Family Resource Guide

2015-2016



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Volunteers of America Holiday Giving Program

VOA will match families in financial need with a sponsor for food and/or gifts during Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Please contact me for a link to their on-line application. Due date is October 9, 2015!



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

The Everett Public Schools offers free and reduced lunch prices for families who qualify. The reduced price for lunch is \$.00 for students K-3rd and \$.40 for students 4th and 5th. Breakfast is free for any elementary student that qualifies. If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunch prices, you may pick up an application in the office or go to the EPS District website @ http://www.everettsd.org/Page/4827 and click on the QuickLink provided on the right hand side of the screen. Please note you may apply for this program any time throughout the school year as your family's financial circumstances

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Families have two options this year for clothing assistance. The first program is called Operation School Bell and is coordinated through the Assistance League of Everett. Operation School Bell provides school clothing to economically disadvantaged students and to those families experiencing a crisis (home damaged by fire, flood, storm, etc.). Eligibility requirements (for non-crisis situations) include qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program and attending school regularly. Appointments are available from mid-September of this year to the end of winter, 2016. Most often a field trip will be arranged during school hours for your child to attend. However, in certain circumstances, parents/guardians may now provide transportation.

The second program is called "Clothes for Kids". Students receiving free and reduced lunch are eligible to participate. A referral is needed from me or our office staff.

After the form is completed, you may take your child to their agency to obtain clothes during their hours of operation.

SHOE ASSISTANCE

The Everett PTSA annually operates a "Shoe Fund" program for families in need of financial assistance. Families are given a \$25 voucher (per child) towards purchasing shoes at participating Payless Shoe Store for their elementary school-age children. Please contact me to arrange for a voucher.





FREE EYE CARE

Vision USA and Sight for Students both offer free eye exams and eye glasses for students needing this service. Eligibility guidelines do apply. Please visit the agencies websites below for more information:

Vision USA:

http://www.aoafoundation.org/vision-usa/ Sight for Students: www.sightforstudents.org/

DENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Snohomish Health District has information regarding low cost resources for preventative, urgent, and emergent dental care in Snohomish County. They may be reached by calling 211 or you can also check out their website at: http://www.snohd.org/Healthy-Living/Dental-Health.

RIGHTS OF STUDENTS IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS

The McKinney Ventro Act protects the rights of students who are experiencing homelessness. The term "homelessness" is broad and covers many circumstances including those families where their financial situation has them living with extended family not by choice. The Act mandates that school districts (former and current) must provide reasonable support in keeping children at the school in which they were enrolled prior to the family losing their home.



HEATING ASSISTANCE

Snohomish County Energy Assistance has oncea-year grants available for residents of Snohomish County. Income guidelines do apply. You can call directly to the Snohomish County Energy Assistance office at (425)388-3880.

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

CARE Crisis Line: 1(800)584-3578

Community Info Line/North Sound: 2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 for such services as

- food banks.
- shelters,
- energy assistance,
- support groups, and
- referral to additional community services

Report Child Abuse and Adult Abuse call: 1-866-ENDHARM