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# CONNECTION

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## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU

### Sunday Evening News | 10.7.18

I will never forget the move.

It was the day before school was going to begin after the winter holiday in January 2017. Even though it has been 21 months, my body and mind still react when I think of this day. It was bitter cold. The wind was strong, which made the coldness go right through my body. The fencing was up surrounding the old parts of EHS. Tarps were covering the fences providing additional protection between the construction area and non-construction area. That was their intent, but the tarps were flying all over campus. In addition, the heat was not working in the building on that day. We were working diligently to place the final furniture from the old EHS into portable classrooms to be ready for school the next day. It needed to be done, but it was so very cold!

We were about to embark on what we thought would be a 24-month journey. I knew in order to have a new building, we needed to experience a "new, portable-style" Enumclaw High School, yet I was feeling anxious. Students and staff would be spread out all over the campus. As a result of this new campus some have named this time period as our "district wellness plan" because of the number of steps walked each day by students and staff. Some said it was the period of sensible and waterproof footwear and umbrellas. I think we all can agree that we look forward to this being in our past!

Our district office excitedly welcomed the social studies department to the portables near us as well as to our workroom and lunchroom. We have loved connecting with them during this time. As I reflect, I realize I did not need to have felt anxious. I witnessed staff and students "rise to the occasion" in dealing with the adversity of learning in portables on all parts of a campus. I watched parents and community members navigate through new construction walkways to attend

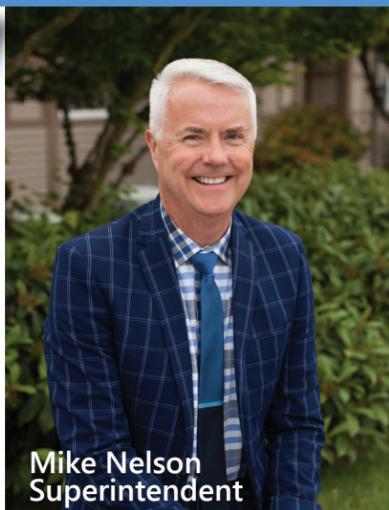
sporting events and fundraisers! We now have endured 21 months of being a "school of portables" and have moved into our new building two and a half months early! I am so incredibly grateful to all of you for support in remaining patient and positive as we anticipated this phase being completed.

Thank you to the nearly 1,000 of you who attended our dedication ceremony! On Monday our students had a grand first day of class in the new building. I believe this day will be a "forever memory" for each of our high school students. I can hear them asking friends at their 20 year reunion, "Do you remember our first day in the new school? Wasn't it fun?"

We have one more phase remaining. Beginning in the next few weeks, we will move through a final abatement and demolition process of the library, 600 classroom quad and science wing. Following this, the construction of our new band/choir/wrestling rooms as well as three additional classrooms will begin. This is scheduled to be completed by January 2020.

Our students and future students (for the next half-century) will be very fortunate to have such a beautiful learning environment. Thank you so much for the passage of this bond in April 2015. As a result of this bond passing, you have left a legacy to public education in the Enumclaw School District.

In partnership with you,



Mike Nelson  
Superintendent

## JOIN US!

For event details, visit [www.enumclaw.wednet.edu](http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu) or contact the school.

<b>OCT 18</b>	ENUMCLAW SCHOOLS FOUNDATION iSTEM Luncheon
<b>OCT 18</b>	BIRTH TO FIVE AT JJ SMITH READY! for Kindergarten
<b>OCT 19</b>	Early Release Friday
<b>OCT 19-20</b>	EHS Drama presents The Enumclaw Project
<b>OCT 25</b>	THUNDER MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL Mental Health Awareness
<b>OCT 26</b>	Child Find
<b>OCT 26</b>	Early Release Friday
<b>NOV 5</b>	School Board Work Study at Enumclaw High School
<b>NOV 9</b>	NO SCHOOL TEACHER PLANNING DAY
<b>NOV 12</b>	NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY
<b>NOV 14</b>	ENUMCLAW HIGH SCHOOL Suicide Awareness Event
<b>NOV 15-21</b>	EARLY RELEASE 1/2 DAYS & Conferences (Nov 15-20)
<b>NOV 19</b>	School Board Meeting
<b>NOV 22-23</b>	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
<b>NOV 30</b>	Child Find
<b>NOV 30</b>	Early Release Friday

Enumclaw School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 RCW Officer  
Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator  
Stephanie Berryhill  
2929 McDougall Ave, Enumclaw, WA 98022  
(360) 802-7113

Section 504/ADA Coordinator  
Keri Marquand  
2929 McDougall Ave, Enumclaw, WA 98022  
(360) 802-7104

## WHOLE CHILD FOCUS

During October and November we have three events focusing on sharing information about mental health with our families and community. Our district's commitment to the Whole Child is rooted in our strategic plan: "Ensuring that each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged." We hope you can join us for one or more of these powerful events.

