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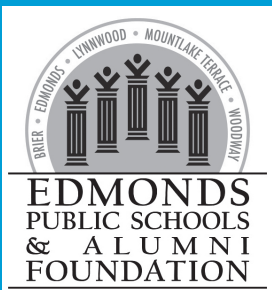
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# Absorbing More Than Sunrays

*District students fill their minds with summer learning*

**W**e are pleased to provide a full slate of summer learning opportunities as well as provide information on the programs our community partners are also offering students throughout the summer.

Learning doesn't stop with the last bell come June 18. In fact, many of our students participate in district and community organizations' camps, programs and "schools," making summer fun and powerful. Young minds want to absorb more than sunrays in July and August – be sure to feed those brains some great learning experiences too!



**Summer Meals at Most District Programs –**

At most sites hosting a program, free lunches will be provided for anyone age 1 to 18. See page 2 for a complete chart of locations, times and dates when meals will be offered.

**Summer Math Program** – Supports students through the computer-based math program Khan Academy with volunteer tutors and mentors to provide assistance and support. Free of charge, it is held at Cedar Valley Community, Alderwood Middle, Meadowdale and Edmonds-Woodway high schools July 7 - August 14, Monday through Thursday. Two sessions: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Students entering grades 4 - 10 are invited to register for the program at [www.achievement4edmonds.org](http://www.achievement4edmonds.org). For more information call 425-431-1125 or email [programs@achievement4edmonds.org](mailto:programs@achievement4edmonds.org).

**Summer Music School (SMS)** – Supports emerging musicians through a diverse mix of performance and exploratory opportunities for students entering 6th through 12th grade. Held at Mountlake Terrace High June 23 - July 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All students with one year of band or orchestra experience are invited to register for the program at [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summermusic](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summermusic). Tuition is \$325.00 per student and includes all courses, music, transportation to field

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**Message from the Superintendent**



Nick Brossoit, Superintendent

Dear Community,

In this edition of our newsletter we recognize just a few of the many accomplishments of our students, staff and school communities. These achievements would not be possible without your continued support. In February, you further showed your support with more than a supermajority of yes votes for both the School Programs and Operation Levy and Capital Construction Bond.

The levy allows us to continue funding for existing staffing and other necessary services for students every day. The Bond approval moves the District positively into the future, addressing backlogged facility needs, and additional classroom space and safety improvements districtwide. As you enjoy reading the accomplishments that follow, please remember: it truly does happen because of your support.

**STUDENTS:**

- The following schools received 2013 Washington State Achievement Awards from the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction: Cedar Valley Community, Mountlake Terrace High and Edmonds-Woodway High for High Progress; Maplewood Parent Cooperative, Terrace Park School and Challenge Program for Overall Excellence; Sherwood Elementary, Special Recognition for Math Growth.
- Robotics teams from Edmonds-Woodway High and Lynnwood High participated in the FIRST Robotics World Championships in April along with 400 teams from 38 countries and 47 states.
- In a countywide writing contest to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., the top three winners were all College Place Middle seventh graders. The essay topic, "What are your dreams for this nation and how would you suggest that our nation achieve them?" earned first place for Ariella Mendevil, second place for Maritsa Sanchez-Ortega and Charlize Weiss tied for third place.
- Edmonds-Woodway High School graduating senior Alfred Yi, who

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# Capital Construction Bond: Building for Effective Learning

## Timeline set for much-needed projects

On February 11, District voters backed the \$275 million Capital Construction Bond above the needed 60 percent supermajority with a 63.2 percent “yes” vote. Thanks go out to the community for supporting the District’s work in what is still not a fully recovered economy.

The Board of Directors have authorized and sold \$150 million of bonds so the work can begin in several areas. The sale is the first of three sale phases that will fund the much-needed Capital Construction work. The projected timeline estimates the completion of each project.

All project timelines are subject to design, permitting, and funding constraints. The District plans to complete the safety, heating/ventilation, roofing, energy efficiency and other capital improvements over the next five years during the summer months.

