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MARCH ARTICLES

February 29, 2024 (Leap Year Edition)

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Support Staff for a Day on March 13!

On Wednesday, March 13, cabinet members and Dr. Saltzman would like to work alongside various support staff from 8 a.m. to Noon. Note, high school sign ups can choose only March 12 due to the SAT testing late start.



Support staff who are interested in sharing their work with a 'cabinet shadow' will need to click on [Support Staff for a Day](#) by **Thursday, March 7** and fill out the form to provide the necessary information. There will likely be more staff interested than there are cabinet members, but every effort will be made to match with a cabinet member.

Reminder to keep your contact information up to date

With the recent late start communications, it's a good reminder to please keep your contact information up to date. Log into Employee Online, click on personal information to make updates to your phone and email.

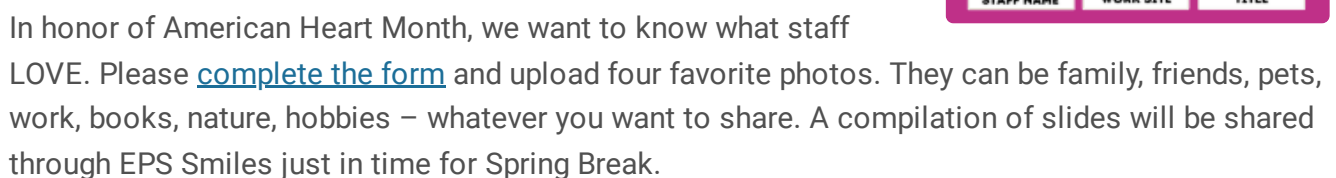
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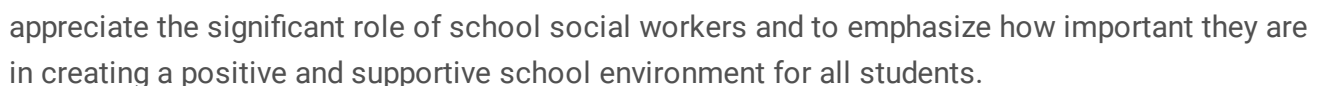
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Please participate in the Share Your Love EPS Smiles to fill the hearts with what brings you joy.



School Social Workers Week happens each year to honor and value the work of school social workers. These professionals play a crucial role in supporting students, families, and school staff with their social, emotional, and psychological needs, which helps students do better in school. During this week, we take the time to appreciate the significant role of school social workers and to emphasize their importance in creating a positive and supportive school environment for all students.



Education Support Professionals Week March 11 - 15

We want to recognize and appreciate the incredible contributions of our Education Support Professionals! From ensuring our students have extra help in the classroom, nutritious meals, to keeping our technology running smoothly, from maintaining a clean and safe environment to ensuring our students arrive safely to and from school, every member of our team plays a vital role in shaping the success of our students. To all our amazing support professionals: THANK YOU! Let's show our appreciation and give a HUGE shoutout to our Education Support Professionals this week!



Spring Break April 1 - 5!

Not that you would forget, but spring break occurs before the next NewsLinks is issued in April.



NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Follow us on social media! Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of schools, club, or teacher accounts.

Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive 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](#).



NEWS RELEASES

North Middle School robotics team qualifies for state championship

North Middle School's robotics team, the Cybernetic Narwhals, are advancing to this weekend's Washington State championship tournament, the only public middle school team to qualify at this level with all other qualifiers being from high schools and/or private clubs.



[Read news release here.](#)



Everett Public Schools presents Promoting Healthy Digital Habits

Tuesday, February 6, parents and community members went to Cascade High School to hear University of Washington assistant professor Dr. Magis-Weinberg. The digital world presents both

opportunities and risks. While young people today are highly familiar with technology, they cannot simply unlock all its benefits without guidance and support. Additionally, there are measures we can take to prevent online harms from occurring.

[Read news release here.](#)



MPMEA honors two Everett Public Schools music educators

Heatherwood Middle School's orchestra teacher, Monica Camp, is being awarded with the Music Educator of the Year by the Mount Pilchuck Music Educators Association (MPMEA), a regional division of the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA). The association is also honoring George Moffat with the Jackson High School Music and Arts Booster Club by awarding him the Friend of Music award.

