

Superintendent's Message



Dear Families,

I was given a wonderful gift for Christmas from a fellow Rotarian and Enumclaw business owner....a book! I love receiving books as gifts. The note that I received with the book encouraged me to read through the lens of a leader. The book is titled "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business" by Charles Duhigg.

One impactful story in the book is about the product Febreze. Febreze was first marketed as a way to get rid of odors. One might use it in their car after they have given their wet dog a ride home from the lake. The company felt it was an amazing product and people who used it loved it. In surveys, they even found that many homeowners would say, "Yes, I think I have a bottle of that. It is in the back of my cleaning cupboard."

After further review, they found some individuals who had a different habit for using the product. They use it as a bit of celebration, after they clean their car or a room in their home. Instead of using it to cover up smells, they use it as "an exclamation point" at the end of their cleaning in keeping their car or home fresh smelling. As a result of marketing these "change of habits" of the consumer, sales for Febreze changed significantly for the better.

I find myself looking at what I do during my daily routines differently as a result of reading this book. For me, an example of this occurred at the beginning of each day. I would wake up, shower, dress, make a cup of coffee, clean the kitchen counters/empty the dishwasher, take the dog for a walk and then would rush out of the house with something in my hand to eat in the car for breakfast. I knew exactly what time I needed to get out of bed to make all of this happen. I was forgetting to take a bit of time to make sure I had good breakfast habits. I would then usually end up eating some junk food around 10:00 AM.

As a result of reading the book, I found I needed to change my "cue" or trigger. I really didn't want to eat something "junky" around 10:00. There were a couple of changes I made. At the core of all of this was that I wanted to eat an easy and healthy breakfast, but I didn't do a very good job of shopping for breakfast supplies at the store each week. I do most of the shopping in our home....so I can't blame Britt! It has been amazing, but this simple change of planning for daily breakfast when I do the weekly shopping has pushed me into changing my breakfast habit.....now going on six weeks!

I wonder what school to home habits we all might consider changing. Here are a few questions to consider:

1. Is there a regular time to discuss schoolwork with your child/children?
2. Is there a regular time you read, play a math game or board games with your child/children?
3. Is your child having difficulty getting their homework completed?
4. Is there a time you talk about what is happening in our city, state, nation and world as a family?

If no is the answer, is there a way to examine why the answer is no? I'm sure there are numerous factors that would make responses vary for all of us. The book would say to look into these factors and work toward making alterations to create the habits you want. It was a fascinating book to read personally as well as for our school system!

In Partnership with you *Mike*

EMS Clean Water WE Day



We just wanted to let you know that on **Tuesday, March 5th**, from **12:50-1:40 pm** the EMS leadership class ran an assembly to make everyone aware of clean water issues in Africa. The purpose is to kick-off a "**change drive**" where students will be motivated to raise money towards bringing a well to an African village. We have been working hard in making the assembly educational, engaging and inspiring.

We began by explaining that we realize we don't always appreciate how we use water. The kids made a video showing silly ways we waste water - including a "Harlem Shake" version of water-wasting! Students challenge the student body to take a good look at how they use water and to think about how they could cut back. This transitions into an activity - a simulation of going a long ways away to get water and then bringing it back into the village. In teams, students from the audience ran down with a 5-gallon empty Gatorade jug on their heads. When they got down there, two people from their team ran back a 5-gallon container filled all the way with water. Students interviewed those who participated to see what it was like to carry the water so far with it being heavy. We made the point that women have to go a long ways to get water for their families - it is tiring work, and when they are doing that, they do not have free-time or time to get an education (a key to breaking out of poverty).

Then, a representative from **WE Day** gave a talk about clean water issues. She explained how water is dirty and unsafe for drinking, and she explained the efforts of **Free the Children** all around the world.

Students explained what the "**change drive**" will look like at our school. We raised money towards sending a well to an African village - providing clean water that is right there in the village so the women may now have the time to get an education. To give the student body an additional motivation to participate, we have gathered pictures from the internet that shows kids drinking dirty water and also happy kids drinking clean water in their villages due to hand pumps and wells. The Carrie Underwood song "**Change**" - a very appropriate song, I think, for the topic - will be playing during the slideshow.

Then, we concluded our assembly.

Students were nervous with it being their first assembly they have ever run but we were excited to share what we have learned, and we think we will be able to motivate everyone to care a little bit more about their world, which is the purpose of **WE Day**.



TESTING

As a parent of a third grade through high school age child, your student will have the opportunity to take either the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) for grades 3 – 8 or the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) for grade 10.

These tests will be given to students in the Enumclaw School District as well as students across the state. A schedule of subjects being tested by paper/pencil and on-line at each grade level is below:

Grade Level	Paper/Pencil Testing:	On-Line Testing:
Grade 3	Math	Reading
Grade 4	Math & Writing	Reading
Grade 5	Math & Science	Reading
Grade 6	Math	Reading
Grade 7	Math & Writing	Reading
Grade 8	Math, Reading & Science	None

All elementary and middle schools will test from April 29 to May 16 for Paper/Pencil exams and April 29 to May 31 for On-line Reading exams. Reading exams will not be given by paper/pencil, except for 8th grade. Please contact your neighborhood school if you have any questions.