For detailed information on the safety, heating/ventilation, roofing, energy efficiency and other capital improvements at each school visit [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/capitalimprove](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/capitalimprove).

Capital Project	Estimated Cost	Expected Completion for Student Use
Improve safety, heating/ventilation, roofing, energy efficiency and other capital improvements	\$40,000,000	Fall 2015-2018 (projects each year)
Reduce class size grades 1-6, various schools; add classrooms for full-day kindergarten; add classroom capacity at Edmonds-Woodway	\$30,000,000	Fall 2015-2018 (projects each year)
Modernize Spruce, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace elementary schools	\$40,000,000	Fall 2018 – One School Fall 2019 – Two Schools
Relocate/replace Alderwood Middle School	\$59,000,000	Fall 2017
Replace Lynndale Elementary	\$32,000,000	Fall 2018
Replace Madrona K-8 School	\$44,000,000	Fall 2018
Relocate/replace Maintenance and Transportation facility	\$30,000,000	2017 (Phased move-in)

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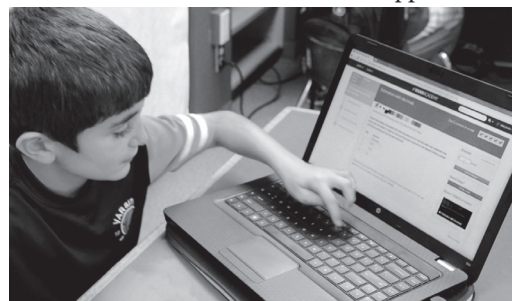
trips/events and a T-shirt. For more information call 425-431-5057 or email [schillenj@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:schillenj@edmonds.wednet.edu).

**Ramp Up to Algebra** – Supports identified incoming 9th grade students (who have previously struggled with math concepts) through targeted math instruction with certificated teachers. Held at Edmonds-Woodway, Lynnwood, Meadowdale and Mountlake Terrace high schools July 21 - August 8, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Identified students have been invited to join the program at a cost of \$25 per student. For more information call 425-431-1646 or email Wendy Sinclair, [sinclairw@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:sinclairw@edmonds.wednet.edu).

**Secondary Summer School** – Supports middle and high school students through a variety of courses: credit retrieval; class retakes; English Language Learner (ELL); Physical Education (PE) and Collection of Evidence (COE). Held at Meadowdale High July 7-31, Monday through Friday. Times vary. Students may register now through July 3 by turning in an [application form](#). Tuition varies by course. For more information call 425-431 7140 or email [secsummerschool@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:secsummerschool@edmonds.wednet.edu).

**Summer Edmonds eLearning** – Supports high school students who would like to take classes online for either credit recovery, or new credit in Math, English, Science, Health, Physical Education, Art, Social Studies, Career and Technical Education, Language Courses. Tuition is \$200 per class with a limit of two classes per student. The program will operate at Meadowdale High July 7-31. For more information and application details visit [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/elearning](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/elearning), or email [bjornstak@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:bjornstak@edmonds.wednet.edu).

**Ramp Up to Third Grade** – Supports identified 2nd grade students for targeted math instruction with certificated teachers. This program will operate at Beverly, Chase Lake, College Place, Cedar Valley, Lynndale, Lynnwood, Martha Lake, Meadowdale, Mountlake Terrace, Spruce, Terrace Park and Westgate elementary schools and Maplewood K-8 August 11-15, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Identified students will be notified in June and invited to participate in the program. For more information please call 425-431-2159 or email [echolsj@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:echolsj@edmonds.wednet.edu).



**Kindergarten Jump Start** – Supports the transition and success of kindergartners by familiarizing students with the school environment, teachers, daily schedule, and meeting the principal. Held at Beverly, Chase Lake, College Place, Cedar Valley, Lynndale, Lynnwood, Meadowdale, Mountlake

Terrace, Oak Heights and Spruce elementary schools. Free of charge. August 11-15, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Registered students at the 10 schools have been invited to attend. For more information visit [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/jumpstart](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/jumpstart), call 425-431-2024 or email [schreiberk@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:schreiberk@edmonds.wednet.edu).

