

# CONNECTION

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## I had an experience...

I had an experience this morning that definitely "filled my cup." I was able to read to all three kindergarten classes at Black Diamond Elementary and during the next two weeks, I am scheduled in the other eleven kindergarten classrooms. A small goal of mine is to read to every single elementary student in the next few months. At the end of each session, I give each student a pencil that states, "Mr. Nelson, our superintendent, read to me today." I also send home the note printed here:

ten to students read. If this has intrigued you, please contact one of our elementary building principals. You will not regret making this connection. You will not only be helping a student or students,

you will be "skipping to your parking space with a smile on your face!"

Until December, Happy Reading!  
Mike

Dear Families,  
I had the great opportunity and joy of reading a story in your child's classroom today. It doesn't feel that long ago when I had my own classroom group of students, but one of my former fourth grade students just visited me after he received his first teaching job in Federal Way. I guess I am getting a bit old! Even though I am a superintendent of a school system of nearly 4500 students and 550 staff members, I am striving to create times in my day to be with students and staff. Taking the time to read a story in your child's classroom is one way to be with students!  
On the back of this card are additional strategies that we, as a school district, have in place for you to contact us, or to seek information about our school or your child. I hope that we both can set a goal to seek better ways to strengthen our family and school partnership. Great communication is such a critical element in creating an amazing public school system.  
I appreciate all that you do to support your child's learning as well as support our school district as a whole. Our district is filled with incredible parents!  
Respectfully,  
Mike Nelson  
Superintendent

In this edition of the newsletter, you will also see valuable ways to communicate with our school system. This is the information that is listed on the back of the card I send home with each child after I read to them. Have you considered reading to a student, a small group of students or an entire classroom? We can always use volunteers to read or lis-

## Veteran's Day Happenings

**Veterans' Day Poetry from students in Ms. Carlson's Fourth Grade Class at Black Diamond Elementary School.**

After researching WHY we celebrate Veterans' Day, students in Ms. Carlson's Fourth Grade Class at Black Diamond Elementary wrote poetry to share their knowledge and feelings about our veterans. Students shared their poetry at their school assembly on Wednesday, November 14. In addition to writing poems, students made poppies which they gave to all staff members to wear that day.



**Veteran's Day Assembly** The flag in the photo had been flown at Kibler and is now tattered. The flag was folded properly and Mr. Holmquist took the flag and will burn it with ceremony. Mr. Holmquist talked about the flag not touching the ground, stand when the flag is coming in a parade, hand over heart, all hats off unless in uniform. The Kibler flag may be flown 24-7 since it has a light on it at night. Pictured left to right: Jacob Hechter, Alex Johnson, Mr. Holmquist (local VFW), David Jametsky and Hared Hechter.

### POETRY...

What Veterans Day means to me...

- it is a day to recognize the people who risk their lives
- it is a day to think about the people who are brave and fight for our country
- it is a day to thank the people who are serving and have served in the war
- it is a day to thank and encourage the valiant heroes of our country

By Megan Wolgamot

Veterans Day is a day to remember why we are the United States. A veteran is valiant, brave, server, risk taker and freedom fighter. Veterans provide freedom for our country and without them we would be a country without protection.

By Maddie Porter



**Veteran's Day** Fifth grade students from Southwood doing a Veteran's Day skit. Pictured left to right: Katie Carlson, Kaylie Moergeli, Rachael Patterson and Kylie Traub.

Very helpful and brave  
Enemies shall not come again  
The wounded shall be helped  
Every soldier needs a rest  
Remembering lost ones  
At war to create peace and freedom  
No lost one has been forgotten  
Some sacrificed their life for others

By Mitchel Winney

Very brave people  
Everyday saving the USA from invasion  
They are awesome  
Even more courage than others  
Respect all veterans for doing their part  
America's everyday heroes  
Never giving up the fight  
Sacrificing to give our country peace

By Spencer Rabago

## Assessment...

Each year, we give our K-4 students the opportunity to take the qualifying assessment for placement into the Individual Achievement (I.A.) Program. This year's test for students in second through fourth grades will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 9:00-12:00 at Sunrise Elementary School. The assessment for kindergarten and first grade students will be held during the school day during the weeks of January 21st and January 28th.

The Individual Achievement Program is designed to meet the academic and social needs of gifted students with advanced learning abilities and interests. All students who participate in this program have qualified for admittance as a result of meeting the necessary standard on this assessment.

Enumclaw School District offers a full-time program for students who meet standard. This roughly

represents about three percent of elementary student population. This full-time program is offered at Southwood Elementary in two classrooms: a first through third grade Primary Classroom and a fourth/fifth grade Intermediate Classroom. Our school district also offers a one-day per week program also held at Southwood Elementary. This two-component program provides students with enrichment and acceleration, focusing on critical and creative thinking skills.

Those interested in having their child assessed for the Individual Achievement Program, can sign up in the office of their child's school beginning on December 3, 2007. The deadline for signing up kindergarten and first grade students will be January 11, 2008. The deadline for signing up second through fourth grade students will be January 25, 2008.

### 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:  
first name\_last name@enumclaw.wednet.edu

## State Bound

Enumclaw High School Girls Volleyball team were escorted out of town by the Enumclaw Police and Fire Departments, when they headed to Kennewick for the state volleyball tournament.



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## I would...

I would like to welcome Corey Cassell and Gerd Weyer to our school board and congratulate Nancy Merrill for her re-election to our school board. All three will sworn in at our December 17th board meeting. We will also be honoring the work of Lorianne Taff and Dale Holland, who have served the students and staff of

the Enumclaw School District for 11 and 9 years respectively. We will begin our business meeting and then take a recess for a short reception in their honor. Please join us in celebrating these five individuals on December 17th at 7:00 in the District Office boardroom. We would love to have you!

## Upcoming Events November & December

When	What
November 21	K-12 Early Release Day
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Break - District Office Closed
December 1	Hornet Band/Downtown Christmas Parade
December 4	7pm • Magic Strings Concert
December 6	Black Diamond Grades K-2 Winter Concert
December 10	7pm • Westwood Holiday Program
December 13	Black Diamond Grades 3-5 Winter Concert
December 13	7pm • EHS Holiday Band Concert
December 17	7pm • Thunder Holiday Program
December 17	7pm • Board Meeting
December 18	EHS Choir Concert
December 19	EMS Winter Maintee
December 19	K-12 Early Release
December 24-25	District Office Closed
Dec. 20-Jan. 1	Winter Break