In addition, your high school student may have taken the reading and writing components of the HSPE according to the following schedule:

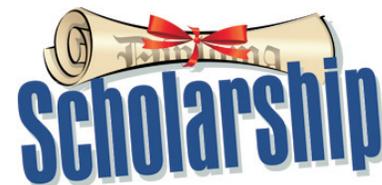
Writing	March 12 & 13	Paper/Pencil
Reading	March 14	Paper/Pencil

Math End of Course (EOC) Assessments in Algebra and Geometry, as well as the End of Course (EOC) exam in Biology, will be given in late May or early June, in accordance with the state requirement that students take the exams during the last three weeks of the school year. Exact dates will be determined soon.

High School students should contact Mr. Paul Iacobazzi, Assistant Principal at Enumclaw High School at (360) 802-7678 to register for the HSPE and/or EOC exams.

Testing results for grades three through eight will be returned to the school district in September and mailed to your home. Results for grade ten will be returned in June. For further information about the MSP or HSPE testing, you may visit the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website at <http://www.k12.wa.us>.

Senior Scholarships!



Local scholarships are ready for seniors! The lists and applications are available in the Career Center. Most applications can be found on-line at the following site: <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 these is April 10, 2012 at 3:00pm!

Lists are continually updated and are also available on-line or in the Career Center. Seniors should be checking with the colleges they applied to for scholarships as well. By the way, **All seniors should already have their FAFSA completed!**

There's Still Time to Join the Fun!

Full-Day Kindergarten Dinner/Auction

Saturday, April 13, 2013

5pm - 9pm
Expo Center Field House
\$35 per person

Don't Miss Out!

Great Cause!

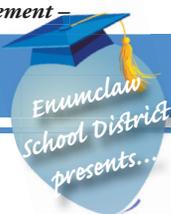


To reserve your space/table, make a donation or to receive your invitation electronically, email FullDayK@gmail.com or call Nancy Merrill at 360-825-4476. For more information visit our web site: www.EnumclawSchoolsFoundation.org

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Family Resource Fair



Saturday, March 30th, 2013
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Open House

What is it?

The Family Resource Fair is an opportunity for special education students and their families to connect with resources that may offer support and information.

Where is it?

Enumclaw High School Library, 226 Semanski, Enumclaw.

Why should you attend?

Students with disabilities and their families will be able to talk directly with agencies and college technical school representatives who can provide various levels of support depending on need. Services such as advocacy, job placement, and transition to college or work will be represented.

What organizations or resources will be there?

We will have representatives from the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), community and technical schools, internship programs, SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), ARC of King County, Special Olympics, Green River Community College, and Parks and Recreation (Special Programs).

We hope to see you on March 30th! If you have any questions please contact Gail VanHoof at 360-802-7820 or Laurie Olsen-Pennington at 360-802-7821.

18TH ANNUAL POW-WOW

Sponsored by: Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

May 3, 2013, Enumclaw High School Gym
Grand Entry 7PM • Emcee: Arnold Littlehead

All drums & Dancers Welcome • Competitive Dancing • Dance Specials

For Vender Information Contact: Cathy Calvert or Sarah Brassard (360) 802-7689 or Cathy_calver@enumclaw.wednet.edu

Upcoming Events March & April

When	What
March 20-23.....	“Legally Blonde” performed at EHS Auditorium at 7:30 pm
March 21.....	Southwood Kindergarten Orientation – 6:30 pm
March 22.....	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
March 22.....	Elementary Report Cards Sent Home
March 26.....	EHS Honor Society Induction at 7:00 pm
March 27.....	Mr. EHS at 7:00 pm
March 28.....	Black Diamond Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30 pm
March 28.....	Magic Strings at 7:00 pm at the EHS Auditorium
March 29.....	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
March 30.....	Family Resource Fair from 9-11 am at the EHS Library
April 4.....	Sunrise Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30 pm
April 4.....	Westwood Kindergarten Orientation at 10:15 am and 6:30 pm
April 5.....	5th Grade Dancing Classrooms Performance at Sunrise- 9:45 am
April 5.....	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
April 5.....	EHS Quarter Ends
April 9.....	TMMS PTO 7:00 pm
April 10.....	Westwood PTO Board Meeting at 3:45 pm
April 11.....	Westwood PTO Skate Night at 6:00 pm
April 12.....	TMMS Float Friday at 10:30 am
April 12.....	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
April 12.....	Black Diamond’s All School Play at 7:00 pm
April 13.....	Full Day K ESF Fundraiser - 5-9 pm at the field house
April 15.....	Board meeting at 6:30 pm (Coffee & Conversation at 6:00)
April 16.....	TMMS 5th grade parent night at 6:30 pm
April 16.....	All District Choral Festival at EHS at 7:00 pm
April 16.....	All district Choir Concert Performance at Sunrise at 7:00 pm
April 17.....	All District Choral Festival at EHS at 7:00 pm
April 18.....	Transition Appreciation Luncheon at 11:00 am
April 18.....	Kibler’s Open House at 6:00 pm
April 18-20.....	EHS presents “Antigone”
April 19.....	Early Release Day -Staff Collaboration
April 22-26.....	Spring Break - District Office Closed April 26th

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

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.

