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Did you receive and/or read some good books over the break? I received several books...including a few cookbooks! I have attempted many new recipes with some success, I even learned how to butterfly a chicken for easy and fast roasting. I can't imagine cooking a whole chicken differently again.

One of my favorite books I received over break was *The Thursday Speeches: Lessons in Life, Leadership and Football from Coach Don James*. It was the perfect book to read in anticipation of the Huskies playing in the semi-final game that occurred on New Year's Eve.

I was/am pretty fanatical about stats, particularly when it comes to sports. The first thing I did in the morning before I left for school was to read the Seattle PI sports page while drinking my hot chocolate at our kitchen table. Don James became head coach of the Huskies in 1974 when I was in the fourth grade. For many stories in the book, I was transformed back to my childhood during the time the Huskies rose to prominence again. I loved watching the Husky victory at the 1978 Rose Bowl game. I remember attempting to wear my shirt of a Husky with a rose in its mouth everyday! My mom said she needed to wash it "sometime!"

Most college football coaches deliver their major pre-game motivational speeches to their teams on Fridays, 24 hours or less before kickoff. Don James, however, was convinced from his first days at Washington that the ideal time for his big talk to his teams was before practice on Thursdays, (approximately) 48 hours before kickoff. James believed that setting a team's focused mental preparation on Thursday gave players an extra 24 hours to process his strategic directions and visualize themselves in game situations.

James believed strongly that this prepared players to free-flow, react intuitively and play better. Always an innovator, James' development of the final 48 hours became a signature of his success.

Even though I read about Don James in real time, I had no idea of his "Thursday Speeches" until reading this book. Many of us use the symbolism of the new year to reflect and set goals. I couldn't help but wonder how James' strategy connected to our school district. Below are questions I posed to all staff:

What are the ritualistic strategies that occur in our classrooms and schools across our system (like delivering a motivational game plan on Fridays)? How might a simple shift in the ritualistic strategies (moving to Thursday speeches) that we do every day and week have a profound and positive impact on learning for our students, classrooms and schools?

We are looking for ways to improve our school district. I believe reflecting and action on these questions can help build an even stronger district.

Calendar of Events

For event details, visit www.enumclaw.wednet.edu or contact the school.

1/20	Child Find Screening	2/3	TasteWA Day
1/20	Early Release	2/6	Board Work Study
1/27	Early Release, High School Semester Ending	2/9	Interactive STEM Expo
		2/10	Early Release
		2/10	FFA Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction

Construction Updates

Weekly updates are available on our website at www.enumclaw.wednet.edu then click on "Capital Projects and Construction Updates." Photo updates are also available on Instagram on our new account: [enumclawschooldistrict](#)

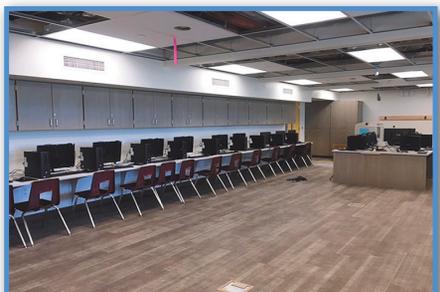
Black Diamond Elementary School

Framing for the first and second floors is completed on the south end of the building and the roofing process is ongoing as parts of the building are ready. Gym walls are being built and will be hoisted into place mid-January. Mechanical and electrical rough is nearing completion. Windows will be delivered and installed as sections are ready. Overall, the building is taking shape and we are thrilled with the results!



Enumclaw High School

As Phase 0 wraps up with details in the remodeled 1000 wing, Phase 1 is getting underway! Fencing is up, construction trailers are in place, and preparations for abatement and demolition of the 100, 200 buildings is starting. The largest impact to the high school students is the wall to be constructed in the commons. It will be completed in sections over the next few weeks, with the largest section to be put in place on January 16th. Staff and students have adjusted well to the additional portable classrooms and revised walking paths. Check out our Facebook page for a video update we shared in the beginning of January about the campus changes!



Attendance Counts!

Positive attendance habits begin in the earliest days of schooling. Studies show that many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years – and often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade. Just one year of chronic absence - that's missing 18 days or more in the school year - can set a student off track from reaching milestones in reading, writing and math. Excused and unexcused absences have the same impact on learning. Kids who are ill should stay home from school; carefully consider other reasons for absences in order to give children the best chance at success!

ATTEND. ACHIEVE. SUCCEED.
EVERYDAY COUNTS. EVERY STUDENT MATTERS.

Good attendance habits start early, even in preschool missing more than five days can impact how ready your child is for Kindergarten.

