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Our students will lead and shape the future.

A newsletter for the staff of Everett Public Schools

Nov. 7, 2018 (NewsLinks are [archived on DocuShare](#))

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GARFIELD NAMED 2018 SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION!

Garfield Elementary School, for the fourth year in a row, has earned a [School of Distinction](#) award from the Center of Educational Effectiveness. The award recognizes schools for sustained improvement in English Language Arts and math over a five-year period. Garfield is one of 91 schools in Washington state to earn the award this year.

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OUR SCHOOL BOARD IS A 2018 BOARD OF DISTINCTION!

In 2014, 2016, 2017 and again this year, Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors from its peers – the designation as a [Board of Distinction](#).

On Nov. 15, at the annual Washington State School Directors Association conference in Spokane, Everett's school board will once again be among the state's Boards of Distinction. Of the state's 294 school districts, only 29 will be honored with this award.

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PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE 24-CREDIT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Beginning with the class of 2021, students will be required to earn 24 credits to graduate instead of 22. District staff has been preparing for those increased graduation requirements for the past four years.

The 24-credit requirement includes flexibility for students to follow career pathways and to be ready for a variety of college and career options after high school.

[Read more.](#)

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STAFF ART SHOW

We have so many creative co-workers! All the artwork has been submitted and is now displayed at the CRC for the whole month of November. Come see paintings, sculptures, drawings and more.

Visual Arts programs in our schools emphasize the Four C's of Art, while giving students the opportunity to work with a wide variety of methods and media. [Learn more about the Four C's of Art.](#)

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OUTLOOK PHOTOS – time to update yours?

TEACHERS: For those who want to update their website photo [here are the instructions](#).

STAFF: For those who want their Outlook picture replaced, please [complete this form](#). Photos will be processed on the last Friday of the month the request is submitted

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OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR BENEFITS ENDS NOV. 15

Changes begin Jan. 1, 2019. Payroll changes will be in your December 2018 paycheck.

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

Representatives from Aetna and Kaiser Permanente will be available at the following remaining benefit help sessions. Benefits staff will also be available to

answer questions and assist with the Employee Online enrollment process.

Location	Date	Room
Community Resource Center 3900 Broadway Ave Everett, WA 98201	Wednesday November 14, 2018 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.	San Juan Island Room

IT MIGHT BE SNOWVEMBER!

It's getting chilly out and there's always a possibility of snow! Just a reminder – if there is no school closure or delay announcement on the website, social media or Blackboard Connect, school is happening as usual.

It's a good time to review [the information](#) about how school delay and closure decisions are made and how those announcements reach staff and families. Stay warm; charge your phones!

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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. Then you'll get eflyers emailed directly to you!

2018.11.07 [Everett Public Schools joins other districts in announcing pending cuts](#)

2018.10.29 [Preparing students for the 24-credit graduation requirement](#)

2018.10.26 [Ernie Brockman - 50 years of teaching](#)

2018.10.25 [Everett Public Schools board is a 2018 Board of Distinction](#)

2018.10.22 [New elementary school in search of a name](#)

2018.10.15 [Garfield Elementary named School of Distinction again](#)

2018.10.10 [Financial ratings still strong](#)

2018.10.04 [School board considering 2020 bond](#)

2018.09.13 [Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar to fill Position 1 on Board of Directors](#)

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

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OPPORTUNITIES – for students and staff

1. Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens Society is seeking donations for a stone sculpture in memory of Andy Sudkamp

As a biology teacher at Everett High School, Andy Sudkamp was infected with a love of the natural world. He shared that love with everyone around him, often exclaiming, “[Isn't nature wonderful?](#)” He cultivated nature in the showcase garden that was his backyard, featured more than once in the Evergreen Arboretum's Gardens of Merit Tour.

The Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens Society is seeking donations for a stone sculpture that captures the spirit of Andy Sudkamp. “Our goal is to raise \$10,000. The Arboretum Society is hoping for installation by mid-April, 2019 in the South Area of the Arboretum at 145 Alverson Blvd in Everett's Legion Park. We hope you will consider this project worthy of your support. There are two way to donate, via our [website](#) or on our [GoFundMe page](#).” More details about the sculpture can be [found here](#).

2. 2019 Classified School Employee of the Year nominations are open.

Every year Washington's State Classified School Employee of the Year program recognizes nine school employees from across the state. OSPI accepts one finalist each from Washington's nine educational service districts. A committee selects the winner from these nine regional finalists. Nominees are invited to complete the application. [Learn more or nominate someone](#).

3. Calling all writers in grades 5-8! Deadline is December 15.

The National Elks Foundation invites your students to submit an essay following the theme of “What Makes You Proud of America?”

[This writing contest is open to students enrolled in grades 5-8](#). Direct questions can be forwarded to [Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey](#).

4. Solid Foundation Workshop – FREE to attend

Create new habits for your success, understand human behavior, break unhealthy cycles, and more. [Personal development workshop](#) hosted by Edmonds Community College and Housing Hope. Call 425-640-1451 or email [Penny Robins](#) to sign up.

5. UW vs. WSU – discount men's basketball tickets for staff appreciation!

Husky men's basketball is offering the game on Saturday, **January 5 against Washington State** at a discount for staff appreciation. Get [discounted tickets](#) before they go on sale to the general public in early December.

6. Girls in STEM nominations

Educators, counselors, people from nonprofit organizations and other community members may nominate a high school girl for STEM workshops in Seattle. ChickTech is specifically looking for girls who might not find tech on their own, girls who might never think of a career in tech on their own. More information and [nominations are online](#).

7. The NWESD Education Connection course catalogue is [online](#).

The Northwest Educational Service District 189 (NWESD) offers a wide range of high-quality Professional Learning opportunities for educators, administrators, and educational support staff. If you have any questions about the courses you see listed, please contact the course facilitator directly or call 360-299-4043.

8. Writing mini-conference Jan. 19

Join author Ruth Culham as she leads participants through two workshops to review your focus on the writing process: “What’s in Your Writing Wallet?” and “Becoming a Writing Thief.” Jan. 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Evergreen Middle School. Sponsored by the Snohomish County Reading Council. Free for WaSLA members; \$30 for non-members. [Sign up online.](#)

9. NCCE Conference registration is now open

The Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) conference will be Feb. 26-28, 2019. Find details and [register online.](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES IN REVIEW – still-current opportunities from previous issues

1. Attention all elementary and art teachers

SCHACK Art Center provides a rich art education program for staff and students. [View their newsletter](#) for opportunities including workshops and classes, student art competitions, field trips, “outreach suitcases” that travel to your classroom, teen nights and more. Clock hours available for some teacher workshops.

2. Know a student who could use some help?

[Clothes for Kids](#) and [Operation School Bell](#) provide 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 Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104; **Title IX Officer** – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106; **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063; **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rc Clifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250; Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201