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Superintendent's Message



Dear Friends,

For the next few weeks, I will be shadowing an Enumclaw School District student throughout part of their day and sharing my experiences with staff. You will be able to read about these weekly adventures by going to the home page of our school district's website. www.enumclaw.wednet.edu I think learning about our system through the eyes of our students will be an incredibly enriching experience. I hope you will take a moment

each week to enjoy this journey, too!

How much have you learned from "The Roy Rogers Show?" Our current EHS ASB President Cole Snider is a fan of the show. I recently received a card from him that stated, "Growing up, I was very fond of the Roy Rogers Show. While most boys my age were infatuated with Pokemon or an endless list of countless other mindless cartoons, I stayed true to my upbringing and watched



Roy and Trigger save Dale Evans from whatever fix she happened to be in." He says he makes meaning and connections to today's world from these shows.

Cole began his first day of school at 7:00 AM with a zero-hour weightlifting class. Immediately following this class he headed to the activities office to do the daily school announcements. Cole has a natural ability to deliver a message effectively. He makes even simple announcements come alive. As we

walked in the door of his first period Spanish class following announcements, a student asked Cole why he didn't end his announcements with a joke? He said, "The announcements were too long today, but you can expect one tomorrow."

Spanish was the primary language in this classroom. They were instructed to pick a Spanish name and print it on a name card. The teacher then showed a power point about herself, again speaking only in Spanish. The pictures, props and non-verbal gestures helped even a non-Spanish

speaking person, like myself, understand the content. At the end of the presentation, the students were asked questions about the power point demonstrating their understanding. Cole answered one of the questions correctly and received a piece of paper representing 10 pesos. I could definitely answer that the teacher enjoys drinking a grandé, soy, sugar-free hazelnut latte.

In second period, we learned what government was all about us. Each student was asked to use an adjective to describe themselves. Cole said, "Colloquial." Based upon the responses in the room, our AP Language and Composition teacher should be pleased with the individualized responses. This was a SMART classroom meaning the teacher was piloting our technology equipment that will be in all classrooms one day. The teacher took them on an electronic photo tour of Washington DC and as partners were asked to name specific buildings and/or monuments. Because Cole attended Boys' State in Ellensburg over the summer, he did quite well on this first day quiz.

In leadership class, I watched Cole create the script for Friday's assembly. This included the introduction of our Fall Sports captains and new staff members. It was to conclude with a speech by Cole and then a surprise for all students. When I asked him about his speech, he wanted to guide the student body to "action." He feels that too many students come to school just for school and he would like to encourage all students to participate in something that goes beyond the school day. "We have a limited amount of time to make our high school experience the best ever."

I have attached some photos of Cole's first day experiences. When I left my position in Federal Way 13 years ago to come to Enumclaw, I was gifted a western belt by the Federal Way Superintendent. I had to wear it on Tuesday in honor of Cole who always wears his belt. He spent much of his summer competing in saddle bronc riding.



I was able to attend Friday's assembly. Cole did a beautiful job addressing the student body with his vision of the year. At the end of the assembly, ALL students received a white t-shirt to wear to the football game. "When we are at the football game, it is not about our individual classes, we need to represent that we are one united school. We are... ENUMCLAW!" The students DID show up in masses wearing their shirts. When I spoke with Cole at the game, he was pretty excited to see the student response. He was now beginning to worry what his next speech would be. I have no doubt he will find the right words.

In Partnership with you, Mike

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New Vice Principal at EHS

Introducing Caspar vanHaalen, Assistant Principal at Enumclaw High School



The Enumclaw High School welcomes Caspar vanHaalen to the position of Assistant Principal. Caspar completed his Master's in Education Administration from Central Washington University completing his administrative internship in the Ellensburg

School District where he had been teaching English, German and English Language Development for four years. Upon receipt of his Administrative Certificate he was hired into the position of Assistant Principal at Pocatello High School where he has served the past two years.



New Initiative

Enumclaw Schools Launch Kindness and Compassion Initiative

On September 1 more than 300 Enumclaw School District staff members and 100 community members listened to Jimmie Braden share the story of Rachel Scott, the first victim killed during the 1999 tragedy at Columbine High School. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school and community programs in America.

There will be two community presentations about the Rachel's Challenge Initiative:

- September 20 at Black Diamond Elementary beginning at 6:30
- September 22 at Enumclaw High School Auditorium beginning at 6:30

For more information about Rachel's Challenge and how you can participate please go to our Enumclaw School District website homepage. www.enumclaw.wednet.edu



Introducing...

Introducing Conner Wells, Enumclaw School Board Student Representative



Described as a "quiet leader" who is honest, forthright and unafraid to stand up for what he believes, Conner Wells is excited about representing students on the board. He says students have great ideas and he would love the opportunity to share those with the board.

New Stadium



Our girls' soccer team had their first game under the lights on the new turf field on September 1. Our girls won 3-0!

Board Word Studies

This year, the board of directors will take their work studies "on the road"! Instead of staff coming to the district office for their building presentations, the board will go to the buildings. Staff is given the opportunity to update our directors on their use of PLC time and the positive results for both staff and students. These meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:30 pm with a tour of the building. The schedule for these meetings follows:

October 4th.....	Enumclaw Middle School
November 7th.....	Thunder Mt. Middle School
December 5th.....	Sunrise Elementary
January 3rd.....	Enumclaw High School
February 6th.....	Kibler Elementary
March 5th.....	Westwood Elementary
April.....	No work study
May 8th.....	Southwood Elementary
June 4th.....	Black Diamond Elementary

Upcoming Events September & October

When	What
September 20	Rachel's Challenge Community Event at Black Diamond Elementary – 6:30 pm
September 20	Thunder Mt. Middle School Open House
September 20	Southwood Elementary Open House
September 22	Rachel's Challenge – Community Event at EHS Auditorium – 6:30 pm!
September 23	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
September 27	EHS Open House
September 29	Sunrise Curriculum Night at 7:00 pm
September 29	Kibler Curriculum Night at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 pm
September 30	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
October 4	Board work study at EMS – 6:30 pm
October 7	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
October 10	Enumclaw High School Band & Orchestra Concert
October 10 – 12	6th Grade Camp - Enumclaw Middle School
October 11 & 12	Enumclaw High School Choir Concert
October 12 – 14	6th Grade Camp – Thunder Mt. Middle School
October 14	Early dismissal for staff collaboration
October 17	Board meeting at 6:30 pm

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