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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

We share a small place at Crescent Bar with my wife, Britt's mom and dad. This is one of my favorite places. It was almost 30 years ago when I first visited Crescent Bar. I had just begun dating Britt and she and her family invited me to spend time with them. Our place is small, but perfect for keeping our family together... playing games, eating meals, telling stories....laughing.

Since that first visit, Britt and I have continued to build many wonderful memories. Crescent Bar is where we honeymooned. It was the first vacation spot for both our children, Hans and Anna. In addition to family time with Britt's parents and sister, it has become a yearly vacation spot for my brothers and their families as well. One can't help but rest, relax and rejuvenate when visiting.

I don't have words to fully describe it, but when you visit Crescent Bar you feel you are in a special spot. You want to cherish each moment that you have at CB and after you leave, you look forward to returning.

For the first several weeks of school, the staff and I are all working together to create this "Crescent Bar" feeling for you and your children. We want your children to love their classrooms and schools. We want them to cherish the time when they are with us. Finally, we want them to look forward to returning the next day....and for the next 165 days or so!

Thanks so much for allowing us the privilege of working with your children each day! We hope that when you are sitting around the dinner table, you can say, "Our schools and classroom(s) are among our favorite places."

In Partnership with YOU!

Mike

New Student Board Representative

Welcome Reilly Desmul,
Student Board Representative!



Following an interview process, Reilly Desmul was chosen as the junior student board representative to the board of directors. Reilly believes she can make a positive difference in her school by effectively communicating the needs and ideas of her classmates to the board. She comments in her application that EHS students are driven and she shares that drive, believing she can be the bridge to sharing the collective message of students to the board of directors. She looks forward to making a positive difference in her high school and to the board.

Sunrise Named "Reward School" By State Of Washington!

Superintendent Mike Nelson received the following letter from OSPI Superintendent Randy Dorn. Many congratulations to the students and staff at Sunrise Elementary!

Dear Superintendent Mike Nelson:

Congratulations! Sunrise Elementary School has been named a Reward School, as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request approved by the Department of Education.

Reward Schools are classified either as "highest performing schools" or "high-progress schools". Sunrise Elementary is a high-progress Title I school that scored in the top 10 percent of Title I schools in Reading and Math (combined) on state assessments for its "all students" group. This designation acknowledges a school's performance and improvement in Reading and Math during a three-year period (2008/09-2010/11). Schools designated as Reward Schools cannot have significant achievement or opportunity gaps among subgroups.

Sincerely, Randy I. Dorn
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Again, we congratulate you on this achievement! Your staff, students, parents and community can take pride in joining this distinguished group.

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State Test Results - Spring 2012

Our school district enjoyed strong across-the-board academic performance gains this past year on the state MSP/HSPE/EOC assessments. These student performance improvements are the result of many wide-ranging improvement initiatives in our school district, outstanding principal leadership in our buildings, and most importantly, the incredible dedication and expertise of our teachers as they support the academic development of their students every day!

This past year we rededicated ourselves to the proven research-based instructional strategies in reading that have been used in our district for many years. As a result of this focused work, we enjoyed significantly improved student reading scores at most grade levels.

Our greatest district-wide focus areas are the score decreases in our 4th grade math and 7th grade writing after showing such significant gains the previous year.

Each of our schools has a positive story related to outstanding student performance in given grade levels and subject areas. These individual school results will provide the focus areas for MSP/HSPE/EOC improvement during this upcoming school year.

If you would like further discuss these state test results, please feel free to contact Terry Parker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, by telephone at 360.802.7124, or via e-mail terry_parker@enumclaw.wednet.edu.

Key Student Performance Successes

- 14/20 MSP/HSPE grade level/subject areas improved from 2011 to 2012
- 15/20 MSP/HSPE grade level/subject areas performed higher than the state average in 2012
- 6/8 grade levels in MSP/EOC Math improved from 2011-2012
- 6/8 grade levels in MSP/EOC Math performed higher than the state average in 2012
- 5/7 grade levels in MSP/EOC Reading improved from 2011-2012
- 6/7 grade levels in MSP/EOC Reading performed higher than the state average in 2012

- 3rd Grade Reading – Highest Score Ever!
- 3rd Grade Math – Highest Score Ever!
- 4th Grade Writing – Highest Score Ever!
- 5th Grade Math – Highest Score Ever!
- 8th Grade Reading – Highest Score Ever!
- 8th Grade Science – Highest Score Ever!

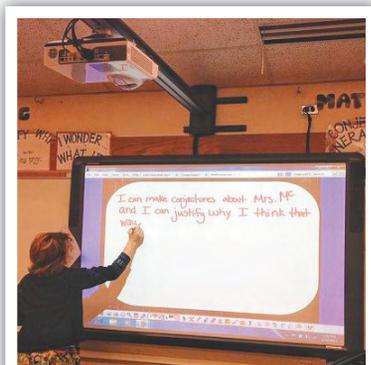
- 3rd Grade Reading – Highest Score Over State Average!
- 4th Grade Reading – Highest Score Over State Average!
- 4th Grade Writing – Highest Score Over State Average!!
- 5th Grade Math – Highest Score Over State Average!!
- 8th Grade Reading – Highest Score Over State Average!!

- 3rd Grade Reading -0.5 below state average in 2011
- 4th Grade Reading +5.0 above state average in 2012!
- 4th Grade Reading -0.3 below state average in 2011
- 5th Grade Reading +6.1 above state average in 2012!
- 7th Grade Reading +1.9 above state average in 2011
- 8th Grade Reading +10.5 above state average in 2012!



Technology Spotlights!

Students in Mrs. Taylor's class work on assignments in the EMS STEM lab.



Mrs. McCullough utilizing new interactive technology in her classroom.

District Facebook Launched!

To provide an additional method for communication between parents, students, the district and the community, we launched an official Facebook page on August 1, 2012!



Our goal is to provide real-time posts, and some news on our Facebook page will not be on our official district website headline news.

If you use the social media Facebook, we hope you visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/EnumclawSchoolDistrict> and "Like" us. Once you "Like" our page, our posts will show up on your wall!

Upcoming Events September & October

When	What
September 19	EMS 6th Grade Camp
September 20	TMMS 6th Grade Camp
September 20	Kibler Elementary Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm
September 20	Southwood Elementary Open House at 6:30 pm
September 21	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
September 25	Thunder Mt. Middle School Open House at 7:00 pm
September 27	Black Diamond Elementary Open House at 6:30 pm
September 27	Sunrise Elementary Open House at 7:00 pm
September 28	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
September 28	EHS Homecoming Parade at 4:00 pm
September 28	EHS Homecoming Football Game 7:00 pm
September 29	EHS Homecoming Dance
October 2	Board Work Study at Kibler Elementary at 6:30 pm
October 5	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
October 8	EHS Fall Instrumental Concert at 7:00 pm
October 11	STEM Expo at EHS
October 12	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
October 15	Board Meeting at district office at 6:30 pm
October 18-27	EHS Drama Presents "The Diviners"

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