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...NewsLinks

FOLLOW US!

Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

September 11, 2020 (NewsLinks are [archived in DocuShare](#))

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WELCOME BACK!

We want to thank you all for kicking off a new school year unlike any of us have ever seen! Kudos to our Learning Management Information Systems teams for their ongoing service for our students, parents and staff, they have done an incredible job helping families connect. Teachers have also gone above and beyond preparing and teaching their classes remotely and engaging students. Administrators, staff, and everyone else who has stepped up to create the best beginning to a new school year—thank you, we are making history!

There is so much joy celebrating the first day of school, even remotely! Check out this short video filled with [first-day-of-school photos](#) of our students, it's sure to make you smile.

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PARENT UNIVERSITY

[Parent University](#) is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child's education. Our goal is to increase collaboration and involvement between schools, families, and community; to educate, empower and connect families with resources that build parent and student confidence, enhance character development and promote life skills to increase likelihood of family success in academic endeavors. You have access to on-demand content to view at your leisure.

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ZOOM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder was recently shared with parents, *'While learning is taking place in your homes rather than inside classrooms, student privacy protection laws still apply. Please help us protect students' privacy by NOT taking or sharing photos or videos of your child that include Zoom class meetings where other student images or names are visible. Thank you.'*

Please continue to share this reminder with parents, thank you!

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COMMUNICATION TIPS TO SHARE FOR VIRTUAL SUCCESS

BlackboardConnect messages: Many families have students at different schools and receive several messages from different teachers. We suggest adding the name of your school in your subject line to make it easier for parents identify who you are.

District email: Along the same lines as BBC messaging, we suggest adding a signature line in your email. There are [easy-to-follow instructions using our email template](#) to set up your signature line and you only need to set it up once. Feel free to use your school's logo and school colors if you wish.

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KIDS IN TRANSITION (KIT) PROGRAM AND RESOURCES

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy.

Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. [Click for more information to share with students and families.](#)

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STUFF THE BUS FOR KIDS

Even though we are remote learning, students still need supplies to help be successful at home. [Everett Public Schools Foundation](#), with the help of the community and our event partners, delivered **1,900** backpacks filled with donated school supplies, helping kids of all grades get a good start to their school year. If you donated or volunteered to help this year's school supply drive, thank you!

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HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND – VIRTUAL

As you may likely have predicted with current COVID-19 precautions, the High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual this year. The presentations will also be recorded and will remain available until

December 31. In order to participate in this [virtual event site](#), students and parents will need to register using the blue button in the top right-hand corner of the page. Once they do this, they will be able to preview the college fair booths. College representatives and presentations will be "live" during [Washington student week live times October 19 - 23, 2020](#)

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Like knowing what's happening in the district? Click icons for more!



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 [simple form](#).*

[2020.09.11 School Board meeting time change](#)
[2020.09.02 Everett Public Schools launches Parent University](#)
[2020.09.02 Everett superintendent receives national recognition](#)
[2020.08.21 Cedar Wood Elementary selected for Heart Association grant](#)
[2020.07.22 Max White FBLA Award](#)
[2020.06.09 EPS Digital STEM Demonstration](#)
[2020.06.10 Alina Houser is Everett Public Schools Teacher of the Year](#)
[2020.06.23 District seeks community feedback for re-entry planning this fall](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES – for staff and students

Eastern Washington University offers online M. Ed programs, Certificates, and Post-Master's Certificates

Their [programs are fully online](#), regionally and nationally accredited, and are self-paced. They have recently launched an Early Childhood Education Certificate online, which may be great for para-educators and teachers. There is an Application Fee Waiver for the next start date so those interested can always apply and start classes when it is convenient. Contact [Jeanne Selden](#), Executive Director – Education for more information.

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Know a student who could use some help?

Clothes for Kids provides free clothing to low-income students, grades K-12 in Everett Public Schools. Clothing is distributed late August through mid-February. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch may request a Requisition for Clothing form directly from their school office.

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2020 Congressional App Challenge for MS and HS students

The annual competition, which runs through October 19, is open to high school and middle school students who [live in or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District](#). Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. Students can only enter the competition once. Students can create computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language and for any platform including desktop/PC, web and mobile. Students can sign up to participate and read the [full competition rules here](#).

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Key dates and celebrations

[Important dates, observances and holidays](#).

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Policies and procedures

All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

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