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Superintendent's Message



Lead with love. Great organizations are marked by an extraordinary bond within. For me, that bond included genuine love, and I didn't feel awkward about it. I put my heart into my work and those with whom I worked. Teams with a sense of family have uncommon strength and resiliency. A good family - whether in life, sports, or business - involves love.

-John Wooden

On February 9th, our district leadership team came together for several hours for a mini mid-year advance. As a team, we read books on leadership together. This year we have been studying the book "Wooden on Leadership." Our focus for this extended time as a team was to reflect upon the first half of the school year, identifying what has gone well and make a plan for areas in which we can become better. We are an organization that strives to continually improve our system for our students. One of the key reflective questions of our work was to study the leadership actions we took or didn't take and how they contributed to the outcome. We attempt to be transparent in our work as a group of leaders, connecting to Wooden's quote.

One identified moment of the assessment of our work came a few weeks ago. Our elementary staff members came together on a Friday afternoon at Thunder Mountain Middle School to learn from national literacy presenter Barb Golub. Barb comes to Enumclaw from New York. She weaves a dry sense of humor into and throughout her nuggets of important information to help us improve our reading instruction.

As her comments came to a close, she told us the importance of our responsibility to do all that we can to help our students become highly skilled and voracious readers. She then paused for a moment and asked if she could tell us a story. She proceeded to share about walking the halls of Kibler Elementary and a student smiled at her and asked, "How are you doing?" She was surprised by this question. She then proceeded to share how amazingly sweet and kind our students were to her. She again paused briefly and said, "I want you to teach reading. I want you to teach reading well....for all of your students. I also want you to keep doing what you are doing to teach your students to be kind. I simply don't see this in New York."

It was a good way to put a close to a Friday afternoon....a very good way. Wooden states that great organizations have an "extraordinary bond within". In this month that is often referred as the month of love, we strive to be not only a system with incredible learning, but also one of genuine love where staff members put their hearts into their work, creating what Wooden refers to as "uncommon strength and resiliency."

In partnership with you, *Mike*

Student Support Services Presents Family Resource Fair 2016

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 12, 2016 • 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

▶ What is it?

The Family Resource Fair is an opportunity for special education students of all grade levels and their families to connect with resources that may offer support and information.

▶ Where is it?

The Family Resource Fair will be held in the Enumclaw High School Library, 226 Semanski, Enumclaw.

▶ Why should you attend?

Students with disabilities and their families will be able to talk directly with agencies and college representatives who can provide various levels of support depending on need. Services such as advocacy, job placement, transition to college or work, and applying for social security are examples of assistance our students can receive.

▶ What organizations or resources will be there?

We will have representatives from the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), King County Metro Transit, employment agencies, internship programs, SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), ARC of King County, counseling agencies, Special Olympics/recreation programs, and an attorney who specializes in obtaining guardianship.

There will be a special presentation by Marika Wright of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation at 10:00 a.m.

We hope to see you on March 12th! If you have any questions please contact Gail Hardersen at 360-802-7820, or Rod Lobdell at 360-802-7821.



**FRIDAY
MARCH 4, 2016
4 - 7 PM
\$20/PERSON**

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Kindergarten Roundup 2016

The Enumclaw School District will hold its 2016 kindergarten registration and orientations as follows:

Black Diamond Kindergarten Orientation	802-7573	March 31	6:30 p.m.
Byron Kibler Kindergarten Orientation	802-7263	March 22	6:00, 6:30, & 7:00 p.m.
Southwood Kindergarten Orientation	802-7370	March 24	6:30 p.m.
Sunrise Kindergarten Orientation	802-7425	March 24	6:30 p.m.
Westwood Kindergarten Orientation	802-7620	March 31	1:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

More information and registration requirements are on the district website: www.enumclaw.wednet.edu

Budding Journalists



Black Diamond Elementary students in this picture, grades 3-5, have made the commitment to create their Yearbook for the 2015-16 school year under the guidance of Morgan Franz, Jill Forza, and Desta Olds. These dedicated and creative students meet after school once a week to work on their project.

Service to Our Community

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill

The past months have been filled with many service activities across the district. The gift of time can accomplish so many great things and we are grateful for the giving nature of students and staff. These are a few examples of the giving that occurred.



The Sunrise Spirit Day service project resulted in a wonderful variety of blankets and pajamas being collected on school-wide pajama day. The pajamas and blankets were donated to Plateau Outreach Ministries for families in our community. Executive Director Britt Nelson sent the Sunrise Eagles a nice thank you acknowledging their contributions.

Enumclaw School District students created beautiful cards that were delivered with the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors meals to shut ins. The cards were day brighteners!



Thank you to Sunrise Elementary staff for sponsoring the Full Bellies meal recently. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

Thunder Mountain Geography Bee

On January 22nd, Thunder Mountain Middle School held its National Geographic Society Geography Bee school competition. This year's winner, sixth grader Kyle Bowen, will advance to the next level of competition which is a qualifying on-line test to determine the state competitors. State winners will then compete to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$50,000 college scholarship at the National Championship May 22-25, 2016 in Washington D.C. Congratulations and best wishes to Kyle!



Left, Kyle Bowen, Geography Bee winner, and right, Principal Ginger Callison



Front row, left to right: Sydney Brazier, Quinton Smith, Kyle Bowen (Geo. Bee winner), Cameron Burkey, Anthony Martinez, Carson Baker
Back row, left to right: Kim White, Ty Albrecht, John Carnino, Augy Hall

Student Training at Enumclaw Middle School



Mr. Karkainen's Enumclaw Middle School Leadership Class led a student training on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying recently. Students participated in a meaningful activity involving a broken graham cracker that represents a person's feelings. Once you say something, even if you apologize, you can never make things completely right again (e.g. put the graham cracker back together after it's been broken). Hurtful words and actions stick with people. The district is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students that is free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. Great job, EMS Leadership students!

Guide Dogs in Training



Enumclaw High School students met the puppies they will be training as Guide Dogs for the Blind. This new program is led by high school science teacher, Cora Valentine. The board recently approved a policy with provisions for this program that provides a wonderful service to those in need. We applaud the commitment of these willing students and their families!