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Serving the Students of Enumclaw  
and Black Diamond

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## Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

....so, so very grateful to every single person across our community who supported our bond effort in reaching a SUPER majority passing percentage!

YOU and individuals like you who supported our efforts are the Legacy Leaders in our community. You have helped our school district do something that has not been done in decades....pass a bond on its first attempt!

Statistically, across our state, only 37% of school bonds pass on their first attempt. As many of you are aware, it took five attempts for the bond to build Thunder Mountain Middle School to reach the 60% threshold. School Districts, unlike other taxing entities, must not only receive a majority vote (50% + 1), they must reach a SUPER majority of 60%!

You are a Legacy Leader because you led the efforts to transform our school system by restoring Enumclaw High School. In a single high school district, this will have a profoundly positive cultural and economic impact that will ripple through all aspects of our residential and business community.

You are a Legacy Leader because you led the efforts to transform our school system by rebuilding Black Diamond Elementary. Currently Black Diamond Elementary is the only school in Black Diamond. Because of its central location in the community, this building and field are continuously used morning and night; only second to community use at Enumclaw High School. A new Black Diamond Elementary will also have a profound and positive cultural and economic impact that will ripple through all aspects of our residential and business community.

I am so very grateful to each of you for your help, support and love during the past year. It was a collective effort that helped us reach the supermajority of 60%! I know our Board of Directors and staff members feel blessed by your outpouring of support for this bond.

We now look forward to entering the next stage in this process! What a joy it will be to open a new Black Diamond Elementary in September 2017 and a restored Enumclaw High School in September 2018! We estimate a combined 25,000+ students will walk the halls at EHS and Black Diamond Elementary during the next 50+ years....what a legacy you have left for future generations!

*Many blessings to each of you! Mike*

## Calendar of Events: May/June

### When

May 22

May 25

June 1

June 3

June 15

June 19

### What

School is in session for Kibler and Westwood Elementaries ONLY to make up for the school closure on November 13th.

Memorial Day observed. All schools and offices closed.

Board Work Study at district office – 5:00 p.m.

Retirement Tea at the EHS Library – 3:45 p.m.

EHS graduation at the White River Amphitheatre – 7:00 p.m.

Last day of school! Have a safe and restful summer!

\*Lots of year-end events! Take a look at the following link to see what's happening at our schools:  
<http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/calendar/Default.aspx>

## WIAA State Academic Championship for 2015



We are proud to announce that the Enumclaw High School Girl's Track team led by Coach Jenelle Murrell has won the 3A WIAA State Academic Championship for 2015. The following

players earned a team grade point average of 3.842. This is a hard earned championship we can all be proud of and celebrate knowing that it truly takes an entire community to make this award possible.

Led by Coach Jenelle Murrell team members Lily Basting, Emily Berte, Mackenzie Bull, Abbie Carlson, Tallie Carlson, Jessica Cerne, Katie Christensen, Alexa DeMarco, Samantha Engebretsen, Julia Forza, Alea Gwerder, Lea Ladig, Rachel Lewis, Sarah Meeker, KC Moulden, Emmalyn Neu, Josaphine Neu, Harley Olafson, Taliah Olson, Jillian Salkind, Nikole Schroeder, Hunter Storm, Caitlin Swenson, Taylor Tandeki, Chayce Weiman, and Bryn Zeman-Witzel have once again proven that at E.H.S. we can be champions both on the court and in the classroom. Great Job Hornet Track!

*We are proud of you!*

## Certificated Staff Appreciation Week!

Our certificated staff was celebrated the week of May 4th – 8th with luncheons, treats and other fun events in honor of Certificated Staff Appreciation Week. EEA President Steve Taylor accepted the board resolution and the their words of appreciation in honor of certificated staff at the April board meeting. One of the sentences on the proclamation read, "Our country's future depends, in large measure, upon the education our youth receive today." We are grateful for your incredible work with our students in preparing them for the future. We trust you felt well celebrated and appreciated!

## Bright Future!



**Gabrielle DeMarco**, 7th grade student at Enumclaw Middle School, has won the Bright Future Scholarship Award with the Unilever Project Sunlight organization. In being selected for this honor, Gabrielle will be attending a camp this summer at the Windsong Peace and Leadership Center just outside Tucson, Arizona. She will be learning about issues of the environment, sustainability and how her school can stay on the path of being earth-friendly in the future. Gabrielle had the great honor of sharing her passion for the environment at We Day, an annual convention held at Key Arena hosting approximately 16,000 student leaders from the Seattle area. She spoke at We Day Chicago on April 30th where she had the opportunity to share with another audience of over 15,000 about her passion for the environment. Congratulations, Gabrielle, on your wonderful achievements. You are a world changer!