**MyOn Summer Reading** – Supports 5th through 8th grade students with a personalized online reading program. The program will operate entirely online at [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com) June 16 - August 31. Letters will be sent home to families in June with individual student login information. For questions about logging in and support, please call 888-728-1266.

**Raz-Kids Summer Reading** – Supports Kindergarten through 4th grade students with an exciting online reading program. The program will operate entirely online at [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com) June 1 - August 31. Students will use the teacher-provided username and password information. For questions about logging in and support, please call 866-889-3729.

## Free Summer Meals Schedule

Site	Date	Meal Times
Cedar Valley Community School 19200 - 56th Avenue West, Lynnwood	7/7/14 - 8/7/14, M-TH	11:00 AM - Noon
Cedar Valley Community School 19200 - 56th Avenue West, Lynnwood	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Chase Lake Community School 21603 - 84th Avenue West, Edmonds	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
College Place Elementary School 20401 - 76th Avenue West, Lynnwood	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lynndale Elementary School 7200 - 191st Place SW, Lynnwood	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Meadowdale Elementary School 6505 - 168th Street SW, Lynnwood	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Mountlake Terrace Elementary School 22001 - 52nd Avenue West, Mountlake Terrace	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Spruce Elementary School 17405 Spruce Way, Lynnwood	8/11/14 - 8/15/14	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Alderwood Middle School 20000 - 28th Avenue West, Lynnwood	7/7/14 - 8/14/14, M-TH	11:00 AM - Noon
Edmonds/Woodway High School 7600 - 212th Street SW, Edmonds	7/7/14 - 8/14/14, M-TH	11:00 AM - Noon
Meadowdale High School 6002 - 168th Street SW, Lynnwood	7/7/14 - 7/31/14, M-TH	10:30 AM - Noon
Meadowdale High School 6002 - 168th Street SW, Lynnwood	8/4/14 - 8/14/14, M-TH	11:00 AM - Noon

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# Kindergarten Registration 2014-15

*It's easy as 1, 2, 3...*



## Kindergarten Ready:

Children age 5 by August 31, 2014 are eligible to begin kindergarten in September. Registration occurs at your neighborhood school. It continues through June 27 and then again beginning August 8 at all schools when they re-open following Summer Break.

## Find neighborhood school:

Visit the district homepage, [www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu), click on the link to the Neighborhood School/Bus Finder and enter your student's grade level and address information.

## Bring required documents to register:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Vaccinations and Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, lease, or mortgage papers)

Please start the process even if you do not have the birth certificate or immunizations.

## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events:

- ☑ June 18, 2014 Last Day of School, Early Release
- ☑ Sept. 3, 2014 First Day of School
- ☑ Oct. 4, 2014 Sixth Annual Celebrate Schools 5K Run

[www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu)

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plays bassoon in the school's orchestra, played for the All National Honor Band last October in Tennessee. In December he performed at Carnegie Hall. And now he's a finalist in one of America's biggest student Concerto Contests.

- Edmonds-Woodway High School advanced photo student, Sarah Orsborn, won 4<sup>th</sup> place in a national high school contest sponsored by Nikon and Photographer's Forum magazine. Her image was published in the May 2014 publication and also in a Best of High School Photography hardcover book.
- Edmonds-Woodway High School junior Sarah Freyd was a finalist in the 10th Annual Seattle-Kobe Female jazz vocalist audition at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley.
- Meadowdale High School graduating senior, Shane Hayes, earned second place in the Puget Sound Skills USA Photo Contest.
- Washington Aerospace Scholars selected four juniors to participate in a free, competitive STEM education program for juniors from across Washington. Students compete academically for one of the 160 slots in a Summer Residency session held at the Museum of Flight. Congratulations Hilina Defersha, Alexander Nguyenle, Thu Phan and Collin Rhodes!
- Madrona School's middle school leadership team received Washington Education Association's International Peace and Understanding Award for raising more than \$2,000 to support the construction of a catfish farm at Gidan Bege (House of Hope), a Nigerian orphanage in the city of Jos. The catfish farm helps by providing food, income and training for the children at the orphanage.

