

# CONNECTION

Serving Enumclaw and Black Diamond

2929 McDougall Avenue, Enumclaw

• 360-802-7100

• Fax 360-802-7140

• www.enumclaw.wednet.edu

## Superintendent Message



Dear Families,

Last year, we experienced wintry weather conditions on numerous days! I am so hopeful that this year will bring us less of those unpredictable days! Below is information that I hope you will find helpful in understanding how we make decisions to delay or cancel school and how you can access and be notified about this information.

Around 3:30 AM on these wintry days, Everett Cunningham, our transportation supervisor, and I begin to monitor road conditions. Everett takes one side of the district and I take the other. We are actually one of the largest districts in terms of geographic area in the state of Washington. Weather conditions in Black Diamond/Ravensdale or Greenwater can be much different than Westwood or Enumclaw High School areas.

In determining decisions regarding school delays or closures, we use many indicators including:

- Road conditions for buses and staff/student drivers
- Amount of snow or ice
- Outside temperature
- Weather forecast and changing weather conditions

It is not uncommon to have delays in the early winter with little snow if the temperature is below freezing and not expected to rise much above freezing during the day. We find that road conditions for our buses are quite treacherous in these icy conditions. In late winter, the converse could be true. We could have several inches of wet snow, but the temperature is above freezing, making roads passable. We make the very best decision each time we are faced with winter weather conditions.

Our goal for determining school delay or closure status is 5:30 AM. Last year this was difficult, as a few times, snow did not begin to fall until after 6:00 AM (and one time 7:00 AM). We want to clearly communicate how you can and will receive this information from us.

- [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org): You can go to this website and sign up to have any school delay or closure alert come to your phone or email address. You will receive this information as soon as I officially push the button on my computer!

- We will place the delay or closure announcement on our district website at [www.enumclaw.wednet.edu](http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu). If our district is running emergency bus routes, you can find this information on our website as well.

- You can call 360.802.7142 and a recorded announcement will give you delay or closure information.

- Each family will receive a phone call via our School Messenger at 6:00 AM if a decision has been reached regarding a delay or school closure. As mentioned earlier, sometimes the weather conditions shift after 6:00 AM and therefore a decision will be made at the earliest time possible.

- Radio and television stations will receive our information as soon as I push the button on my computer. They are tracking many school districts and a few times have reported information different than what we have decided. Please use one of the above sources if you receive contradictory information.

Our goal is to have school on scheduled days if road conditions are safe for our buses, staff and student drivers. I hope this is a document that you find helpful. I actually hope that you won't have to look at it again this year!

In partnership with you,  
Mike Nelson  
Superintendent

*Mike*

## Book Club Skypes with author Kelly Gallagher

On September 15, members of the Enumclaw School District book club got the opportunity to talk to author Kelly Gallagher about his book "Reacidic: How Schools Are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It." It wasn't using the phone, nor was it in person... well sort of. Even though separated by almost 1,200 miles, the group was able to meet with Kelly face-to-face using Skype video conferencing.

In addition to teaching English full-time at Magnolia High School in Anaheim, California, Kelly has an extensive background in secondary literacy education. He served as the English Coordinator for the Anaheim Union High School District, an urban district comprised of 37,000 secondary students; a Co-Director of the South Basin Writing Project at California State University Long Beach; and an adjunct professor at California State University, Fullerton, where he taught secondary literacy courses.

Kelly is a teacher and a former statewide trainer for the Puente Project, a University of California outreach program that

prepares under-represented high school students for successful transition into universities. He has also served as a teacher leader in the California Reading and Literature Project, both at the University of California Los Angeles and University of California Irvine.

Kelly talked to the group about the overall goal of the book, some of the challenges he faced during and after publishing and his vision for the future of reading at schools. Some of our teachers and staff were able to express some challenges they face while teaching reading at Enumclaw. We appreciated Kelly taking some time out of his busy schedule to talk to us and to offer advice from his perspective.

**Thank you very much, Kelly!**



## Weather Report

### Sunrise Students Monitor Daily Weather!

Thanks to the generous donation of an Enumclaw community member and the support of the Sunrise Eagles PTA, Sunrise Elementary students enjoy the opportunity of monitoring the Plateau area's weather each day. Sunrise, in partnership with Enumclaw Middle School and a weather monitoring station mounted on the EMS roof, has online access to the Weatherbug Achieve Program.

Each morning, several Sunrise students start their day by going online to the WeatherBug website, where they receive

a live feed of data from the EMS weather station. These students compile the weather data for the day, check the forecast, the previous day's temperatures, and monitor the weather highlights across the United States. These students then transfer this data to a large display, located in the main entrance to Sunrise.

This process not only helps our students, staff, and Sunrise visitors to

keep updated on the weather highlights, but also teaches our students a very practical way to make use of technology skills and tools. We are so appreciative of the support of our community to make these tools available to our students.



## FOOD DRIVE

### Battle of the Bridge Food Drive begins October 26th!

It's time for the Battle of the Bridge food drive with the White River School District. Like last year, it will occur during the week before the Enumclaw/White River football game...October 26-30. Last year's food drive was a huge success and such an incredible support for food banks in Buckley, Enumclaw and Black Diamond! They were SO appreciative to be stocked-up BEFORE the holidays!

