

Edmonds School District News

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Have a Great Summer!

Welcome back students Sept. 4.

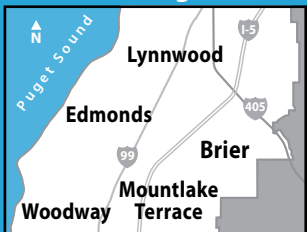
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Giving Students an Innovative Lift!

Longstanding Foundation evolving and growing in the name of ALL students

Walk into the District's Automotive Shop and evidence of the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation (EPSF) growth and new strategies sits several feet above your head in the form of a service lift. Yet, two of the women leading the EPSF's new charge are well grounded in why they are actively pursuing tens of thousands of dollars in grants and donations.

"This is a chance to affect almost every student," President Christi Flynn, the parent of two District students, said. "I had volunteered in classrooms for a long time, but to be involved in something spanning the entire district is really exciting for me."

Deborah Anderson joined the Foundation as its executive director in January 2012. With her second son about to graduate from Edmonds-Woodway High School she wanted to continue the fundraising work she had started for that school's music boosters. "I just wasn't done yet," she said. "This was a natural progression to the work I had started."

In 17 months at the helm, the Foundation's revenue has quadrupled, and \$35,000 grants from businesses such as

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Community Driven - Edmonds Public Schools Foundation President Christi Flynn (left) and Executive Director Deborah Anderson are bringing businesses like Campbell Nelson on board to support student learning. Campbell Nelson recently donated the funds to purchase a car service lift for the District's automotive program. On the lift is a student's Senior Project - a 1937 Plymouth Coup under renovation.

Traffic Safety Improvements Come to Fruition at three schools this summer

2012 Voter-Approved Technology/Capital Levy will fund needed work

Pedestrian and traffic safety improvements will be made at Hilltop, Martha Lake, and Spruce elementary schools this summer. The work is being funded by the voter-approved 2012 Technology/Capital Levy as well as funds from the 2004 Technology/Capital Levy.

The Hilltop and Martha Lake project consists of reconfiguring the existing parking lots and walkways including installation of new crosswalks and other pedestrian safety improvements. Snohomish County is partnering with the District by providing the re-stripping of Larch Road to provide safer traffic movements.

The Spruce project rearranges the parent and school bus pick-up and drop-off zones to improve pedestrian safety.

The bid was awarded to Interwest Construction Inc.

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 that would not be possible without your support. Overall, The State of Washington leads the nation in SAT scores and students in our district scored even higher on average than the state and nation which include measures of math, reading, and writing performance. This national assessment is an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community.

STUDENTS:

- The following schools all received 2012 Washington State Achievement Awards: Meadowdale Middle, and Brier, Chase Lake, Edmonds, Meadowdale, and Seaview Elementary Schools for Closing the Achievement Gap; Chase Lake and Hazelwood Elementary Schools for High Progress; Edmonds Heights K-12 for Extended Graduation Rate Improvement; Maplewood K-8, Overall Excellence and Science; and Terrace Park's Challenge Program, Math and Science.

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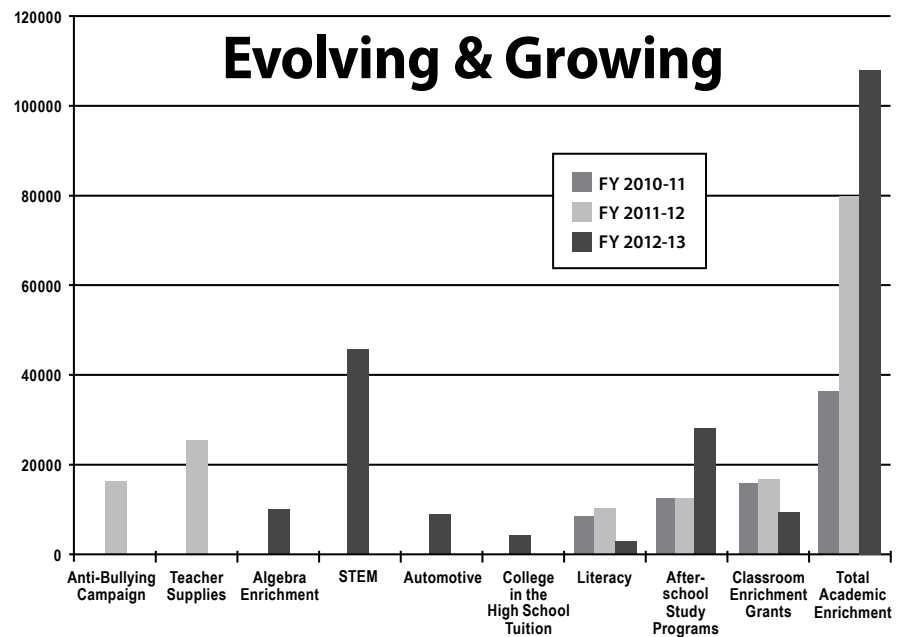
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An Innovative Lift *continued*

Campbell Nelson are providing opportunities for automotive students to formerly struggling elementary math students.

