

Shortwaves

Everett Education Association

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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter—an informed membership leads to a strong membership.

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Please Check Your Home E-Mails!

Your Birthdate Is In Danger

The Evergreen Freedom Foundation has submitted a public information request to the District for your birthdates. They have made similar requests to all 295 Washington school districts. We don't know exactly what they want with your birthdates, but we know they can get your voting record and address. When they did this to other public employees, they have bombarded their homes with flyers and mailings to encourage them to end their membership. None of their tactics have worked here because we have one of highest membership rates in the state—thank you!!

We are very worried about the security of your personal information. If someone has your name, address, and now birthdate, they could potentially cause a lot of problems for you and identity theft. We also do not know how secure they will be with all your data and if they can prevent others from getting it. In response to their request, the WEA and several other unions successfully filed an injunction to stop the request until April so the legislature could hopefully exempt birthdates from information requests. Currently, HB 1888 would do so, but it has not passed, yet. If they don't pass HB 1888, the Freedom Foundation will get your birthdates.

WEA Representative Assembly Delegates

Congratulations to the following members who will be representing you at the 2020 WEA Representative Assembly in April: Damon Morrison, Cerra Sand, Kaitlyn Williams, Liz Frederickson, Rebekah Youtzy, Jennifer Russell, Kari Wilson, Amber McPartland, Jenny Steele, Carol Kummerle, Kailani Tibayan, Monica Andersen, Heidi Little, Michael Johnson, April Seamon, Rebecca Richardson, Debbie Wade, Anna Tidwell, Hanna Hong, Monte Scholz, Camlynn Tafa, and Gregg Elder.

Thank you to all who ran and to all who voted!

Cultural Competency Task Force Update

The EEA Executive Board appointed and charged a group of great members to address issues of cultural competency within the EEA and within our District.

Please checkout the January CCTF Newsletter [HERE](#).

New Educator Night—February 13th from 5-7 p.m.

Topic: *Classroom Management*. This is a fun and engaging class where you will learn various hands-on strategies to create a culture of accountability, student ownership, and success in the classroom. You will leave the class with tools you can actively use on your own the next day. If you plan to attend, RSVP to slamb@washingtonea.org by February 10th. Dinner will be served! When you RSVP, please let Shelly know if you have dietary restrictions.

Interesting Article/Video

If you see an interesting article to share with members, please send it to me and we will include it in Shortwaves.

- Here is an article on teachers feeling guilty about being paid well : <https://www.weareteachers.com/wont-work-for-free/>
- An article on racial justice and testing: <https://www.rethinkingschools.org/articles/racial-justice-is-not-a-choice>
- A very inspiring video from the Delaware Teacher of the Year about how race impacts connecting with students: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrpVBg_Rjfl

Contract Questions

If you have a contract question, please send them to me by the 15th of each month.

1. *Is there a place I can find who my Building Reps are, newsletters, the contract, etc.?*

Yes, we have updated our website (<http://www.everettea.org/>). There you can find a ton of useful information about the Association, the contract, calendar, meeting days, committee newsletters, etc.

For Sale, For Rent

If you would like to place an ad to sell personal items in *Shortwaves*, please send your ad to jkink@washingtonea.org by the 15th of each month. Please keep your ad to less than 50 words.

- 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment for rent. 600 sq. ft. Brand new construction, completed January 2020. This is a stand-alone ADU. Apartment features hardwood floors throughout, vaulted ceilings. Washer/dryer in unit, ductless heating and AC. Close to shopping, parks, library, and entertainment. Rent is 1600.00 and includes water, sewer, garbage, electricity. You will be the first to live in it. Located in Marysville. Contact Joel Vincent at 425-280-4579. Pictures can be sent upon request.

Calendar of Events

EEA Ex. Board—Feb. 10 (EEA 4:15 pm)

EEA Rep. Council—Feb. 24 (EEA 4:30 pm)