### STAFF:

- Six District teachers received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The District now has 136 National Board certified teachers. Congratulations: Andrea Albers, Oak Heights Elementary; Tiffany Hall, Meadowdale Elementary; LoAnn Hallum, Alderwood Middle; Sara Hedges and Elissa Lehman, Hazelwood Elementary; and Tim Rowe, Beverly Elementary.
- Our District has been recognized by the [NAMM Foundation](#) for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation. We join 376 districts across the country – and only two others in Washington State – to receive the prestigious distinction in 2014. In its 15th year, Best Communities for Music Education affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools' core curriculum. This is our sixth year in a row receiving this award and our eighth year overall.

- The Food Services department was celebrated by the Board of Directors after its staff completed the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Child Nutrition administrative audit as close to perfectly as could be expected. Auditors commented that districts of our size normally take a week or more to audit and they were in and out in only four days. Additionally, the staff has met all requirements of the National School Lunch Program and goals of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act.

### COMMUNITY:

- This year, the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation merged with the Edmonds School District Alumni Association to become the Edmonds Public Schools & Alumni Foundation. The Foundation continues to offer post-secondary scholarships to graduating District students and reached record levels of funding to make strategic investments in a number of important programs and services in our schools.
- The Rotary Club of Lynnwood awarded \$62,000 in scholarships to District students. Part of the scholarship money comes from a Martha Lake Community Club donation to the Rotary Club several years ago.
- Among the many community events that include student and staff representatives was the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration at the Lynnwood Convention Center in February. It featured Lynnwood High School's Hip-Hop Dance Team, Royal Impact, and Edmonds-Woodway student, Rahwa Beyan, who sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing."
- Terrace Park School dedicated its new outdoor play shelter at the start of the school year. Parents and more than a dozen businesses came together to raise funds and support for the Capital Partnership Program, which matches voter-approved Technology/Capital Levy funds with school fundraising efforts. The new structure allows for more outdoor recess and outdoor physical education classes for Terrace Park's approximately 650 students.

If we were to try and capture all the donations of time and talent that so many parents and community persons have given to their students and schools this year, we would not have enough pages to tell all of the stories. The greatness of our district and schools is the product of you, our community and how you invest of yourself in the young people we educate. Please accept our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation, and join us in recognizing all who have achieved this year, and those who have helped others achieve at higher levels. Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

Sincerely,

Nick J. Brossoit

## Edmonds School District Board of Directors

Comprising five director districts, the Board of Directors conducts the business of the Edmonds School District. The board meets alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center, 20420 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood, 98036. Study sessions, at which the board does not vote on matters, are held as needed on alternate Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

**Diana White**  
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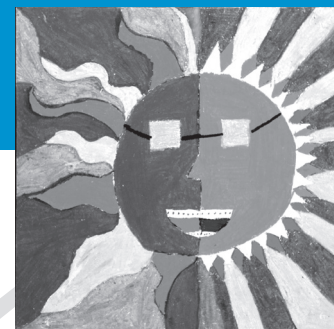
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Superintendent and  
Board Secretary



# Class of 2014

## How have you benefited from summer activities?

*Students continue learning long after the bell rings*



### Mikayla Blomquist, Lynnwood High

I am motivated to learn because I want to improve myself and work toward my goal to have a career in healthcare. I would love to be able to use my knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to help improve the lives of others.

I have been involved in robotics since my freshman year of high school. I have found a special interest in CAD (computer-aided design). Also, I am involved in robotics outreach programs during the summer months. Robotics has taken this shy girl to the person I am today who can stand up in front of groups of all ages and sizes and speak confidently. Next year I will

be attending Washington State University to study Occupational Therapy.

*Lynnwood High's graduation is 7:00 p.m. June 14 at Edmonds Stadium.*

### Guadalupe (Lupida) Ruelas-Beltran, Scriber Lake High

What inspires me to learn is the fact that my parents never had an education and I have the privilege of having an education, so I will take advantage of the opportunity. I will be the first in my family to graduate from high school. I know that an education equals a brighter future and success.