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Keri Marquand, Section 504/ADA Coordinator, 2929 McDougall Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022, 360.802.7104

Interactive STEM Expo

The Enumclaw Schools Foundation and Enumclaw School District announce the 5th annual Interactive STEM Expo (iSTEM) will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 with this year's theme "Engineering: See It, Solve It!" This free event will be held at the Enumclaw Expo Center Exhibition Hall from 4:00-7:30 pm and is open to students in grades K-12, as well as their families and members of the community. The purpose of the iSTEM is to excite students about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and their connected career possibilities by engaging in hands-on activities. Last year, more than 2500 visitors experienced hands-on science, technology, engineering and math at 55+ booths. No tickets or preplanning is needed - we'll see you at the event! For more information, visit www.enumclawschoolsfoundation.org/stem-expo



School Board Appreciation Month

We have the honor of thanking our School Board Directors who are five hardworking citizens accompanied by two high school students. Each one is committed to working on behalf of the community to reach the highest levels of excellence in our schools.



Pictured, left to right: Nancy Merrill, Bryan Stamwood, Tina McGann, Tyson Gamblin, and April Schroeder accompanied by Brooke Humphreys (Senior Rep) and Peyton Brueher (Junior Rep).

Video Address for 2017: State of Education



The annual State of Enumclaw Education address will look a bit different this year! Later this month we will share a video about the District's achievements and goals. It's a team effort to coordinate useful data and information that highlights the efforts that 500 plus employees along with 4000 plus students work toward every day. The video will be released on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and Enumclaw City TV. Thank you for your support throughout 2016 and we look forward to the many wonderful events and accomplishments that await in 2017!

Kindergarten Registration Process

Each elementary school in our District holds Kindergarten registration and orientation in March. In order to register your child, you will need:

- Child's birth certificate
- Washington State immunization record that shows requirements have been met
- Proof of residence (utility bill, etc)
- Children must be 5 years of age or older on or before August 31, 2017



We offer all day kindergarten five days per week at no cost to parents. For further information about registration or orientation, please contact your neighborhood school.

With Gratitude



We are so grateful for our community at large that supports and encourages learning. At the end of this month, students will be halfway through the school year! Please keep up the valuable work it entails to help create success in each child's life.

In December, we also received several sizeable donations that directly impact hundreds of students and their ability to succeed. Appreciation goes to Connie Reid-Wallace and Marvin Wallace for gifting to the Magic Strings program, Sonjya Luke and Betty Hogan for dozens of warm coats, and Kibler PTA for providing grants to teachers.

Thankful for Transportation

In the dark morning around three o'clock, Transportation Supervisor Everett Cunningham leaves his house to start his commute to work, but the office is not his destination. Everett and a team of District employees spend a considerable amount of time during the winter driving the roads of Enumclaw, Black Diamond, Sellack, Ravensdale, Cumberland, Greenwater and a sliver of Auburn before the rest of us even hit the snooze button. The road warriors convene to discuss the road conditions throughout the 456 square miles of our District (one of the largest footprints in the state) along with the current and forecasted weather. In coordination with Superintendent Mike Nelson and Director of Business and Operations Ed Hatzenbeler, a delay or closure decision is based about the varying circumstances of the weather. It is a goal to make a decision around 5:30 so all staff and families are informed by 6:00 am.



Everett's vast knowledge of the way buses handle on each road is impressive -- as is his commitment to safety of students and drivers. Everett and his staff of drivers, mechanics, and office personnel often go above the norm to assure student safety and arrival to their destinations. We are grateful for each member of the Transportation crew who collectively drive 3,400 miles per day.

In the event of a change in schedule, the District works quickly to broadcast the message. The information is shared by a phone message via School Messenger, with local news channels via Flash Alert, on Facebook and on our website. During the course of winter weather, our team added one more alternate schedule:

2 Hour Delay on Friday: If there is a need for two-hour delay on a Friday morning, the early release schedule will be cancelled and students will attend school until the regular release time.



If there is a 1 Hour Delay on Friday, then school begins one-hour late and the early release schedule is still in effect.

To view the updated Emergency Communications Bulletin with this information and details about all schedule changes, visit http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/departments/transportation/emerg_info.aspx.

We respect that families may need to make alternate plans for this type of schedule change so wanted to share the update with the entire community. We are also sharing this information on our website and Facebook page.

#TasteWA Day - and it's Delicious!

I remember using napkins to soak up the extra grease served in my hot lunch in second grade. Those soggy napkins summed up my thoughts on school lunch way back then. Fast forward to today -- I wish my mom would send me money to buy school lunches again! Child Nutrition Services Supervisor Tracy Holyan has done a fabulous job taking the menu and foods to the next level... and it's a delicious one.



Tracy and her crew work diligently to serve high quality foods that students enjoy. They also strive to expand their offerings to encourage students to try new tastes. Their efforts are paying off.

February 4th is Winter Taste Washington Day which is organized by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Washington Farm to School program. School lunches will feature recipes sourced from Washington state schools, fresh winter vegetables sourced from regional growers and local suppliers, and dairy products sourced from local farmers and regional suppliers. In addition to the food, the Washington State Dairy Ambassadors will visit Westwood Elementary classrooms to share information about how dairy farms produce milk and how that milk makes its way to their tables.

Consider joining your child for school lunch on February 4th to share a delicious meal showcasing Washington foods! We recommend calling ahead to the school to make sure seats and meals are available (cost is \$4.50 for adult meals).