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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

Our nation was shocked and saddened by the horrific event that occurred last month at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. We all have new meaning regarding keeping our children safe. I have inserted the letter that was distributed to all students on the day after the event. I am so very grateful for the partnerships that we have with the cities of Enumclaw and Black Diamond. There was no hesitation in writing a joint letter to all

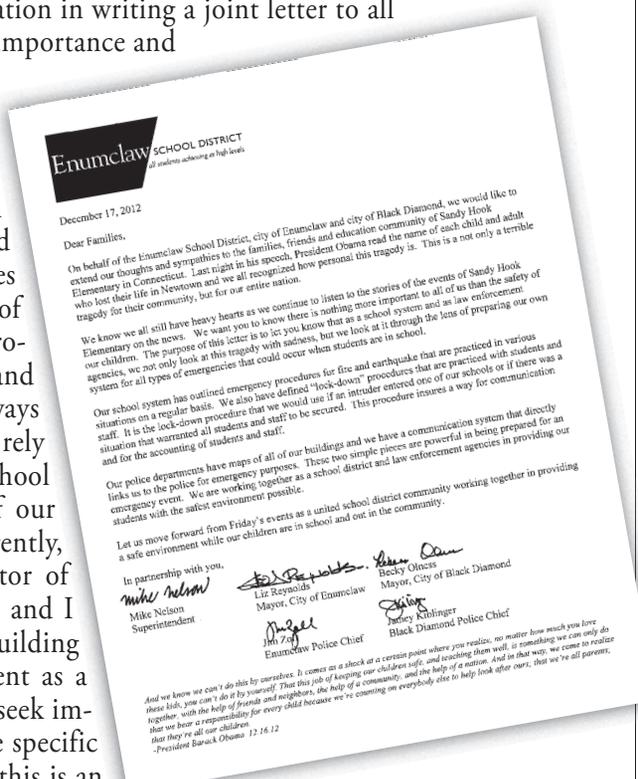
of our families about the importance and priority of keeping our children safe.

Our principals have taken strong leadership in each building to review and improve safety procedures with staff in the event of an emergency. These procedures follow state law and district policies. It is always important to review and rely upon our base plan as a school system. Because each of our facilities is designed differently, Tim Madden (our Director of Business and Operations) and I are meeting with each building leader and law enforcement as a direct way to continually seek improvements that would be specific for each site. We believe this is an effective two-pronged approach.

In communities like Enumclaw and Black Diamond, we tend to know one another. As a result, I have heard more than once in the last couple of weeks confessions from parents: "Mr. Nelson, a week ago my daughter forgot her lunch. I was in a hurry and became frustrated with the staff person who asked me to sign in at the office. I fully understand the importance of this now." Or simply, "Mr. Nelson, I have gone straight to my child's classroom without signing in. I won't do this again." I so value these comments and would appreciate your assistance in insuring this simple procedure is followed. I know we all recognize the importance of working together to hold each other accountable in each of our eight buildings.

In Partnership with you **Mike**

PS I do hope you will consider coming to the State of Education Address beginning at 6:00 PM in the EHS Commons. The Board of Directors is serving soup and salad. It is going to be a fun evening!!



EHS Students Honor Sandy Hook Victims

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ENUMCLAW -- Students at Enumclaw High School are pledging to perform 26 acts of kindness in honor of the 26 victims of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut.

It isn't surprising since Enumclaw schools have been participating in "Rachel's Challenge," named after Rachel Scott, who was killed in the 1999 Columbine High shootings. The program teaches compassion and kindness to combat bullying and social isolation.



The pledges were made during a student-inspired assembly today where 26 seniors read the names of the Sandy Hook victims, students sang, and the choir performed. The art class created a banner with 26 handprints which will be sent to Sandy Hook.

Her voice choked with emotion, principal Jill Burnes said she is proud of the students' initiative and said her biggest goal is to create a school where every student and staff member feels accepted and respected, a place where students can learn without fear.

Basketball player and co-organizer Perry Rockwood told the assembly it might be difficult to reach out to someone you don't know, but it's worth the effort. "You don't know what's happening in a person's life," he said. "So, we spend six hours here (at school) a day. Why not make that six hours when they can get away from their problems?"

Co-organizer Hannah Olney said the school hopes to sell "Never Forget" bracelets to raise \$2000 for Sandy Hook School.

IA TESTING

Each year, the Enumclaw School District offers the opportunity for K-4 students to take the qualifying assessment for placement into the **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT (I.A.) PROGRAM** for highly capable students. This year's test for students in second through fourth grades will be held on

Saturday, February 9, 2013 from 9:00-12:00
Southwood Elementary School

Kindergarten and first grade assessment will take place during regular school days in April, at each student's school site. Testing days for each school for kindergarten and first graders will be communicated as needed with families who have signed their kindergarten or first graders up for testing, once those dates have been determined.