"There is a little girl at the after-school study program at Mountlake Terrace Elementary," Anderson said. "Students are receiving support in math and getting a leg up. This little girl told me, 'I no longer feel stupid' and I was teary eyed and had to leave the room.

"This is what it is about. Helping students feel good and to be successful at their level and what it means for them individually," Anderson added.



College in the High School Tuition



Thanks to the Foundation's generous donors and sponsors, over \$42,000 was raised at its annual breakfast. The funds raised at this year's event will in part support career and college readiness, academic enrichment, and PSAT/PLAN test fees.

Academic Enrichment

Almost doubling the attendees from 2012, this breakfast was a great opportunity for district staff and community members to support some of the objectives within the district.

Pon Nuth and Marina Savenkova

With hard work from Executive Director Deborah Anderson, support personnel, and culinary art students from Lynnwood High School, the Foundation staged a memorable breakfast. *To read how preparing and serving the meal to several hundred people influenced a 2013 graduate, see the back page.*



Automotive

The District's Automotive Technology Program benefited from several pieces of new equipment purchased by a grant awarded to the Foundation by Campbell Nelson. *To learn more about how the auto lift and parts washer influenced a 2013 graduate, see the back page.*

Craig & Kurt Campbell, Samantha Fannon, Samuel Schlatter and Bryan & Dave Robbins

STEM

More than 270 students from schools across the District showcased science, technology, engineering, and math based research and design projects at the 2013 STEM Expo thanks to the Foundation in partnership with the District and Boeing. A \$22,400 grant from Boeing funded professional development for 21 teachers who in turn supported the students in completing their projects. *To read more about how STEM influenced a 2013 graduate, see the back page.*



Blake Ford, Jayden Stipek and School Board Director, Ann McMurray

Teacher Supplies

During the 2012-13 school year, 217 teachers were reimbursed \$25,026 for classroom supplies through a Back to School Basics grant awarded to the Foundation from the Hazel Miller Foundation.



HOW TO DONATE:

- **ONLINE** – www.edmondspsf.org
- **MAIL** - Edmonds PSF, P.O. Box 390, Lynnwood, WA 98046. Please include your name, company and email, and indicate whether you would like to be recognized on the EPSF website and news-letter donor recognition lists.

Your dollars will be well spent to enrich the teaching and learning of all children in the Edmonds School District.

Edmonds Public Schools Foundation Board



Christi Flynn
President



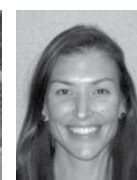
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Deborah Anderson
Executive Director

Message from the Superintendent *continued from cover*

- Edmonds-Woodway High's Jazz Band qualified for and attended the Essentially Ellington National Competition during May in New York City.
- Mountlake Terrace High's student newspaper's online version was named a National Pace-maker Winner, the student journalism equivalent of a Pulitzer Prize.
- Twenty-two students at Scriber Lake High have written a book called, "You've Got It All Wrong."
- A sampling of individual students honored for their achievements include: Meadowdale High Senior Rachel Lee, National Merit Scholarship recipient; Mountlake Terrace High Junior Will Khadivi, Washington State representative for national journalism conference; Edmonds-Woodway High Junior Alfred Yi, first place for bassoon in State Solo and Ensemble Contest; Lynnwood High Senior Allison Holbrook, first place in State in the Job Interview category at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference.

STAFF:

- Twelve teachers earned National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) credentials: Alecia Aillaud (Edmonds); Nancy Chang (Edmonds Heights K-12); Peter Folta (Scriber Lake); Patricia Hathaway, Alisa Winkler, Kathryn McGreenery (College Place Elem.); Juli Moe (Lynn-dale); Janice Maxson, Lisa Shearer (College Place Middle); Christine Oakshott (Spruce); Corey Thomas (Meadowdale High); Christine Velin (Lynnwood High).
- Megan Drobnicki, head coach for the District Special Olympic teams and teacher at Scriber Lake High, was named the NW Coach of the Year by Special Olympics Washington (SOWA).
- Sandy Metzger, teacher and athletic trainer at Edmonds-Woodway High, named Sports Medicine Teacher of the Year by the Washington Career and Technical Education Sports Medicine Association.
- Madeline Herzog, Administrative Specialist, named School Nursing Advocate of the Year by the School Nurse Organization of Washington.
- Edmonds School District was named a "Best Community for Music Education" in the United States by the NAMM Foundation for the fifth straight year.

