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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago, I actually had the window open in my office because the weather was so pleasant! I heard a sound that brought a smile to my face! It was the sound of a baseball bat striking a ball! I grew up with that sound and for me, that sound is good. Some of you know that my Dad coached baseball for 35+ years in our community (my brothers and I were 15 years apart and he started coaching before my oldest brother Bob began playing). The city named a baseball field, near where we grew up, for him.

Each year, I love to see the nets return to the batting cages next to Frank and Mary Lou Osborne field. For me it is the first sign of spring (and fingers-crossed that I might not have to get up early to check the road conditions again this year!). Without hesitation, I went out and took a picture of our students leading themselves in batting practice.



I was in elementary school when the dream of building a lighted baseball field on our school district grounds started to become a reality. Before Frank and Mary Lou Osborne field was built, our EHS Hornets played up at the baseball stadium at Pete's Pool. It truly looked like a stadium, covered with a tunnel-type entry way. The siding reminded me of what the football stadium looks like. It did not have lights, however.

Frank Osborne was a coach and teacher at Enumclaw High School for decades. His teams in the 1970's had great success. Baseball was the first sport in our school district to bring home a state championship in 1977. It was Mr. Osborne's dream to build one of the most beautiful high school fields in our state. Under his leadership, it became one of his greatest accomplishments.

He talked about his vision of a lighted baseball field to everyone he saw. He garnered support of the school district, city, county and many, many community volunteers who donated either time or money to see this project come to fruition. As a youth, I remember a number of evenings and summer days picking rocks off of the field so the surface could be perfect.

For my birthday, I received the book *10: What's on your top 10 list?* It's a book about making your lists and then taking action on them (<http://www.live-inspired.com/The-10-Book-P1185>). As I had the opportunity to reflect for a moment after hearing the first sounds of baseball from my office window, I am thankful that Mr. Osborne took action on his dream. Since the mid-seventies, when the field was completed, thousands of youth have had the opportunity to play under the lights with a natural grass infield.

In partnership with YOU! *Mike*

Upcoming Events March/April

When	What
March 19	Science Adventure Bus at Sunrise
March 21	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
March 21	Elementary Report Cards Out
March 25	GRCC Band Contest at EHS
March 26	McTeacher Night for Black Diamond Elementary
March 27	Southwood (6:30 pm), Sunrise (6:30 pm) Westwood K (1:30 & 6:30 pm) Kindergarten Round ups
March 28	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
April 3	Black Diamond Kindergarten Round up – 6:30 pm
April 4	Westwood 5th Grade Concert at 7:00 pm
April 4	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
April 9	Black Diamond 5th Grade Concert at 6:30 pm
April 10	Kibler Open House – 6:00 pm
April 11	Board Retreat – No board work study in April!
April 11	Staff Collaboration – Early Release
April 14-18	Spring Break
April 18	District Office Closed

Senior Scholarships!

Local scholarships are ready for seniors! The lists and applications are available on the College Career Center site which can be found at: <http://swift.enumclaw.wednet.edu/ehs/ccenter/index.php>. There are approximately 40 scholarships available that are based on need, future majors, athletics, community service, music, and more.

Remember, deadline for completing scholarship applications is April 11th at 2:30pm!

Lists are continually updated on and are also available on-line or in the College Career Center. You can also watch for updates on Facebook and Twitter. Seniors should be checking with the colleges they applied to for scholarships as well.

All seniors should already have their FAFSA completed!

Call to Former Enumclaw High School Students!

Do you know of a former Enumclaw High School graduate who has gone on to achieve remarkable success in any sector - non-profit, public or private? We are compiling a list of names of people who will become instrumental in the writing of an article on former grads and how they are impacting the world today. We know there are a lot of successful people out there and YOU are our best resource for finding out who and where they are! If you have a tip for us, please email the name and contact information, if available, to Brenda Sexton at brenda.sexton@comcast.net. Thank you for your assistance!

Enumclaw Schools Foundation Mardi Gras Event



Our Enumclaw Schools Foundation held their annual Mardi Gras luncheon on March 4th at the Enumclaw Field House. Over 200 community and business leaders filled the facility and were treated to lunch provided by White Linen Catering. Dancing Classrooms at Sunrise Elementary and EHS Robotics Club, two programs that benefited from ESF Grants, presented and entertained the crowd. So far, ESF has received \$18,500 in donations with another \$1,500 pledge. The communities of Black Diamond and Enumclaw are so generous. We are grateful!

Enumclaw District to Participate in SBAC Field Test

Our school district has elected to participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) field test in Math and English Language Arts later this spring. All of our 3rd-5th grade elementary students and our 6th-8th grade middle school students will take these new tests to replace the existing state MSP test program.

These new tests are being developed to assess the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts which were adopted by State Superintendent Randy Dorn, in July, 2011. The field test allows assessment officials to make sure the tests are fair and the questions work the way they are intended. This test is being offered to students in many states to determine what adjustments are needed before the tests are fully implemented during the spring of 2015. Our district's participation in the field test enables us to see what it's like to administer these new tests and allows our students to experience the new test question types.

Because the field test is a trial-run of new items and the test-delivery system, there will be no scores returned for individual students, schools or districts. This school year during the field test we will continue to monitor our students' academic progress through a variety of local math and English language arts assessments.

The field testing window in our district is April 21st – June 3rd. Our principals will notify students and families about the specific test dates in their schools.

Starting in the spring of 2015, all Washington students in 3rd-8th and 11th grades will take the new Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Regular state reporting of district, school and student performance results will resume at this time. The purpose of these tests is to measure whether students are on track to be college or career ready after high school.

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests or to try out a practice test, please visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter. More information about the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts may be found at www.k12.wa.us/corestandards. In addition, if you have questions about this new state testing program, feel free to contact Terry Parker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, at 360.802.7124 or terry_parker@enumclaw.wednet.edu.

Thanks for partnering with us to make sure your child is successful!

Education Heroes!



This week, we celebrate the Classified Staff who contribute so much in our district to make this a great place for students and staff! We are grateful to you for all you do and the manner in which you do it. You are valued and appreciated as is evident in the celebrations that are occurring in our buildings across the district. **THANK YOU!**

Sunrise Dancers!



The Sunrise 5th grade teachers are proud to announce that their Colors of the Rainbow team brought home the Gold trophy at the semifinal dance competition on Saturday, March 1st. They, along with Black Diamond Elementary students, will participate in the Finals in June. Congratulations to Shaylin, Lawrence, Jon, Stormie, Ian, McKenna, Caden, Taylor, Emma, Kaden, Peyton, and Drew! Dancing Classrooms is one of the programs in our district funded by an Enumclaw Schools Foundation grant.