

# CONNECTION

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## Superintendent's Message



How do we shift a culture? I have heard leader after leader wrestle with this question. Can it begin with a single moment or does it happen over time?

I think I would answer "YES" to both of these questions.

During the past week, I witnessed what I believe to be a culture shifting "moment."

The Enumclaw High School leadership class developed a Student Recognition Assembly to honor and recognize students for their academic success in the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year. It was student-planned and student-delivered. The students wanted to honor and celebrate their peers...for good grades and for strong growth and improvement. It was the voice of students who recognized and honored. It was good. It was a "moment."

Here is a quick summary of the assembly ...

- Assemblies occurred over a three-day period featuring time for each class (juniors and seniors were together at their assembly)
- Teams were chosen and a fun Jeopardy game was played featuring Super Bowl questions
- Embedded in the Jeopardy game were "Commercials" of Academic Successes and honoring of students (perfect connection to the Super Bowl Jeopardy game...of course, everyone watches the Super Bowl for the commercials!) Yes, I heard students cheer when they saw their name (or the name of a friend) on the screen for good grades and/or strong improvements.

The students handled the fun...the recognition and honoring...and the somber beautifully. For me, there were so many good things about this "moment," but overall the significance was moving our high school toward one where "our students" want to be recognized for strong academics and they want to be the ones doing the recognition. I believe our students are only going to get better at these assemblies. I believe achievement will skyrocket if it is the students who have shifted the culture to be one of strong academics.

At the end of the assembly Tyler Salsbury shared with each group the following message: We hope that you learned that life is unpredictable and should be lived to the fullest each day. So work hard to be successful and make a difference every day. Study and do your best to be proud of your life and accomplishments. Don't live by "I should have..." Instead say, "I am going to..."

I love Enumclaw School District students! ...such a good, good moment!

In partnership with you,

Mike

## The Drowsy Chaperone

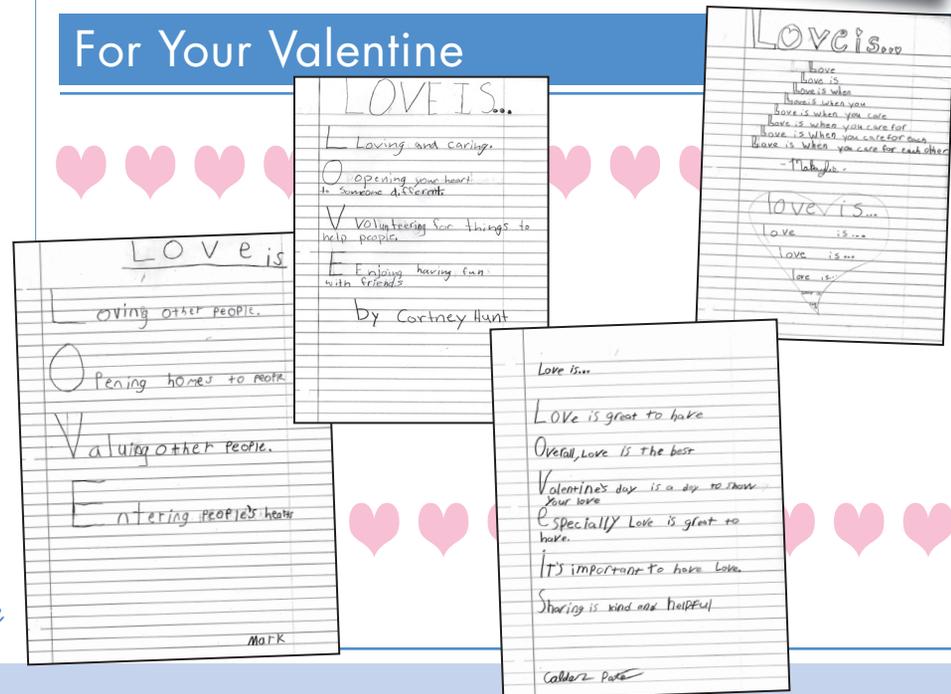
Enumclaw High School is proud to present the brand-new Tony Award Winning musical comedy *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Music & Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar.

Guaranteed to make you laugh out loud! Featuring over 70 Drama, Choir, and Band students!

Performances are March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 @ 7:30pm and Sunday, March 13 @ 2pm. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for adults. More info: 360.802.7807



## For Your Valentine



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# EHS Orchestra Students SHINE at Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest

The following members of the orchestra class from Enumclaw High School participated in Saturday's Regional Solo and Ensemble contest held at Kentridge High School. All of these students received Excellent and Superior Ratings.

