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A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools  
Nov. 4, 2016 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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## WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR SCHOOL BOARD IS A 2016 BOARD OF DISTINCTION!



Twenty-four school boards in Washington were named this week as **Boards of Distinction** by the Washington State School Directors' Association.

This is the second time since 2014 our school board has been honored as a *Board of Distinction!*

“Each of these boards demonstrates the excellent work done by Washington’s 295 school boards and 1,477 school board members,” said WSSDA President Chris Nation.

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**MOODY'S**  
INVESTORS SERVICE

### OUR MOODY'S RATING IS BETTER THAN EVER!

The district has earned an increased bond rating of Aa1 based on its credit worthiness and financial performance. Moody's Investors Service has assigned an Aa1 underlying rating to the district's \$47.9 million unlimited tax general obligation bonds and upgraded the rating on \$145.8 million of outstanding general obligation debt to Aa1 from Aa2.

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## OUTLOOK PHOTOS – time to update yours?

Want to change your Outlook picture? Complete [this form](#). Requests submitted by Nov. 29 will be processed the following day. Those received after that date will be processed on the last Friday of the month in which the request is submitted.

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## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION – SHARE YOUR STORY AND PHOTOS!

As you know, Everett Public Schools is celebrating its 125th year this school year. We want to tell YOUR stories! Please send your historic photos, stories, and memories of your time with Everett Public Schools to [Communications@everettsd.org](mailto:Communications@everettsd.org) and we'll share! Pass this on to others you know who used to work or attend school in the district.



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## OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR BENEFITS ENDS NOV. 15

Changes begin Jan. 1, 2017. Payroll changes will be in your December 2016 paycheck.

### Still have questions? Would you like help evaluating your options?

Representatives from Aetna and Group Health Cooperative will be in attendance at the benefit help session before open enrollment ends. Benefits staff will also be available to assist with questions and the Employee Online enrollment process.

North Middle School 2514 Rainier Ave Everett, WA 98201	Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Library
Evergreen Middle School 7621 Beverly Lane Everett, WA 98203	Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Library
<b>Last Chance:</b> Community Resource Center 3900 Broadway Ave Everett, WA 98201	Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 6:30 to 10 a.m. and again at 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.	San Juan Island Room

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Learning Management Services offers many professional development opportunities for all staff. There are a variety of classes online and instructor-led classes.

Most courses can be combined or adjusted to provide a customized training experience for your group. Course description catalogs are available for in person and online training.

- [Interactive catalog of all courses](#) (webpage)
  - [Catalog of in instructor-led training only](#) (PDF)
  - [Catalog of online courses only](#) (PDF)

Contact [LMSStaff@everettsd.org](mailto:LMSStaff@everettsd.org) to arrange for LIF or after-school training.

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

2016.10.25 [Cascade students learn science by the shovel full](#)

2016.10.19 [1,500 new Tablets delivered to teachers and administrators in record time!](#)

**Do you have news to share?** – *It's easy; use this [simple form](#).*

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## OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

- 1. Penny Creek PTA's [Fall Bazaar](#) on Friday, Nov. 4 – that's TONIGHT!**  
Enjoy products and crafts at Penny Creek Elementary School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Please bring a donation of canned food, a new toy, or pet supplies for the Cub Scout collection.
- 2. [Green School Resources Workshop](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 29**  
Receive free K-12 training and resources to green your school inside, outside and throughout. For educators, school staff, parents and volunteers.
- 3. [Operation School Bell Holiday Home Tour](#) on Monday, Dec. 4**  
Visit six distinctive North Everett homes, enjoy culinary delights prepared by local chefs, and know proceeds will help support [Operation School Bell](#).
- 4. [Beyond the Hour of Code](#) on Monday, Dec. 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Students, staff and community members will code together at the CRC. This evening event brings students, parents, and community together to celebrate computer science education week and the Hour of Code. Everyone is invited to come learn to code (coding tutorials provided by high school CS students), engage in an unplugged computer science activity, and watch robotics demonstrations from elementary, middle and high school students.
- 5. [National Poison Prevention Week poster contest](#)**  
Students in grades 1-5 are invited to create an eye-catching poster highlighting poison prevention and the role Mr. Yuk and Washington Poison Center (WAPC) play in keeping kids and families safe. Details and entry forms are on the [WAPC website](#). **Poster entries must be postmarked by Jan. 13, 2017.**

The winning artist will receive \$500, a visit from Mr. Yuk, and their winning design will be the poster for Poison Prevention Week in March 2017. The winning artist and his or her family will serve as WAPC ambassadors for 2017, with the opportunity to visit Olympia with Mr. Yuk to meet their local legislators. Three runners up will each receive \$100. All entries will receive goodies from Mr. Yuk.

- 6. [The ESD Education Connection course catalogue](#) is [online](#).**

- 7. President's Environmental Youth Awards is open to students of all ages** – with a chance of recognition by the President of the United States. Details and [applications online](#).

The President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Deadline is March 1, 2017.

- 8. EAEOP members** – are you earning to your full potential? Are you receiving the extra stipend (up to \$115 per month) when you receive your PSP-CEO accreditation? Remember, you can be reimbursed up to \$200 for continued education while funds last each school year.

If you are a WAEOP member, check out the many [WAEOP scholarships](#) available to you and to your dependents. If you're not a member, it's not too late to [sign up](#).

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## **OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW** – still-current opportunities from previous issues

- 1. Holiday (field trip) planning starts now**

Alderwood Dance Spectrum's *A Storybook Nutcracker* is designed for children. Many teachers have used the production as a learning tool in reading, writing, and the arts. Groups can arrange to interview performers after the show." Group rate is \$5 per ticket. Call 425-771-2994 to reserve your seats. [See flyer for details](#).

- 2. Know a student who could use some help?**

[Clothes for Kids](#) and [Operation School Bell](#) 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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## **KEY DATES** – [important dates, observances and holidays](#)

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – All policies and procedures are [available online](#).

### **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 Office** – Carol Stolz, [cstolz@everettsd.org](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106; **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104; **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, [rbalbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rbalbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, [rclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:rclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201