[Read news release here.](#)



CTE Signature STEM program removes barriers

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) department at Everett Public Schools (EPS) is changing the standard high school model to fit the needs of our changing world with the creation of the Signature STEM program. This program removes the barrier of a student's home school by providing transportation for those who would like to pursue courses in specific career paths offered at only one high school, giving equitably accessible to all students across the district.

[Read news release here.](#)

Everett Public Schools hosts annual empower to lead summit

Everett Public Schools will host its annual social justice summit, Empower to Lead, on Friday, February 23 at the Community Resource Center. Presented by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department, the event's goal is to promote awareness, networking and inclusion around the issues



of social justice leading to increased student sense of belonging and positive action in their school community.

[Read news release here.](#)



Foundation grant supports story pole project at Forest View

Tate Loftin's fourth and fifth grade highly capable class at Forest View Elementary recently finished a culminating project that took a deep dive into the culture each of its 26 students, a project that would not have been possible without grant funding from the Everett Public Schools Foundation (EPSF).

[Read news release here.](#)

[Click to share your school story!](#)



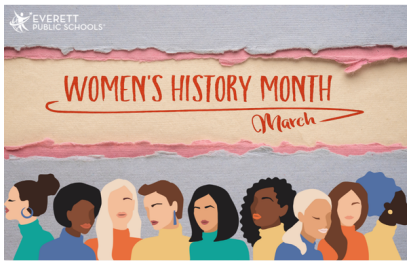
1. [Over 200 Timberwolves were celebrated last night at our Honor Roll Night! There were 25 Principal's List honorees as well! We are so proud of our students! Go Timberwolves!](#)
2. [Celebrating 100 days of school in Mrs. Hinds class!!!](#)
3. [Thanks Cedar Wood PTA for the first Multicultural Reading night!](#)
4. [Natural Leaders/Líderes Naturales](#)
5. [Our paraeducators are dedicated individuals who support our student success. Thank you for your daily contributions to our thriving campus.](#)
6. [It was a great Lunar New Year dragon parade celebration at Whittier today.](#)

[EPS Social Media Directory](#)

KEY DATES AND OBSERVATIONS

[DEI's cultural & religious calendar](#)

[OSPI's common religious & US public holiday calendar](#)



Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.



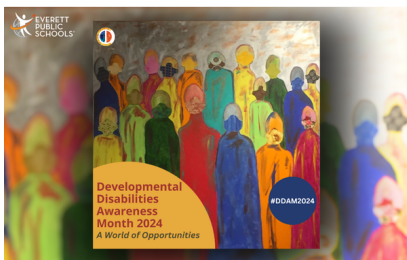
Music in our Schools Month

Learning music helps to develop the left side of the brain (related to language and reasoning), assists with sound recognition, and teaches rhythm and rhyme. Songs can also help children remember information (just think of the Alphabet song!).



Read Across America Day

Books and stories provide points of access for understanding other people's lives. Reading diverse books helps students walk in someone else's shoes—or try on a different hat! Talk about what they read and how to put their compassion into action.



Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Developmental Disability Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 10

Time to spring forward! Are you ready? Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. Usually on Saturday night, clocks are set forward one hour to "spring forward."



First Day of Spring March 19

Happy first day of Spring!

OPPORTUNITIES - for staff and students

Last chance to nominate for Educator of the Year Awards

Time is running out! Nominations are due March 1.



Recognize a deserving teacher or classified employee in your life or at your school, and nominate them to be the next NWESD Regional Teacher of the Year or Classified Employee of the Year! Winners also move on for the potential to be honored at the state level.

Learn more about the selection process and guidelines at the following links:

[Teacher of the Year](#)
[Classified Employee of the Year](#)

To complete a nomination form for Teacher of the Year or Classified Employee of the Year, you will need the following:

- Name of your nominee, email address, and basic information about their current position, supervisor, school, district, and Educational Service District.
- Your name, contact information, and relationship to the nominee.
- A statement about why you are nominating this educator for the award.

Washington's Teacher of the Year program recognizes as many as ten regional finalists and selects one state Teacher of the Year annually. The state Teacher of the Year also earns a place as Washington's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year.

The State Superintendent recognizes the **Regional Classified School Employees of the Year** and announces the state Classified School Employee of the Year at an annual award ceremony. The state award winner and regional finalists participate in a year of leadership development and are invited to several annual recognition events including the Reception at the Mansion for award-winning educators. The state award winner is Washington's nominee for the US Department of Education's national Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) award.