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| B. Affolter | M. Ballard | A. Beers   | K. Dirks    |
| D. Ellison  | M. Ely     | K. Fuentes | K. Gonzales |
| A. Hatfield | Z. Hedin   | H. Hosoda  | S. Jackson  |
| M. Jarvis   | A. Johnson | N. Kays    | L. Lamm     |
| S. Little   | P. Perez   | S. Rabb    | L. Ross     |
| A. Scott    | J. Taylor  | G. Unguez  | N. Unguez   |
| A. Wolfe    |            |            |             |



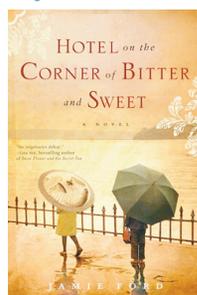
These students were a part of hundreds of string musicians from eight local high schools who performed for professional adjudicators, many of these students with an eye on advancing to the state level of competition. EHS was represented by seven soloists and eight ensembles who have been rehearsing for months and were well-prepared in all of their presentations. Six of the seven soloists received the highest rating of Superior. Securing first place in the violin category, K. Dirks will represent the entire region at the state level competition at Central Washington University in Ellensburg in April. M. Jarvis is First Alternate in the viola category. Two of the four small ensembles received an Excellent rating

and two received a Superior rating with the violin duet of K. Dirks and A. Hudon placing as 1st Alternate. Two of the large ensembles earned Excellent ratings and two received Superior ratings with the quintet K. Dirks (violin), A. Hudon (violin), A. Wolfe (violin), M. Jarvis (viola), and L. Lamm (cello) advancing with first place to the state level competition. **One adjudicator remarked enthusiastically and repeatedly about the high quality of preparation and performance from all of the EHS performers and invited himself to the next school concert.**"



# Open Books, Open Minds Hometown Book Club

## Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford



**Who:** All interested Readers!  
**What:** Read *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford and come together for conversation about this book.  
**When:** Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Enumclaw High School Library  
**How to:**  
**Prepare:** Purchase and read the book

As an added feature to our book study, we will Skype with the author.

Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope. In Henry and Keiko, Jamie Ford has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart.

### For Your Valentine

Love is...  
 Caring, forgiving, sharing,  
 Being there for one another,  
 family.

Love is...  
 Letting someone make a mistake  
 Opening your heart to somebody  
 Valuing love  
 Enjoying somebody's life style  
 Inviting somebody into your home  
 Saving the memory of somebody

Love is...  
 Laughing happily with people  
 Opening a door for someone  
 Valuing your friends  
 Enjoying happy times with friends

Love is...  
 Family love, families  
 Pass, families love you till  
 you pass, yet the heavens  
 up above that is how  
 love is made.

Lucky people who have  
 family.  
 Only truth  
 Very nice  
 Everlasting love

By A. Shoyunzaki

# 2011 Kindergarten Registration

The Enumclaw School District will hold its 2011 kindergarten registration and orientations as follows:

Black Diamond Kindergarten Orientation	802-7573	March 24	6:30 p.m.
Byron Kibler Kindergarten Orientation	802-7263	March 29	*6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Southwood Kindergarten Orientation	802-7373	March 31	6:30 p.m.
Sunrise Kindergarten Orientation	802-7425	March 31	6:30 p.m.
Westwood Kindergarten Orientation	802-7620	March 29	1:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

- Registration requirements:
- Children must be five years old on or before August 31
  - A parent must present a child's birth certificate at registration
  - Washington State immunization requirements must be met
  - Proof of residence must be provided



Enumclaw School District offers a funded half-day kindergarten program as well as a fee-based full-day kindergarten program, 5 days per week. For further information about registration or orientation, please contact your neighborhood school.

\* Kibler orientation is by appointment. Please call to set up a time.

# Upcoming Events February & March

When	What
February 18	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
February 21	President's Day – All offices closed
February 22-25	Mid-Winter Break
February 28	Spring Sports Try-out
February 28	Board meeting at the district office board room
March 4	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
March 7	Board Work Study at the district office board room
March 10 – 13	EHS Musical at 7:30 pm (2:30 matinee on Sunday)
March 11	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
March 11	End of trimester –grades K-8
March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins!
March 14 – 18	Classified Staff Appreciation Week
March 17 – 19	EHS Musical at 7:30 pm

Calendars for events at each of our buildings can be accessed at the district website: <http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/ourdistrict/calendars.aspx>