Elementary students, staff and community
05.30.2013 H.M. Jackson student receives prestigious honor from 5th Avenue Theater
05.28.2013 Sequoia students earn Microsoft certification
05.24.2013 H.M. Jackson student earns Camp Fire's highest honor
05.23.2013 H.M. Jackson students earn WSU status and STEM awards
05.22.2013 Cascade High School winning filmmakers
05.22.2013 Emerson Elementary seeks Cup Game world record
05.22.2013 H.M. Jackson High School students winners in the 2013 Holocaust Writing Art Digital Media contest
05.22.2013 Thank you Boeing Blue Bills for a 24' car-hauler trailer full of science supplies
05.22.2013 PTA Awards - Forest View PTA Outstanding local unit
05.20.2013 STEM Curriculum Open House for Everett Public Schools
05.14.2013 H.M. Jackson High School students earn highest recognition at international DECA conference
05.14.2013 Cascade High School students honored for excellence in German
05.08.2013 H.M. Jackson High students win highest honors in WordWright Challenge

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

1. **Spend an hour with a United States' founding father: Alexander Hamilton** as he discusses "Building a New Nation" as performed by nationally recognized historical interpreter Dr. William G. (Bill) Chrystal.
   Friday, June 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Gold Creek Community Church. Cost is $10 (All proceeds benefit the Mill Creek Food Bank). For

tickets, please email billmcelroy@frontier.com or call 425-483-2169.

Dr. William G. (Bill) Chrystal is a leading scholar/performer of two Founding Fathers, John Adams and Alexander Hamilton. He is the author of *Hamilton by the Slice: Falling in Love with Our Most Influential Founding Father*.

2. **Annual Brett's Run, Aug. 24**
   Help maintain the memory of Everett's Brett Jensen and support the college aspirations of current Everett students by participating in the "Brett's Run 5," a fun run/walk to support the memory of Brett Jensen as well as the Brett Akio Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund for Cascade High School. The run will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2013. More information and online registration can be found on Brett's blog at brettjensen.wordpress.com.

3. **Harlem Globetrotter basketball clinics in Everett**
   Join the Harlem Globetrotters for basketball clinics the week of July 22, 2013 for boys and girls ages six through 12. Save $10 off registration by using discount code *STEVEN*. This code can be used online or it can be used when registering by phone at 1-800-641-4667 ext. 148.

OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF

1. **Plan in advance for September 1 student video contest deadline.** The 4th annual Livable Snohomish Co. Summit is holding a video contest for students. The focus of the forum is "Building Livable Communities." Winner will earn a cash prize. Contact Kristin Kelly for more information.

KEY DATES – **important dates and celebrations** you won't want to miss planning for now!

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are **available online**.

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