Amy Ihde and our EHS Key Club

members are organizing the event for our school district. Our schools will be collecting the food. Students are encouraged to bring food items to their school during that week. Community members who do not have students in school and who wish to contribute, can do so at any of our schools.

**This is a great event for our community!**



### Now Available

### ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE!

As a convenience to parents, the Enumclaw School District now provides parents an easy way to add money to their child's food service account. Online payments can be made into food service accounts through the Skyward Family Access parent portal they currently use. We have contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments. **Online Payments Are Easy And Convenient!**

Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. If their child's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

To make online payments:  
Visit our district website

<http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/>

Click on the "Family Access" tab and click on "Family Access Login"

Log in to Skyward Family Access (you will need your Login and Password)

Use your MasterCard or VISA (Debit or Credit Card) - card number & expiration date required.

Payments made through Skyward Family Access will immediately be posted to the student's food service account. Please note, for the convenience of making an online payment a \$1.00 fee will be applied at checkout.



## Contact Us

Enumclaw School District 2929 McDougall Avenue Enumclaw WA 98022 360.802.7100	Marci Shepard, Dean of Students marci_shepard@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7492 Fax: 360.802.7500	Westwood Elementary (Grades K-5) 21200 SE 416th Enumclaw WA 98022 Keri Marquand, Principal keri_marquand@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7620 Fax: 360.802.7622
Enumclaw High School (Grades 9-12) 226 Semanski Street South Enumclaw WA 98022 Jill Burnes, Principal jill_burnes@enumclaw.wednet.edu Ed Hatzzenbeler, Assistant Principal ed_hatzzenbeler@enumclaw.wednet.edu Paul Iacobazzi, Assistant Principal paul_iacobazzi@enumclaw.wednet.edu Kevin Smith, Assistant Principal & CTE Director kevin_smith@enumclaw.wednet.edu Kevin Smith, Athletic Director kevin_smith@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7669 Fax: 360.802.7676	Black Diamond Elementary (Grades K-5) 25314 Baker Street Black Diamond WA 98010 Gerrie Garton, Principal gerrie_garton@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7570 Fax: 360.802.7610	Administration Office 2929 McDougall Avenue Enumclaw WA 98022 Mike Nelson, Superintendent mike_nelson@enumclaw.wednet.edu Randy Stocker, Business Director randy_stocker@enumclaw.wednet.edu Terry Parker, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Director terry_parker@enumclaw.wednet.edu Kathleen Lockyer, Human Resources Director kathleen_lockyer@enumclaw.wednet.edu Aaron Stanton, Student Support Services Director aaron_stanton@enumclaw.wednet.edu Chad Marlow, Technology Coordinator chad_marlow@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7117 Fax: 360.802.7140
Enumclaw Middle School (Grades 6-8) 550 Semanski Street South Enumclaw WA 98022 Steve Rabb, Principal steve_rabb@enumclaw.wednet.edu Brian Patrick, Dean of Students brian_patrick@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7150 Fax: 360.802.7224	Byron Kibler Elementary (Grades K-5) 2057 Kibler Avenue Enumclaw WA 98022 Julene Miller, Principal julene_miller@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7263 Fax: 360.802.7300	Transportation 450 Semanski Street South Enumclaw WA 98022 Everett Cunningham, Supervisor everett_cunningham@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7232 Fax: 360.802.7243
Thunder Mt. Middle School (Grades 6-8) 42018 264th Avenue SE Enumclaw WA 98022 Virginia Callison, Principal virginia_callison@enumclaw.wednet.edu	Southwood Elementary (Grades K-5) 3240 McDougall Avenue Enumclaw WA 98022 Susan Arbury, Principal susan_arbury@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.7370 Fax: 802.7374	Sunrise Elementary (Grades K-5) 899 Osceola Street Enumclaw WA 98022 Chris Beals, Principal chris_beals@enumclaw.wednet.edu 360.802.802.7425 Fax: 360.802.7427

## Upcoming Events October and November

When	What
October 22	Enumclaw Middle School Dance at 2:45 p.m.. Thunder Mountain Middle School Dance at 2:40 p.m.
October 23	Staff Collaboration – Students dismissed 1 hour early
October 26-30	Battle of Bridge Food Drive
October 27	Thunder Mt. Middle School Fall Concert at 7:00 p.m.
October 30	Staff Collaboration – Students dismissed 1 hour early
November 1	End of Daylight Savings Time . . . Fall back one hour!
November 2	Board Work Study - District Office Boardroom at 7:00 p.m.
November 5	Enumclaw Middle School Fall Concert at 7:00 p.m.
November 6	Teacher planning day - No School!
November 7	EHS at Auburn Veteran's Day Parade at 11:00 a.m.
November 11	Veteran's Day - No School! District Office is closed.
November 12-14	EHS Drama Presents: Elephant Man at 7:30 p.m.
November 13	K-8 Trimester Ends Staff Collaboration - Students dismissed 1 hour early
November 16	Board Meeting - District Office Boardroom at 7:00 p.m.