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Superintendent's Message



Dear Families,

2012 has been an amazing year for the students and staff in the Enumclaw School District! To learn more about our amazing year, I hope you will consider coming to our **annual State of Education Address in January!**

This is the sixth consecutive year for the address! The Board of Directors would like to make a few enhancements to the evening by serving a free Soup and Salad Supper. They will start serving soup and salad at 6:00. The Board of Directors will then open the formal program at 6:30 followed by my annual address. During this time a tray of sweet treats will be delivered to each table. The evening will be complete no later than 7:30.

It's sure to be a fantastic evening of GOOD FUN, GOOD FOOD and GOOD FRIENDS while learning about our GREAT SCHOOLS! Mark your calendars! It would be an honor to see you there!!

In Partnership with you Mike

Please Come!

STATE OF EDUCATION ADDRESS

January 24, 2013
6:00 PM
EHS Commons



more Jingle bells...

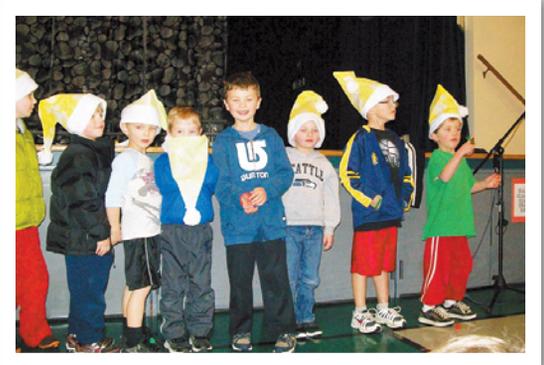
Though we weren't able to get pictures of the Westwood Elementary event in time to publish, the following students ran on December 12th and had 68 runners participate in their Jingle Bell Run. To qualify, students needed to complete 3 running cards (25 laps per card) during the Running Club (Monday and Wednesday lunch recess).



- Kindergartners:** Liam, Jillian, Anthony, Jeremy, Ryden, Dylan, Ryker & Owen
- First graders:** Abby, Morrgan, Wylie, Tristan, Jeremy, Mauri, Nylah, Michael, Amelia, Carlos, Richard, Aiden, Elise, Isaias, Reuben, kayanna, Eli, Ty, Wyatt, Macy, Garrett, Aiyana, Nicholas, Alexis, Ellis, Joshua, Noah & Jack
- Second graders:** Dalton, Jordyn, Jacob, Jenna, Johnathan, Arcadio, Henry & Nathon
- Third graders:** Tiana, Victoria, Tristano, Delaney, Hunter, Timothy, Trevor, Tyler, Nicholas, Eric, Rosa, Falon & Anna
- Fourth graders:** Derek, Cameron, Hunter & Reece
- Fifth graders:** Ty, Gunner, Callia, Kate, Ava, Amy & Gracie

Jingle Bell Run!

PE Teacher, Jill Carlson, had many students who qualified to participate in the second annual Jingle Bell Run! In order to qualify, students must have completed four running cards. Each of the cards represents 25 laps and the laps are run during lunch recess.



On December 6th, the following students from Southwood Elementary were treated to a special pizza lunch in the Running Club Café and then donned those jingle bells and holiday hats for their fun run around the school!

- Kindergartners:** Logan, Sam, Colin, Clay, Deeson, Trinity, James, Graham, Griffin, Ellie, Miles, Harrison.
- First Graders:** Trey, Madi, Amelia, Braydon, Lily, Michael, Isbella, Rachel, Julia, Evan, Natalie, Bella, Kelani, Annika, Emmarie, Lily, Kate, Gunnar, Brooke
- Second Graders:** Zack, Zoe, Elijah, Gracey, Jada, Kaylynn, Kyle, Grace, Zeke, Jessalyn, Cole, Brandon, Renee, Emily, Cannon, Greysun, Aleah, Ashley, Ava, Carly, Charlee, Dev, Jady, Jane, Joey, Joey, Marissa, McCade, McKinley, Royle, Kate, Cade, Dane, Keelyn, Jaiden, Emma, Sydney, Dylan, Payton
- Third Graders:** David, Isabelle, Sophia, Joseph, Devon, Alyssa, Brayan, Ian, Abigail
- Fourth Graders:** Emily, Jacob, Sam, Megan, Emily, Lyden, Nathaneal, Matthew, Jordan, Austin, Cole, Noah, Ryan, Lorenzo, Makayla
- Fifth Graders:** Gabe, Katelynn, Bethany, Gabby, Natasha, Emma, Eva, Julia, Jace, Emma

Enumclaw High School Choir

Mr. Paul Scott and the EHS Choir provided lovely Christmas music for the Enumclaw Rotary Club at their weekly meeting on December 6th, 2012.

We are very proud of the talented staff and students in the district!



Rotary President Lauren Hardman is in EHS Choir 4 with the choir and Mr. Scott.