In the summer, I am involved in a Latino leadership camp, La Cima, where they teach you leadership skills and how to work with others. Also, we go to middle schools and demonstrate the leadership skills that we learn at camp.

I plan to become a Juvenile Probation Officer. I have been working with the IF Project ([www.theifproject.com](http://www.theifproject.com)) and brought them to my school. My plan is to show juveniles that I care; I know how hard it can be to stay positive and out of trouble without someone telling you, "You are so much better than this."

*Scriber Lake High's graduation is 7:00 p.m. June 11 at former Woodway High School Gym.*



### Tyler Good, Edmonds Height K-12

My biggest inspirations in life and education are my mentors, without them I would not be inspired or challenged to seek new opportunities to learn and grow.

I am a member of The Performing Arts Project in North Carolina, it is a month-long intensive musical theatre workshop taught by Broadway directors, choreographers, actors, composers, and writers that consists of about 13 hour days rehearsing and improving musical theatre technique.

This will be my first summer in The Performing Arts Project, acceptance is through an extensive

audition process getting to know your acting, singing and dancing ability as well as who you are as a person.

I plan to soak up every bit of information that I can get this summer to apply it to shows that I will be a part of, but also my life goals and dreams.

*Edmonds Heights K-12's graduation is 7:00 p.m. May 30 at former Woodway High School Gym.*



**Maplewood Center**, which serves high needs special education students in grades K-12, is having its graduation at 9:30 a.m. June 12 at Maplewood Center.



### Henry Sparks, Mountlake Terrace High

As an aspiring musician, I have played the trombone for eight years now. I love being around other musicians; both professionals and peers.

Edmonds Summer Music School is a three-week day camp every summer for young music students. I was a camper for three years and I came back to work as a counselor. It's a very fun, enriching experience for both the students and the counselors.

As a camper, I got a much wider perspective on the world of music. As a counselor, I discovered how much I enjoyed working with kids and teaching music. I have had more opportunity to teach since,

and as a result will be pursuing my Bachelor in Music in Music Education at Central Washington University in the fall.

*Mountlake Terrace High's graduation is 6:30 p.m. June 12 at Edmonds Stadium.*

### Leah Alexseev, Edmonds eLearning

I think it is just human nature to always want to learn new things.

I've been involved with Edmonds eLearning for three years during the academic year and summer school. I learned that I tend to have better grades and get more accomplished if I do work in chunks, so in the future I plan to do exactly that.

If it wasn't for Edmonds eLearning I most likely wouldn't have graduated high school and I wouldn't enjoy learning as much as I do now.

*Edmonds eLearning's graduation is 6:00 p.m. June 16 at Educational Services Center (ESC).*

### Bryan Marin, Edmonds-Woodway High

I'm inspired by people who think outside the box and do something creative or something that helps the world.

I'm involved in the District's Summer Math Tutoring program. It was created to help students who are struggling in math at all levels. I have been involved in it for three years. As a mentor, our goal is to help students with math skills and motivate them to want to continue learning.

This program has taught me important leadership skills that I can use in all aspects of life. It has also taught me that any student can improve if they put their mind to it. My life motto is that no matter what you do, you should always try to be the best. It is important to join programs that will help accomplish that.

*Edmonds-Woodway High's graduation is 6:30 p.m. June 13 at Edmonds Stadium.*



### Mackenzie Alvarez, Meadowdale High

I am inspired to learn by the excitement of new knowledge and a desire to make a positive change in the world.

I volunteer for three weeks every summer at the District's Summer Music School, where I am able to help 4th-8th graders develop an understanding and appreciation for music. I attended three years as a student, and this will be my fourth year as a student staff member.

I plan on majoring in music education, so the experiences I've gained at Summer Music School will give me more confidence in advancing skills like teaching and leadership.

*Meadowdale High's graduation is 1:00 p.m. June 14 at Edmonds Stadium.*

Full statements from each of our featured graduates can be read at: [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/classof2014](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/classof2014)

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