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## Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago Britt and I were at a community fundraising event. Like most fundraising events,

there was a time in the evening when an individual came to the microphone to ask the patrons attending the event to consider making a donation. During a time like this I often hear a plea to give more than you were considering giving when you walked into the event or give up a latte' so you can put that money toward the organization. I could feel myself push back in my chair with my mind wondering which way this speaker would ask us to donate.

I was not ready for what occurred. The individual took the microphone and thanked us for coming. He then encouraged us to substitute the word "our" for "the." So instead of thinking of "the" organization, he encouraged us to think "our" organization when considering our pledge. He shared just a few more thoughts and went back to his table to sit down. I could

feel my body language shift. The message was quite simple yet impactful for me.

Britt and I have committed to supporting this incredible organization that does so much for our community for years, but this one word change completely shifted my thinking about who we were helping to fund. I found myself shifting from being a passive donor on the outside to becoming an active donor with strong investment for wanting "our" organization to succeed. This is our community and as a community member this is our organization.

As I am out in the community at functions, I have sometimes heard our school district referred to as "the district" or our staff referred to as "the staff." After hearing the message a few weeks ago, I couldn't help but ponder what a committed shift by all of us from "the" to "our" in our Enumclaw School District could mean.

- .....OUR students
- .....OUR staff
- .....OUR schools
- .....OUR district

*In partnership with you,*

*Mike*

## EHS Test Scores Soar Above State Average!

Last spring was the first year of reportable student scores on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. Our English/Language Arts student scores were significantly above the state average. Take a look at the chart of amazing data below.

### 10th Grade ELA Proficiency Rates:

	College and Career Ready Proficiency Rates (Level 3 & 4)	High School Graduation "Cut Score" Rate (Mid-level 2+)
Washington State	74.0%	80.1%
Enumclaw High School (98.1% of students tested)	89.4%	95.3%

## Employee of the Year



### *Congratulations!*

Colleen Gregg is the recipient of the PSE Presidential Excellence Award for Employee of the Year. Out of 60,000 PSE employees state-wide, only 6 of these awards are given each year. Colleen is a 37-year driver in our transportation department and was nominated by her co-worker, Christine Williams, who said in her nomination letter, "(Colleen) is a mentor and friend to her fellow drivers, a cheerleader for her students, a reliable constant for her parents, and person you would want your children to look up to." Congratulations Colleen Gregg on your well-deserved award! We are grateful for your amazing service to our district and to our students.

## Kindergarten Conferences

Our Enumclaw School District received funding to support full-day kindergarten for the first time this year. As a requirement for the funding, kindergarten teachers spent the first three days of school meeting one-on-one with the parents and students. The teachers and families reported that this new required start of the year format paid huge dividends. Below are some comments from our kindergarten staff:

- "Conferences eased anxiety for both our parents and students!"
- "I learned so much from parents and by watching students!"
- "I knew the names of each child by the first day of school and I knew quite a bit about each one!"
- "I feel conferences helped to build an immediate positive relationship with families."
- "Spending one-on-one time with our English Language Learners and their parents was significant in support of the learning of the child."

# GAPP Travels

This summer 19 Enumclaw High School GAPP students left on a jet plane to spend one month with their German host families and travel around eastern Europe. Destinations included the German capital Berlin to see the Wall, historic Prague (Czech Republic), the infamous concentration camp Auschwitz, mysterious Krakow (Poland), beautiful Budapest (Hungary), and a quick lunch in glamorous Vienna. Additionally, students stayed for three weeks with their exchange partners in the town of Eggenfelden, near Munich, Germany. What a life-changing experience! The next GAPP (German American Partnership) trip will be summer of 2017.



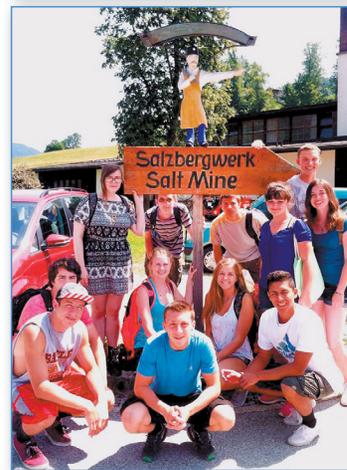
Above: EHS GAPP students, their partners and the teachers.



Left: Meeting the Mayor of Eggenfelden.

Below Left: Visiting a salt mine in Salzberg, Austria.

Below right: Danube River night tour in Budapest, Hungary



# Calendar of Events: October/November

When	What
October 21	EMS Global Project Assembly EHS Homecoming Coronation
October 23	EHS Homecoming Parade at 4:00 pm Black Diamond PTA Movie Night at 6:00 pm EHS Homecoming Football Game at 7:00 pm
October 24	EHS Homecoming Dance at 8:00 pm
October 27	Thunder Mt. Fall Music Program at 7:00 pm
November 2	Board work study at Black Diamond Elementary – 6:30 pm
November 2	EHS Athletic Registration for winter sports begins
November 4	Enumclaw Middle School Fall Band Concert at 6:30 pm
November 5	SAT Registration ( <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> )
November 6	ACT Registration ( <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> ) Teacher Plan Day – No school
November 10	Veteran's Day Assemblies at EMS and EHS
November 11	Veteran's Day – No school
November 16	Board meeting at 6:30 pm
November 19-25	Conference Half-Days

## Open House 2015

All eight of our buildings report great attendance and a wonderful time of meeting families at their Open Houses during the month of September and early October.



Top left and right: Black Diamond Elementary families enjoyed the use of "passports" for Open House.

Bottom left and right: EHS teachers, Paul Scott and Jim Lovell Ford, share with parents in their classrooms.



# Kibler Elementary

Kibler staff and students are excited to play and learn together!

