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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

I had the privilege of listening to Dan Heath, the author of *Decisive*, earlier this month. It was fascinating to hear some of the research he has done about decisions we make and the impact those decisions have in catapulting us forward or holding us back. It's been several days since I heard him speak, yet one story he told remains with me and I find myself telling the story to others. I will do my best to share it

with you.

Imagine yourself as a young single person wanting to ask a co-worker on a date. You've been admiring this person from afar, but you don't really know if this person even knows who you are. Should you....

- A) Take some time to actively get to know the person better and then ask the person out.
- B) Immediately ask the person out.

I would love for you to pause before you continue reading and make your choice.

The audience I was in consisted of 2,000+ education leaders from across the nation. Heath had us raise our hands. Roughly 80% of the audience chose "A."

Heath then told us to imagine that our best friend describes the scenario above to you and asked us how you would advise this best friend. The crowd around me all began to shift in their seats and a low murmur began to spread throughout the large ballroom. We all knew we had been trapped. Heath asked us how we would advise our best friend using the above choices. Almost all of us raised our hand for "B." The group I was sitting with all nodded our heads and said to each other that we would say, "Go for it!"

Why is it that we set our own boundaries for possibilities differently than we would for our best friend (whom we care for deeply)? His advice to us was that when (not if) we find ourselves in a dilemma with a couple of choices, ask the question, "What advice would you give to your best friend?" He shared that asking this question forces us to look at the situation from a new angle and usually gives direction or unlocks the answer.

I so value learning these practical nuggets of information. As the leader of our amazing Enumclaw School District, our Board of Directors, staff members and I recognize the importance of solid decision-making and we strive to make great decisions each and every day that will catapult us forward in meeting the needs of each and every student. I hope the scenario above might help you, too!

In Partnership with YOU! **Mike**

Calendar of Events: March/April

When

March 19
March 19
March 19
March 20
March 20
March 20
March 24

March 24

March 26
March 26
March 27
April 2
April 2
April 3
April 7

April 10
April 10
April 10
April 10
April 15
April 28

What

Southwood Kindergarten Round-up – 6:30 pm
Elementary report cards
TMMS 8th grade students to University of WA
Snow day make-up – ALL schools in session
Early release for staff collaboration
ESD & Muckleshoot PowWow – 7:00 pm
Kibler Kindergarten Round-up – 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 pm – by appointment
Westwood 2nd & 3rd graders present "The Music Machine" – 6:30 pm
Black Diamond Kindergarten Round-up – 6:30 pm
Westwood Kindergarten Round-up – 1:30 & 6:30 pm
Early release for staff collaboration
Seattle Children's Theater at Sunrise – 10:30 am
READY! for Kindergarten at Southwood – 5:30 pm
Early release for staff collaboration
Jazzing Up Education Foundation fundraiser event – 11:30 am at the field house

Board Retreat
Early release for staff collaboration
Westwood 5th grade "States Parade" at 10:00 am
TMMS Floats Friday at 10:30 am
Westwood 5th grade parent open house – 3:30 pm
Bond Election – Be sure to vote!

Bond Election: Time to Vote!



Ballots for the bond election to restore Enumclaw High School and rebuild Black Diamond Elementary will be in your mailboxes around April 10th. Ballots must be postmarked no later than April 28th. We have extensive information regarding the bond on our website at www.enumclaw.wednet.edu. If you have questions that aren't answered on the website, please call Superintendent Mike Nelson at 360.802.7102.

DECA Nationals



Enumclaw High School students Annalisa Lang, Lilly Becker, and foreign exchange student, Lena Freund qualified to compete at DECA Nationals in Orlando, Florida in April. The team wrote a thirty-page project on the operation of Buzzy's and the Hive. These three will be among 13,000 students attending the conference from Canada, Germany and the United States and will compete against 160 other schools for an opportunity to get on stage at the Grand Awards Session! Congratulations and best wishes. *We are proud of you!*

Middle School Students Participate in STEM Events!