Everett Public School Foundation's 30th Annual Benefit Event

Please [register to attend](#) the movie premiere event on March 14 at the Civic Auditorium, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dress in your school's spirit wear for a chance to win a catered lunch!

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FOR OUR 30TH
ANNUAL BENEFIT
EVENT!



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RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

Opening night premiere:

March 14, 2024
Doors at 6:30 p.m.
Everett Civic Auditorium
2415 Colby Ave., Everett



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ATTENDANCE WILL EARN A FREE
CATERED LUNCH, PROVIDED BY THE EEA.
SHOW UP IN YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR!**

26th Annual Student Art Shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with the Everett Public Schools Foundation, is celebrating 26 years of student art shows.



The **Elementary Art show** will be on display at the Community Resource Center (CRC) (3900 Broadway) from February 16 to March 28, 2024. There will be an elementary art show open house on February 29, 2024, from 6 – 7 p.m. for families to view the art show in the evening.

High school art will be displayed for public viewing from April 11 to May 2. All participating students, their family members and friends are invited to the **High School Art Show reception** on May 2, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Middle school art will be displayed for public viewing from May 9 to May 30. All participating student artists and their family members and friends are invited to attend the **Middle School Art Show reception** on June 6, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

NAACP Freedom Fund Gala on March 30

The NAACP Snohomish County invites you to "raise the bar" and join their annual Freedom Fund Gala on **March 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** on what will be a wondrous event.

This is a chance for us to come together and celebrate the amazing individuals and organizations that make our community such a special place. From volunteers and activists, to business owners and community leaders, we will be honoring those who have made a significant impact in our community.



Join for an evening of celebration and inspiration at the [NAACP Snohomish County's 2024 Freedom Fund Gala](#). This year's theme, "Lifting as We Climb," embodies our dedication to equality and justice, honoring those who contribute positively to Snohomish County.

When: Saturday, March 30, 2024

Time: Reception at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:15 PM

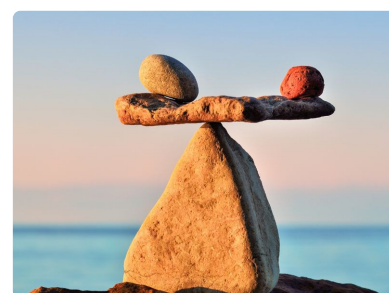
Where: [Angel of the Winds Arena, Edward D. Hansen Conference Center](#), 2000 Hewitt Ave. Everett, WA

The gala will feature distinguished guests, including former Representative Eric Pettigrew, with Representative April Berg serving as our emcee. Enjoy an evening filled with performances by [Greater Works](#), and applaud the community award honorees.

Reserve your seat for a night that promises to unite, inspire, and honor the changemakers of our community. [Register now](#) and join us in "Lifting as We Climb."

Staff Wellness

The strategic plan established an initiative to coordinate and enhance staff wellness. This initiative has moved into the operational phase. We are excited to announce that the Wellness Team applied for and received a grant to promote ***cultivating staff well-being***.



Specifically, the team will be focused on establishing tier 1 evidenced-based staff supports focused on staff well-being to assist in building and maintaining practices that promote a positive and healthy work culture.

Opportunities will include the following:

- Professional learning of workforce traumatic stress and burnout; providing staff strategies and resources
- Competitive grant for schools and departments to take significant steps to enhance break rooms focused on staff well-being and stress management

- Provide supplies and resources for individual staff self-regulation, gratitude and creating a sense of belonging
- In partnership with DEI, build a sense of belonging in support of affinity groups

Be on the lookout for opportunities!

Climate Pledge Arena

Field trip opportunity information:



UW ASM Materials Camp July 8-13 on UW Seattle Campus

The camp is a materials science-based summer day camp for high school students from the greater Seattle area who will be entering their junior year in the Fall.

The camp is **free** and a fantastic opportunity, but positions are limited, and students must **apply by March 15th**, and then be accepted. The application process is very straightforward and outlined on the [UW ASM Materials Camp](#) web page. Please see flyer below to share with students.



2024 UW ASM MATERIALS CAMP JULY 8-13, 2024

APPLICATION
DEADLINE:

**MARCH 15,
2024**

Applicants must be
16 years old on or
before July 8, 2024.

bit.ly/uw-matcamp



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MatCamp at the UW is for any **rising high school junior** who wants to actively explore materials science, engineering, physics, chemistry, applied math, biology principles and more!



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Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free. You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year. [Click to see how it works and enjoy!](#)



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