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Superintendent's Message



Dear friends,

Just over four years ago, my brothers and I finished cleaning out our family home. Our parents had lived in the same home for nearly 60 years and we were all raised there. Like all families doing this difficult yet loving task my brothers and I divided up personal things that our parents had saved for us. I put my things in several boxes and brought the boxes home to our garage. Over Christmas vacation, I finally went through the last box.

Do you find it amazing that things appear in your life at just the right moment? For me, this is what occurred as I went through the contents in the box. My mom had saved a report from 1983 that I had done for a college class at PLU. We were to research the town in which we were raised and write a report. As part of the report, I needed to interview several community leaders.

One leader that I interviewed was Robert "Bud" Olson, the longtime Editor and General Manager for the Courier Herald. Mr. Olson was a 1928 graduate of Enumclaw High School who went on to school at Stanford University and Harvard University. In this 1983 interview, Olson talked about his lifelong love for this community and how he wanted it to thoughtfully grow. He spoke of the importance of championing our public schools and was so proud of the school district community for supporting the \$7 million bond for Enumclaw Junior High School (currently Enumclaw Middle School). It had just recently been approved by the Enumclaw School District patrons.

A week ago, former Enumclaw School District Superintendent Jim Barchek and his wife Ardyce joined Britt and me in inviting all former and current school directors and all former and current administrators to our homes for a progressive dinner. This incredible group of leaders (dating back to the 1950's) began the evening at Dr. Barchek's home for appetizers and then walked across the street to our home for dinner and dessert. During dinner, School Board Member Nancy Merrill, Enumclaw High School Student Gia Landis and I shared information about the upcoming bond with the group.

There were moments during the evening that I could feel my eyes well with tears as I thought of the educational leadership representing decades of service to public education filling our home. These leaders' legacy has impacted many generations of students. During my time to address the past leaders of our school district, I could see in their eyes that they knew and understood my comments. At one moment in each of their lives, they experienced what it was like to put a bond before the patrons of the Enumclaw School District. Like Bud Olson, their comments that evening reflected pride in our schools as a whole....pride in our staff and pride in our students.

As you can imagine, I am speaking with many groups and organizations, sharing our Board's vision for the upcoming bond. If you would like me to speak to your group (coffee, Bunco or neighborhood) or if you personally want to meet me for coffee or tea, please don't hesitate to contact me or email me at michael_nelson@enumclaw.wednet.edu. I would enjoy sharing the Board's vision with you.

In Partnership with YOU! *Mike*

Calendar of Events: January/February

When	What
January 22	State of Ed Address in the Commons
January 23 & 24	Enumclaw Middle School presents Peter Pan at 7:00 pm
January 23	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
January 29	Southwood Family Math Night at 6:30 pm
January 29	READY! For Kindergarten Southwood at 6:00pm
January 30	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
January 31	Elementary Choir Camp at EHS at 9:00 am
February 2	Board Work Study at EHS at 6:30 pm
February 4	EHS Special Olympics Basketball "Slam the Stands" at 7:00 pm
February 5	Black Diamond Elementary 3rd/4th Grade Concert at 6:30 pm
February 6	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
February 12	STEM Event at the Expo Center Exhibit Hall from 4-7:30 pm
February 13	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
February 16	President's Day – All offices and schools closed in observance
February 17-20	Mid-winter break
February 23	Board meeting at 6:30 pm

EHS Girl's Basketball Volunteers



The Hornet girls basketball team along with Head Coach Mindi Dribnak volunteered at the POM food bank on New Year's Eve. We love to see our students serving in their community!

The Enumclaw School District presents . . .

State of Education

The Future Starts Today, not Tomorrow.

January 22, 2015

Enumclaw High School Commons



Please join Superintendent, Mike Nelson, as he delivers his eighth annual State of Enumclaw School District Address. Following an introduction and message from the Enumclaw School District Board President, Tina McGann, Mr. Nelson and several Enumclaw School District representatives will share what our school district is doing today and how we will prepare our students for tomorrow.

6:00 p.m.

Soup Supper served by the Enumclaw School District Board of Directors

6:30 p.m.

State of Education Address

The Soup Supper is free of charge. Please consider donating a canned food item, if you are able, to be delivered to food banks in Enumclaw and Black Diamond to replenish their post-holiday shelves.

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Cards and Smiles



Thanks to the students and teachers in the district who spent time creating Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Program. The cards were delivered to our seniors in the community along with their meals. We have heard that the resulting smiles were priceless!

STEM Expo 2015



SAVE THE DATE!

ENUMCLAW SCHOOLS FOUNDATION AND THE ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENT

STEM EXPO: ROAD TO CODE!

Date: 02.12.15
Where: Enumclaw Expo Center Exhibit Hall
When: 4-7:30pm
Who: K-12 Students & Parents
Cost: Free!
STEM Website: <http://goo.gl/hexABc>

The Enumclaw Schools Foundation (ESF) in partnership with the Enumclaw School District (ESD) will hold the 3rd annual STEM Expo to excite young people about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The ESD is extremely excited about their new partnership with Code.org, which has brought a new computer programming curriculum and staff training to our district. The ESF will host Mona Akmal, Director of Product for Code.org, as their guest for the day. Hope you can join us!



School Board Recognition



January has been proclaimed School Board Recognition Month by Governor Inslee. The Enumclaw School District board members were recognized at their January board meeting with certificates of appreciation and treats. There truly are no words to adequately express our gratitude for the hours and hours of time volunteered, the energy expended, and the commitment to actualizing the district's mission of "All Students Achieving at High Levels". In the words of Albert Schweitzer, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." We are grateful to board members Corey Cassell, Tina McGann, Nancy Merrill, April Schroeder, and Bryan Stanwood as well as board student representatives Katja Barnhart and Gia Landis for their willingness to serve.