Those interested in having their child assessed for the Individual Achievement Program can register at the office of their child's school beginning now. The deadline for signing up all students will be January 25, 2013. Parents, teachers, or community members may recommend students for testing.

Grading Practices

Standards-based Assessment and Sound Grading Practices

Enumclaw School District was fortunate to have presenter **Myron Dueck** share with staff his own experiences, and some from his colleagues in SD67 (British Columbia), in implementing non-traditional assessment and grading strategies. Using classroom examples and stories, **Myron** addressed topics such as 'no zeros', linking standardized outcomes to in-class assessment, and retesting efficiently and effectively according to tangible data. He highlighted how changes in grading and assessment can increase the level of accountability and ownership students take regarding their own learning. He also discussed the positive effects that grading changes can have on teacher-student relationships and parent-teacher interviews. There were 26 staff who worked with **Myron** on January 4th during a professional development workshop. The entire high school staff and several middle school teachers participated in a workshop during PLC time later in the day.



Presenter **Myron Dueck** and Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Director **Terry Parker**



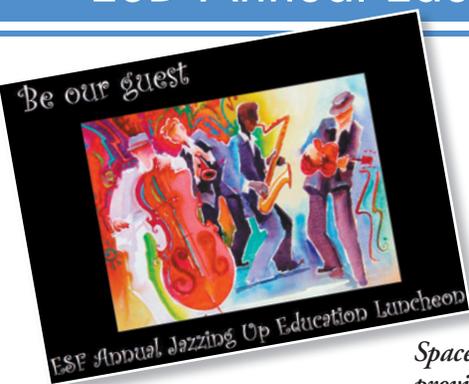
EHS Principal **Jill Burnes** & EMS Science teacher **Rebekah Cheney**

Myron Dueck is currently a vice-principal and teacher at Penticton Secondary School in School District 67 Okanagan-Skaha. He holds a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Manitoba and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Victoria (BC).



Staff from EHS, EMS and TMMS

ESD Annual Education Luncheon



February 12, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Expo Center Fieldhouse

45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw

Cost: FREE *Be our guest!*

Space is limited at this special luncheon provided by our sponsors

We hope to see you at our annual

STATE OF EDUCATION ADDRESS

January 24, 2013 • 6:00 PM • EHS Commons

This is the sixth consecutive year for the address!

The Board of Directors will be serving a

free Soup and Salad Supper beginning at 6:00.

The Board will open the formal program at 6:30 followed by Superintendent Mike Nelson's annual address. During this time a tray of **sweet treats** will be delivered to each table.

The evening will end no later than 7:30.

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Who are they?

Mitchell Johnson and Cole Lanphere, EHS Seniors

How did they become Super Hero Hornet Fans?

During football season when the two were seniors, they noticed the student section was beginning to sit down at games. They felt they needed to jump in and do something to rekindle student spirit. They now try to attend as many events as their schedules will allow.



Where did the costumes come from?

Cole's suit was purchased at Goodwill for \$10. He originally used two cans of gold spray paint to make the suit have super hero spirit powers. He occasionally needs to touch it up with paint. So far he has use four cans of spray paint on his suit!



Mitchell was the original side kick wearing Hornet attire. This year he is in a full side-kick costume of cape, tie and helmet.....a Spartan of sorts.

How has having Super Hero Hornet Fans impacted the games?

The fans have a great impact on games and supporting our teams. Last year, in basketball, we were down by 30 points to a great Lakes team. We mounted a great and exciting comeback and ended up only losing by seven.

What has been the referees' reaction?

Referees always come up to us and appreciate our spirit.



Upcoming Events January & February

When	What
January 17-19	Mulan Matinee Performances at EMS
January 18	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
January 21	Martin Luther King Day – District office closed
January 22	Board meeting at 6:30 pm (Note: Tuesday meeting) Coffee & Conversation with the board at 6:00 pm.
January 24	State of Ed Address & Soup Supper – 6:00 pm in the EHS Commons
January 25	First Semester End at EHS
January 25	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
February 1	TMMS Float Friday – 10:30 am
February 1	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
February 2	EHS Tolo
February 4	Board Work Study at Sunrise Elementary 6:30 pm. Coffee & Conversation with the board at 6:00 pm
February 8	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
February 8	Hispanic Parent Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm at District Office
February 12	Jazzing Up Education – Foundation Mardi Gras Event at 11:30 am at the Fieldhouse
February 12	TMMS PTA at 7:00 pm
February 13	Westwood PTO Board Meeting at 3:45 pm
February 15	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
February 18	President's Day – District Office closed
February 19-22	Mid-Winter Break

http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/our_district/calendars.aspx

Board of Directors Invites YOU!

The Enumclaw School District Board of Directors would like to invite you to come by for coffee and conversation at 6:00 p.m. prior to their board meetings and board work studies which begin at 6:30 pm. The complete schedule of board meetings is on the district website:

<http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/board/default.aspx>

The Board welcomes the opportunity of hearing your thoughts and ideas as well as getting acquainted with you!