My Focus on Education Experience

By WASA Communications Coordinator/ **Rachelle Underwood**

The following article was in this month's statewide WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) Hotline publication. We appreciate Rachelle Underwood sharing with us so we can share with you! We hope you can join us on our next bus tour!

As I was ushered through the hallways and classrooms of Franklin Pierce and Enumclaw School Districts during their Focus on Education bus tours, I was amazed at how much school has changed. And...how much it has stayed the same. Many individuals who joined me on these tours would likely say the same—particularly a retired gentleman who, 30 years prior, was the principal of Enumclaw High School.

From higher education partners to public officials (currently serving or running for election), Washington State PTA members, retired educators, and business owners, both Franklin Pierce and Enumclaw hosted diverse groups of individuals with differing views of public education. Many were not aware of the severity of budget cuts to education, our victory in the McCleary ruling, or the importance of technology in the classroom.

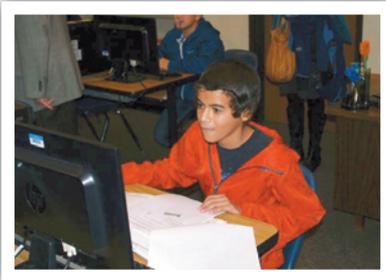
In Enumclaw, many tour guests were excited to see children engaged after witnessing firsthand the power of the Promethean Board. From what could have been a difficult math lesson for students, guests saw the effectiveness and visual appeal of applying technology to classroom curriculum. Guests were also impressed with Enumclaw's CTE program, including a very successful and savvy student-led coffee stand called "Buzzy's."

At Franklin Pierce, tour guests validated the importance of group learning, leadership, and accountability. In one science class at Ford Middle School, students worked as a group to complete an in-class assignment, then reported to their peers on what they learned. Students later rated themselves on their quality of work and explained the reasoning for their self-score. Having one of the highest poverty rates in the area, guests were surprised to hear Franklin Pierce has outperformed their demographic and made significant gains in reading, writing, and math.

No matter how much curriculum and teaching has changed over the years, some things remain the same: students eager to learn and the perseverance of school administrators and teachers who strive to give every child an opportunity to learn.

Focus on Education provides a way for our communities to see schools in action—but more important—community members see the kinds of opportunities available to a public education student. Focus on Education is an effective tool that influences our communities for the better. Knowledge is power, and this event greatly improves public perception about K-12 education in Washington State.

Congratulations to Frank Hewins, Michael Nelson, and all other superintendents and their staff for a job well done for this year's Focus on Education!



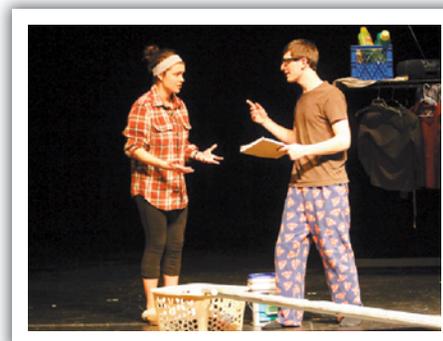
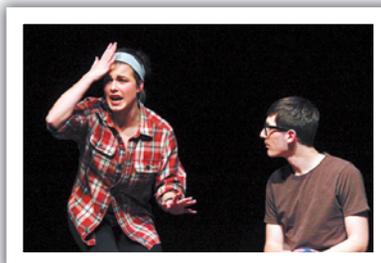
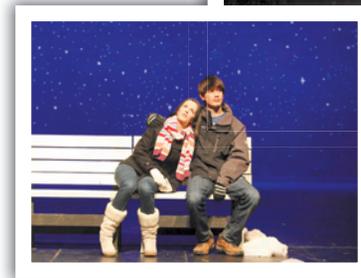
EHS & WRHS teamed up for...

"Almost Maine"

by John Cariani

Starring more than 45 students in a mega collaboration, each evening featured students from both schools delivering laughs and love!

The six performances occurred at both EHS and WRHS auditoriums and were a great success!



Upcoming Events December & January

When	What
December 19	Half-day Early Release
Dec. 20 - Jan. 1	Winter Break – District Office Closed
January 2	Back to School!
January 4	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
January 7	Board Work Study at Southwood 6:30 w/coffee & conversation at 6:00 pm
January 8	TMMS PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm
January 9	Westwood PTA Meeting at 3:45 pm
January 10-13	EHS One Act Plays
January 11	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
January 15	PTA Luncheon at District Office 11:30 am
January 17-19	EMS "Mulan" Presentation
January 18	Early Release Day – Staff Collaboration
January 21	Martin Luther King Day - No School (D.O. Closed)
January 22	Board Meeting at 6:30 pm w/coffee & conversation at 6:00 pm
January 24	State of Education Address & Soup Supper 6:30 pm in the EHS Commons

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!