Thunder Mt. Middle School

The weekend of February 7th, Thunder Mountain had 7 teams competing in local competitions. Five teams competed in the bridge competition at the Museum of Flight and 2 teams competed in a robotics competition at Lake Washington High School. A little about each event:

20th Annual Bridge Competition

Students had to build a bridge out of popsicle sticks and glue. They researched, designed and built several models before building their competition bridges. Five teams took their bridges to the competition and had them tested by industry professionals to see how many pounds of pressure their bridge could withstand. Student bridges that did not meet criteria had to modify their bridges on the spot to meet the criteria before they could enter the competition.



Lake Washington High School VEX Robotics Tournament

Thunder Mountain had 2 teams compete against 26 high school and 2 middle school teams in the Skyrise Challenge. Students had to design, build and program a robot that can stack a skyrise and put blocks on the skyrise and other poles around the field. Teams also had to submit an engineering journal that documented the design process and recorded everything that the teams worked on. The two

teams have been preparing for their tournament since November. Our teams placed 10th and 26th overall! They did a great job and represented our school with great pride!

Enumclaw Middle School

EMS took 23 students and parents to the 20th annual bridge competition. Therese Nowlin did an amazing job with the bridge competition. The other 14 students participated in the Engineering Fair as spokespersons for Project Lead the Way at Seattle University. They were able to talk to and present their work to hundreds of people. It was an outstanding opportunity for them to connect with real engineers from around the state.



Highly Capable Testing

The Enumclaw School District offers the opportunity for K-12 students to be assessed for talented (Highly Capable) Services. This year's test for students in second through twelfth grades will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00-12:00 at Southwood Elementary School. Kindergarten and first grade assessment will take place during regular school days on April 25 and May 2 at each student's school site. Testing days for each school for kindergarten and first grade will be communicated as needed with families who have referred their student for testing, once those dates have been determined.

Those interested in having their child assessed for services can obtain referral forms at the office of their child's school beginning now. The deadline for submitting referrals for all students, 1-12, will be April 3, 2015. Parents, teachers, or community members may refer students for testing. Parents must give their permission for a student to be tested.

Voice of Democracy Essayists



Students Preston Went, Enumclaw High School; Leah Blanchard, Enumclaw Middle School; Jaya Ravi, Thunder Mt. Middle School; and Madelyn Carlson

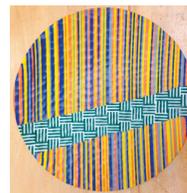
Enumclaw High School (not pictured is EHS student Lauren McKeever) were honored at a special VFW ceremony on Thursday, February 26th. These students were the recipients of this year's Voice of Democracy Essay Scholarship Contest. What a nice honor. Thank you to the VFW for providing this opportunity for our amazing students. Congratulations to all our winners!

Alumni Spotlight

Making the MOST of Education

Our district has launched a new feature of Enumclaw High School graduates. Its purpose is to highlight Enumclaw graduates who have used their Enumclaw education as a springboard to further education and success. It is our hope these brief interviews inspire current students as well as share with our community the good things that EHS graduates are doing! If you are or know an EHS alumnus who is interested in being in our Alumni Spotlight...Making the MOST of Education feature, please contact Brenda Sexton at Brenda.Sexton@comcast.net. and/or fill out the submission form on our website and send it to Brenda. http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/families/alumni_spotlight/default.aspx

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Enumclaw High School student Chad Kelly! His work entitled "Diagonal Line Pattern" was selected to receive a King County Executive Award in the 2015 Regional High School Art Show sponsored by Puget Sound Educational Service District. In addition, his entry was selected to receive an Outstanding Achievement Award in fused glass.



ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT

**20TH ANNUAL
POW WOW**

NEW DATE: March 20, 2015

GRAND ENTRY 7 PM

**Enumclaw High School Gym
226 Semanski Street South, Enumclaw, WA**

For Vendor Information Contact:
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Competitive Dancing
Dance Specials

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