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# ...NewsLinks

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

March 5, 2015 (*NewsLinks* are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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## REMINDER! PAY DATE CHANGES

The [Payroll Calendar](#) has been updated with the new pay dates. Revisions to the [Payroll Calendar](#) have been highlighted in orange. The March pay date will be March 31, 2015.

## GATHERING INPUT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Executive Director Kris McDowell is retiring with almost ten years in our school district. The challenge of recruiting and selecting a qualified professional for this position is a unique and important opportunity to maintain and build exceptional leadership.

**Your thoughts matter in this process.** Please mark your calendar for Monday, March 16, 4 p.m. at the CRC in Boardrooms A and B.

Dr. Cohn and Dr. Byrd will be there to answer questions and hear your thoughts as we move through the hiring process. What qualities would you like to see in a new executive director for special services? What suggestions might you have for how the department could be structured and how all special services staff can be supported in their work? Please come share what you think.

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## OFFICE PROFESSIONALS SPRING WORKSHOP | MARCH 21

The Snohomish County Association of Office Professionals spring workshop has several speakers covering Outlook: *Beyond the Basics*, *Email Etiquette Reminders*, *Staying Healthier with a Desk Job*, and *Good Chrome Basics*. Earn 2.5 in-service training clock hours which may be applied to becoming a Certified Educational Office Employee (CEOE) in the Professional Standards Program ([PSP](#)) and EARN MORE MONEY!

## EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL AWARDS | [2014-15 Award Nomination Form](#)

Each year Everett PTSA Council recognizes volunteers and educators who have given outstanding, continued and dedicated service to our children. This is your opportunity to help select award recipients by nominating candidates for the council's award committee to consider. **Deadline is March 31.**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Everett PTSA Council Awards Banquet will be on **May 27**. Details will be coming soon.

## COMPLIMENTARY ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR | APRIL 29

The EPS Foundation is hosting a [complimentary estate planning seminar](#) on Wednesday, April 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. Current and retired staff of Everett Public Schools is welcome!

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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 [Points of Pride](#), [news releases](#) and learn about [events](#) (see photos as they happen). If you have a Facebook account, please **like** our page so you can stay in the loop!

- 2015.03.03 [Whittier Principal Tony Wentworth rewards students](#)
- 2015.02.26 [Prodigies for Peace celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
- 2015.02.26 [Rampant reading at View Ridge on Monday](#)
- 2015.02.24 [A fantastic turnout for Sequoia's annual blood drive](#)
- 2015.02.23 [Imagination, innovation and invention at Penny Creek Elementary](#)
- 2015.02.23 [District continues planning for disasters](#)
- 2015.02.20 [Proposed boundary changes for Woodside and Silver Lake elementary schools](#)
- 2015.02.20 [District graduation rates rise again](#)
- 2015.02.19 [Eisenhower Middle School's seventh-grade Business Expo](#)
- 2015.02.18 [Snohomish County Transition Resource Fair builds life connections](#)
- 2015.02.16 [Super Kid Camilla Mejia, Henry M. Jackson High School | Herald article](#)
- 2015.02.16 [Leah Shin of Henry M. Jackson High School is one of state's top youth volunteers](#)
- 2015.02.13 [Everett High School hosts annual Senior Citizen Dance, Feb. 27](#)
- 2015.02.13 [International Cultural Night at Penny Creek Elementary fun!](#)
- 2015.02.12 [Washington School Counselor of the Year is from Henry M. Jackson High School](#)
- 2015.02.12 [Thoughtexchange launches phase 2](#)
- 2015.02.12 [North Middle School students enjoy Friday Read In](#)

2015.02.12 [Everett High School AVID graduate accepted into Notre Dame](#)  
2015.02.10 [PTA and PTSA membership growing!](#)  
2015.02.09 [Super Kid Taylor Elliott, Sequoia High School | Herald article](#)  
2015.02.09 [Everett High School student national winner of 'We the Future' contest](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators | March 13 deadline

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) honors, supports and encourages educators who incorporate environmental education in their classrooms and teaching methods. Applications for the 2014-2015 Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators must be submitted by March 13, 2015. Click on [news release](#) for more information about this award, including the work of an Okanogan, Washington, teacher.

### 2. SchoolBox Liquidation Sale

[SchoolBox](#) says thank you and is now offering 50%-75% off everything until March 14. Open Monday – Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursday until 6 p.m. and are located at 314 N. Olympic Ave. in Arlington.

### 3. Online Courses available for staff

New courses are available including *Adobe Acrobat*, *Excel*, *PowerPoint*, *Publisher* and *Word*. Click on [available courses](#) and select Course catalog. In the Course Code or Title field enter *online* and click search. For more information contact [LauriBeth Hull](#).

### SBAC Face to Face

This course is for those staff who would like to register and begin the online Chromebook and SBA modules. You will work at your own pace through the modules, but will have someone there to answer questions and provide assistance.

**To register** go to <http://pd.everettsd.org>. The courses are on the following dates and times:

- March 9      4-6 p.m.      Heatherwood
- March 10    3:30-5:30 p.m.    Eisenhower
- March 23    4-6 p.m.      Emerson
- March 25    4-6 p.m.      Heatherwood

### 4. [Clock hours](#) now available for Seattle Children's Hospital Autism 200 Lecture Series

The Autism Center, Seattle Children's, is offering a series of 90-minute classes for Washington State teachers, school personnel, and parents/caregivers of children with autism. No need to travel to Seattle as classes are now also offered here in Everett! The lecture series is entitled, [Autism 200](#). Faculty from Seattle Children's, the University of Washington, and community providers teach the classes. [Register](#)

[here](#).

#### 5. **FREE paper rolls**

Seattle Times offers roll ends free of charge, one per person per day. They have about 70 ft. of paper on them. This paper is great for covering tables and art projects. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 19200 120th Ave. N.E., Bothell, WA 98011. Park in the visitor parking lot at the north end of our building and see the security guard inside the lobby for a roll end. Questions? Contact [Kate Palmer](#), 425/489-7015

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### OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIEF

#### 1. **PUD Art Contest – Create an Energy Smarty Pants poster**

Students K-12 are eligible to submit a poster design to show people how to make smart energy choices. Up to 12 winners will each win \$50. See [PUD website](#) for guidelines and registration form. Deadline is 5 p.m. on **March 13, 2015**.

#### 2. **Spanish training workshop | March 14**

Improve your communication with Spanish-speaking students and their families while earning [credit or clock hours](#).

#### 3. **Snohomish County Transition Resource Fair – March 24, 4 to 8:30 p.m. at Cascade High School.** Questions? Contact Melinda Bocci at 425-388-7259.

#### 4. **[Kids' Art contest celebrates 50 years of Voting Rights Act | April 15 deadline.](#)**

This year's *Kids' Art* contest theme, "Every Vote is Equal!" celebrating 50 years of the Voting Rights Act. All fourth- and fifth-grade students in Washington's public, private, tribal and home schools can submit their original art.

**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](#).**

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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