## Time with Mayor Liz



Mayor Liz Reynolds visited Sunrise Elementary and read to the first graders on Tuesday, April 28th. The visit was setup by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions as part of their program to educate students about financial responsibility. Thank you, Mayor Liz, for spending time with our students!

## Enumclaw DECA Wins International Championship



In front of 14,000 DECA members and advisor's, Enumclaw's Anna Lisa Lang, Lilly Becker, and Lena Freund won the international event against students from United States, Canada, China, and South Korea. The girls competed against one-hundred sixty four other teams in School-based Enterprise Food Service a project describing the business practices utilized in the Hive and Buzzy's Express. Earlier that day, the girls made the top twenty and performed a second role-play in the finals. After delivering a perfect ten minute presentation, they secured the top spot. What an amazing accomplishment. All of your hard work paid off and we are so proud of YOU! Congratulations!

## King County Executive Dow Constantine Visits the District

King County Executive Dow Constantine spent the day touring our district recently. He visited with district leadership, students and staff during the day. The high school leadership students enjoyed lunch and conversation with Mr. Constantine and he visited CTE classrooms while on campus. Mr. Constantine expressed his support of the Birth to 5 initiative. We were honored to have him join us for the day! Superintendent Nelson was invited to attend Mr. Constantine's State of the County Address where he shared his vision and support of Birth to 5 programs as well as other goals for King County.



## Thank You!

Enumclaw High School would like to thank the following sponsors who generously contributed to 2015 local scholarships. Thank you for assisting our seniors in reaching their post high school goals!

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| Albert Bogden Memorial                         | Hancock Forest Management Scholarship                     |
| Art Gamblin Memorial                           | Jean K. Lafromboise                                       |
| Arts Alive!                                    | Jean Waye-Henry Memorial                                  |
| Anna Mae Memorial Scholarship                  | Jim Fugate Memorial                                       |
| Bob & Alice Campbell Memorial                  | Keith Person Memorial                                     |
| Bob & Mary Nelson Baseball Scholarship         | Kipp Upper Scholarship                                    |
| Buckley Log Show                               | Kirby Nelson Orthodontic                                  |
| Chapter EF of the PEO Sisterhood               | Les Walden Memorial                                       |
| Conrad Hamilton Scholarship                    | Maple Valley Rotary                                       |
| Danish Sisterhood Lodge                        | Maple Valley Street Rats Car Club                         |
| EHS Class of 1962                              | Mary Lou & Frank Osborne Memorial                         |
| EHS PTSO                                       | Mike Freier Memorial                                      |
| Elinor E. Ulman Scholarship in the Visual Arts | Molen Orthodontics  |
| Enumclaw Band Boosters                         | Mutual of Enumclaw  |
| Enumclaw Choir Boosters                        | Perpetual Trust Scholarship                               |
| Enumclaw Education Association                 | Perpetual Trust Study Abroad                              |
| Enumclaw Garden Club                           | Public School Employees                                   |
| Enumclaw Jaycees                               | Ron Mariotti Scholarship                                  |
| Enumclaw Kiwanis                               | Scott Maybay Memorial                                     |
| Enumclaw Ladies Golf Club                      | Shod Nelson Memorial                                      |
| Enumclaw Lions Club                            | St. Elizabeth Hospital - four scholarships                |
| Enumclaw Men's Golf Club                       | White River Credit Union / Linda Kleppe-Olson Scholarship |
| Enumclaw Police Dept.                          | Calvary Presbyterian Church                               |
| Enumclaw Rotary Club 4-Way Test                | Hope Lutheran Church                                      |
| Flintoff VoTech Scholarship                    | Sacred Heart Catholic Church                              |
| Frankie's Pizza                                | Trinity Lutheran Church                                   |
| Gerald & Nancy Lyons Scholarship               |   |
| Hallie Crites Golf Scholarship                 |   |

## Thunder Mountain Students Visit Washington D.C.



Over Spring Break, 16 Thunder Mountain students visited Washington D.C. with Mr. Firnkoes. The trip was great and Mr. Firnkoes was particularly proud of his students when they visited the WWII Memorial and ran into a number of veterans there. The kids went out and shook hands and thanked them for their service. One man, who was pushing his father in a wheelchair, began to cry and said that no one had

ever thanked his dad, who served in WWII. Attached is a picture of the veteran with some of our students. Thank you to our students for making a difference. We truly have amazing kids!