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FOLLOW US!

Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Oct. 5, 2017 (NewsLinks are archived on Docushare)

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HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND

The excitement is building for our annual <u>High School & Beyond</u> college and career preparation events. These events are for elementary, middle, and high school students and families. Enjoy a free dinner, visit the college and career fair, listen to great speakers – wear your college gear on these three days too!

- Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Everett High
- Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Jackson High
- Thursday, Oct. 12, at Cascade High

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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Watch for the launch of a district mobile app this month. Parents, students, and staff will soon be able to download a free app for easy access to:

- grades and test scores
- staff directory
- bus route information
- checked out library items
- school and district calendars

- communications preferences
- attendance and class schedules
- customized social media stream and much more!

We're excited to put this information in the palm of your hand.

NEW PHONE CALL TRANSFER PROCEDURE

Currently, when you **receive** a call from outside the district, you are able initiate a transfer simply by beginning to dial the extension number. As of Oct. 4, this no longer works.

The new call transfer procedure is to press the "Transfer" key labeled on your phone, or the "Line" or "Transfer" key on your phone's display, some which are **visible only when you receive an incoming phone call**. See <u>visual instructions</u>.

NEW VOICEMAIL SYSTEM

Thanks to the voter-approved 2016 Bond, a new voicemail system is being rolled out to select locations! You will be notified when your location is transitioning. The notable difference is that the voicemail box number will be your employee ID instead of your phone extension, allowing you to move classrooms or offices while keeping your voicemail settings. You will also receive an email notification when you receive a voicemail, along with a link to review your voice messages online.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you exercise a basic democratic right. If you have a valid Washington state driver's license, you may register with the Secretary of State quickly and easily online. You may also download a <u>voter registration</u> form in several languages from that site.

To learn details about elections, visit the <u>Snohomish County Elections website</u>. If you've moved recently, be sure to update your address so your ballot reaches you at your new residence.

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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 and Instagram. Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to Peachjar and register for a free account to have eflyers emailed directly to you!

2017.09.07 Two food and nutrition services employees honored this year

2017.07.28 It's a jungle out there for Lowell Elementary School

2017.07.11 Hawthorne HawkMobile brings summer reading to kids!

2017.06.28 Everett Public Schools Fellows engage in shared learning

2017.06.27 Deputy Superintendent Joyce Stewart receives Most Effective Administrator Award

2017.06.26 Jackson High's rain garden helping solve storm water pollution

2017.06.21 Becky Clifford honored as UW Bothell community partner

2017.06.14 Cedar Wood and YMCA create origami peace flag
2017.06.12 Rotary takes Everett students shopping for college essentials
2017.06.09 Free summer meals for children ages 1 through 18 begin July 5
2017.06.09 2017 Superintendent's Scholar Award Winners
2017.06.08 Becky Kitzman is Everett Public Schools Teacher of the Year
2017.06.05 Betty Cobbs named WWU Distinguished Alumni

Do you have news to share? – It's easy; use this <u>simple form</u>.

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. SCHACK Art Center

<u>Art Education programs</u> for the current school year including notification of a fall teacher workshop, Art Docent Fair, outreach suitcases, art classes and more.

2. Multicultural training tour

This <u>cross-cultural education tour</u> on Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes a guided visit to a Muslim mosque, Sikh temple, Hindu temple, and a Buddhist temple. Clock hours available. Registration is \$69 includes a delicious ethnic lunch. Register online. Contact <u>Shirley McLauren</u> with questions.

3. Sound Transit visits to your classroom

Sound Transit offers presentations about Link light rail and Sounder commuter rail safety to youth of all ages. The presentations are age-specific, and last about 40 minutes including time for questions. Topics covered include: overview of the system, basics of rider etiquette, and rail safety. The presentations can also include information on jobs in the transportation field, from construction to engineering. As a thanks for the opportunity to talk to groups about rail safety, Sound Transit is pleased to offer free day passes for the Link and/or Sounder – perfect for field trips! For more information, or to schedule a presentation, please contact <u>Sarah Miller</u>, 206-903-7249.

4. Know a student who could use some help?

<u>Clothes for Kids</u> 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-price lunch may request a Requisition for Clothing form directly from their school office.

<u>Operation School Bell</u> also provides clothing and personal hygiene supplies for students in need. Referrals are available through the school counseling office.

Operation School Bell is operated by Assistance League of Everett, located at 5107 Evergreen Way in Everett. Want to help a great cause? Consider being a vendor or shopper at Assistance League's <u>Holiday Crafter's Marketplace</u> on Nov. 4.

5. Seeking Washington's top youth volunteers

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards will grant two Washington honorees \$1,000, a medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply if they have made meaningful contributions to their

communities through volunteer service within the past year. Learn more about the program and <u>apply online</u> by Nov. 7.

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KEY DATES - important dates, observances and holidays

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – All policies and procedures are <u>available online</u>.

Revisions to:

Procedure 3122P, Attendance

Procedure 3430P, Comprehensive Safe Schools Plans

Procedure 5430P, School and Program Volunteers

Policy 3416 and Procedure 3416P, Medication at School

Procedure 3420P, Student Safety

Procedure 3421P, Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

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, <u>cstolz@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4106; Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, <u>rseaberg@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4104; 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, <u>rballbach@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4063; ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, <u>rclifford@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201