### Emotion Coaching The Heart of Parenting

Elementary counselors will lead a series of workshops produced by Drs. John and Julie Gottman known as Emotion Coaching. Learn this 5-step method that gives parents tools to work through a child's strong emotions and increase children's understanding of emotions. There is a \$12 materials fee for participants. Register for the Fall session by calling Monica Munger at (360)802-7434 or online at <https://goo.gl/Ro5nxF>

**Emotion Coaching**  
**October 25, November 1 & 6, 2018**  
**Byron Kibler Elementary**  
**6:00-8:00PM**

The series will be repeated in the spring at Black Diamond Elementary on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 4:30-6:00PM.

### SUICIDE PREVENTION MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT

Attention parents of middle school students! Please join us for our 2nd annual Mental Health Awareness Parent Night for Enumclaw Middle School and Thunder Mountain Middle School families. Counselors will lead a discussion about protective factors, risk factors, warning signs, and the Signs of Suicide (SOS) curriculum. The SOS curriculum will be presented to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the health unit.

**Mental Health Awareness Night**  
**October 25, 2018**  
**Thunder Mountain Middle School Library**  
**6:00-7:00PM**

In 2010 the Binion family lost teenager Jordan to suicide, which they attribute to the onset of mental health issues and a lack of information. In 2013 the Binion family started a nonprofit to more effectively reach teachers, students, and families with the information the Binions wish they had known. Deb Binion will join us for Suicide: A Community Conversation to lead the event and share critical information about mental health and suicide.

Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation is teaming up with Enumclaw School District and Tahoma School District to host the Jordan Binion Project.

**Suicide: A Community Conversation**  
**November 14, 2018**  
**Enumclaw High School Commons**  
**6:00-8:00PM**

This event is open to the community. More information is available from RFWF at (360)802-3206. RFWF will provide refreshments. Parking is available at the school entrance and near the tennis courts on Warner Avenue.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**Deborah Binion**  
Executive Director & Co-Founder  
of  
**Jordan Binion PROJECT**

**THE JORDAN BINION PROJECT'S MISSION IS TO BRING AWARENESS TO MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE THROUGH EDUCATION & AWARENESS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
**360-802-3206**

**Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation**

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

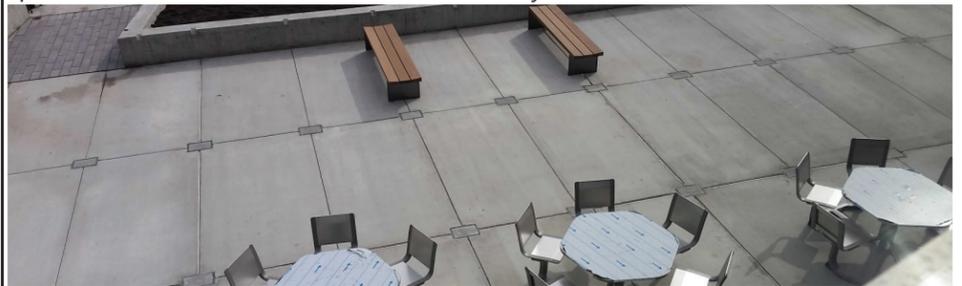
Teachers and staff moved into the new classroom wings and library over the weekend. On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we welcomed students into the new learning spaces! Photos and videos of the Dedication and first day are available on our social media pages.

Even though we occupy the new classroom wings, construction is not yet finished. The work zone perimeter fencing was adjusted over the weekend to encompass the new construction area. Abatement will

occur on the 400 building (old science bldg), 500 building (old library), and 600 building with demolition soon after. The next major project is to add the band and choir rooms four classrooms, and a new wrestling room. Enumclaw Middle School will continue to host our EHS music students until the new spaces are ready. The estimated completion date for the new addition is January 2020. Phase I was completed 2.5 months early, so we're predicting to continue Phase II with an early entry as well.



Top: Home of the Hornets announces student entrance, Above: Flexible learning space outside classrooms, Below: Fenced courtyard accessed from Commons



## FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION

**THE Enumclaw PROJECT**

COMMUNITY STORIES BROUGHT TO LIFE!

**OCTOBER 19 & 20 @ 7:30PM**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

INFO: 360.802.7807

Enumclaw High School Drama is proud to present the Fall Play...

**THE ENUMCLAW PROJECT**  
High School actors present true stories written by community members. Funny! Sad! Inspiring! Entertaining!

**October 19 & 20 @ 7:30PM**  
**Free Admission!**

Rated: PG  
Running Time: 90 Minutes  
Info: (360)802-7807