

# CONNECTION

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## Superintendent Message

### Happy New Year to you!

In the world of public education, we often think of the "new year" as September

*Now is the time that each of us must recommit ourselves to valuing each other by sharing and listening to different perspectives and ideas, clearly recognizing that each and every person is a contributor to the success of our public school system.*

State of the Enumclaw School District Address  
February 7, 2008  
7:00 P.M.  
Enumclaw High School Auditorium

*Now is the time to walk this journey as humble citizens modeling for our children how each of us can be thoughtful, caring citizens and leaders of high integrity and excitement for making a positive difference in public education.*

I will be sharing what we have accomplished in the last year and where we are heading in 2008. I will also introduce our district leaders so you can connect names and faces. I hope that you will put this date on your calendar and plan to attend this informational session about our school district. We will also be providing feedback cards during this night as an opportunity to share your thoughts with us. Wouldn't it be great to fill the auditorium with citizens committed to making our school district the best it can be?

In partnership with you,  
Mike

I believe these words even more strongly now than twelve months ago. We must help each other reignite the passion of helping our children succeed, clearly understanding that the public school system is the backbone of a strong and vibrant community. With all of this in mind, I would like to invite all of you to our first (hopefully annual) state of the Enumclaw School District Address.



## Hometown Book Club

### Three Cups of Tea

By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Who: All interested READERS!

What: Read "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin and come together for conversation about the book

When: May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

### From Booklist: American Library Association

On a 1993 expedition to climb K-2 in honor of his sister Christa, who had died of epilepsy at 23, Mortenson stumbled upon a remote mountain village in Pakistan. Out of gratitude for the villagers' assistance when he was lost and near death, he vowed to build a school for the children who were scratching lessons in the dirt. Raised by his missionary parents in Tanzania, Mortenson was used to dealing with exotic cultures and developing nations. Still, he faced daunting challenges of raising funds, death threats from enraged mullahs, separation from his family, and a kidnapping to eventually build 55 schools in Taliban territory.

Award-winning journalist Relin recounts the slow and arduous task Mortenson set for himself, a one-man

mission aimed particularly at bringing education to young girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Readers interested in a fresh perspective on the cultures and development efforts of Central Asia will love this incredible story of humanitarian endeavor.

Where: Thunder Mountain Middle School Commons

How to prepare: Purchase and read the book (Books are also available at the Enumclaw Public Library)

Please come prepared with 2-3 excerpts (and page numbers) of the text that you feel strongly about (powerful writing, connects to their own personal experiences, etc.). Be prepared to discuss in a small group setting.



Mike Nelson, Enumclaw School District Superintendent

and the end of the year as June. I'm sure many of us have memories of purchasing school supplies and clothes in August in anticipation of the new school year.

Typically, a new superintendent begins his/her job on July 1. For me, it was one year ago this week that I was named Interim Superintendent followed by being officially named superintendent in February. I used the following thoughts and cadence in my first note to you.

*Now is the time to come together as citizens of Enumclaw and Black Diamond around creating a public school system of literate students understanding not only the world in Enumclaw, but actively contributing to the world as a whole.*



## Magic Strings

Students attend Magic Strings from Southwood, Sunrise, Westwood, and Black Diamond Elementary schools. They become Southwood students for the time they are in Magic Strings, and can use the school transportation system to come to Southwood. Siblings are also welcome to attend Southwood if families would like to consolidate their children in one school. We are only able to enroll students who want to be full time in the program at Southwood.

In a few weeks, Magic Strings students will tour each elementary and do a short demonstration concert for all first graders, and for any other interested students. Applications and brochures will be handed out at that time, and you can also request an application and brochure from the Southwood school office by calling 360-802-7370.

Magic Strings will hold its annual winter concert on February 12 at 7PM in the High School Auditorium. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. Classroom visits are also welcome. You may call our school office to schedule a visit.

## Open Enrollment Begins Monday, January 14, 2008

We are excited to announce that Magic Strings, a self contained program at Southwood Elementary, will begin its 2008-2009 enrollment period on Monday, January 14. Magic Strings will be starting its eighth year this coming fall. Students in Magic Strings learn and practice the violin or the cello during the school day along with their regular curriculum. Most of the time, there are instruments available from the program for students to use. There is one classroom each at grades 2, 3, 4, and 5. Students typically begin in grade 2, where a new classroom is formed each year. Most students stay through grades 3, 4, and 5, but there are occasionally openings at the other levels.

EHS Students and Australian exchange students share time for a quick photo after days of endless fun exchanging cultures and traditions. We will miss our new Aussie friends when they leave on Monday, January 14th.



### Chad Marlow

Technology Coordinator for Enumclaw School District

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Chad Marlow and I am the new Technology Coordinator for Enumclaw School District. I am very excited for this opportunity and greatly look forward to helping your children learn through technology!

My background is in electrical engineering, information technology, and communication systems in the private industry. This has given me needed experience in technology and I look forward to using this knowledge and experience to better serve your children.

The technology we use on a daily basis is continually changing. A few short years ago, only a select few had cell phones, your car didn't give you directions, and Myspace was where you were standing! We can look at the past and think about "the good 'ole days", but our children are looking forward and seeing a bright future full of wonder and amazement! Each day holds a new experience of learning and discovery and I believe we can help show them how to use technology to open up a new world.

We are working through these technological changes and are discovering ways of using change to our advantage. I am working with administrators, teachers, and staff to help them discover new ways to teach our children through technology and we are working on programs to help students become more familiar with technology and be better prepared for their future.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I hope I have given you a better idea about myself as well as a small glimpse of our vision for technology at Enumclaw School District.

Sincerely,  
Chad

## Book Sale

As a community service, the Enumclaw High School Library is again the site of the Used Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Enumclaw Public Library. Bargains are available to students, staff, and community, January 24 - January 26. The hours are Thursday and Friday, 9-6 and Saturday 9-2. Hardcover books are 50 cents each, and paperbacks are 25 cents. Members of the EHS Library Club and National Honor Society will lend a hand during the sale. You'll find reading material for all ages and interests!



## Calendar of Events

### January, 2008

- 16 Late Arrival for High School
- 21 Martin Luther King Day
- 22 School Board Meeting, district office, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Late Arrival for High School

### February, 2008

- 1 K-8 Early Release
- 4 Board Workshop, district office, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Late Arrival for High School
- 12 Magic Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Late Arrival for High School
- 18 - 22 Mid-Winter Break
- 25 School Board Meeting, district office, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Late Arrival for High School

## Communication Strategies...

Communication Strategies in the Enumclaw School District!

Partnership with Courier Herald Monthly Newsletter embedded in Courier Herald  
www.courierherald.com

Updated Website  
Coming in 2007-08!  
www.enumclaw.wednet.edu

Monthly Superintendent Television Updates on Enumclaw City T.V.  
www.cityofenumclaw.net

Family Access  
Ability to access information on your child 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

School Newsletter  
Sent out by each individual school

Telephones in All Classrooms  
Access phone numbers through our website

Email  
All staff have email accounts  
Email format:  
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