COMMUNITY:

- The Edmonds Public Schools Foundation reached record levels of funding to make strategic investments in a number of important programs and services in our schools.
- Lynnwood Rotary Foundation supports a transitional program for incoming kindergartners - Jump Start - with a \$3,000 grant to run the summer programs.
- Verdant and Windermere supports Back-to-School Fair - Approximately 650 students received backpacks, school supplies, free haircuts, and the Community Health Center provided free immunizations, dental and vision screenings and more at this annual August program.
- Hazel Miller Foundation - Granted \$68,150 to three District programs: After-school tutoring and academic coaching for all high schools; the Families of Color United in Service, Equity Alliance for Student Achievement and Latino Community partnered in funding a parent advocacy program; and Meadowdale High received German books for their foreign language department.
- District Alumni Association and Hazel Miller Foundation - Provides more than \$60,000 in post-secondary scholarships to our District's graduating seniors.
- Cascade Bike Club - 42 bikes were delivered to Mountlake Terrace Elementary in April as part of the Safe Routes to schools grant from the State of Washington.

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, Ed.D,
Superintendent

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events:

- ☑ June 18, 2013 Last Day of School, Early Release
- ☑ Sept. 4, 2013 First Day of School
- ☑ Oct. 5, 2013 Fifth Annual Celebrate Schools 5K Run

No Sliding this Summer Allowed!

Have the student in your life take advantage of our Summer Learning Opportunities

We are proud to announce that our District students can participate in one or more of the summer learning opportunities we will be offering:

- MyOn Summer Reading (current 6-8 grades)
- Raz Kids Summer Reading (current kindergarten-5 grades)
- Secondary Summer School
- Summer Music School
- Summer Math Tutoring



Students may prevent a summer slide of reading skills by reading eight or more books during break. Take advantage of the summer online reading program and talk to your school or public librarian about other reading opportunities.

Please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summerlearning for details.

Free Summer Meals for All Kids Ages 1-18



The Edmonds School District will also provide free summer meals to all kids ages one through 18 from July 8 to August 16 at Alderwood Middle, Cedar Valley Community, Meadowdale High and Edmonds-Woodway High Schools from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summermeals for details.

Families with Kindergarten Ready and New Students Encouraged to Enroll Now

If your child will be age 5 by August 31, 2013 or new to Edmonds School District for the 2013-2014 school year, please begin the enrollment process as soon as possible directly at the school your child will attend. To find your neighborhood school please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/schoolfinder. Opportunities to enroll are:

- Now through Friday, June 28;
- Thursday, August 8 through Tuesday, September 3 (closed Labor Day, Sept. 2);

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4.

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Class of 2013

How will skills gained in High School help with the future? How does the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation support learning?

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to watch the interviews with
our feature graduates.



Sumeya Jama, Lynnwood High

I'm going into the culinary industry next year and these classes helped me learn knife skills, how to measure, use equipment, and measure temperature. Plus, being confident and communicating with people is another thing I've learned over the years. I was a shy person when I started school and now I'm just outgoing and I say whatever comes to my mind.

Foundation Support

The Foundation hosted their annual fundraiser breakfast at Lynnwood High and students in the Culinary Arts program prepared and served breakfast. Sumeya learned that in preparing and serving "it helps to be organized and prepared and not to freak out."

Lynnwood High's graduation is 7:00 p.m. June 15 at Edmonds Stadium.



Gifton Okoronkwo, Mountlake Terrace High

My freshman year, I was coerced by some of my classmates into joining the MTHS robotics team which was probably one of the best choices I've ever made. It's gotten me more ready for college and for real world situations than anything else really has. It sets a deadline, things that we have to accomplish; we have to build an entire robot in six weeks, which is quite a daunting task. Being able to do that with some of your peers and including mentors from places like Boeing, it's extremely beneficial to me understanding exactly how the real workforce works.

Foundation Support

The Foundation has supported the new STEM High School and purchased a wind tunnel, laser equipment, autoclave, and various related academic enrichment programs.

Mountlake Terrace High's graduation is 6:30 p.m. June 13 at Edmonds Stadium.

One of the main things that I gained in high school was the whole business aspect. I learned how to do PowerPoint and speak in front of people which is really helpful when you have a job. The most meaningful experience is probably auto shop; I've been in it all four years. I'm hoping to work at Boeing. Boeing jobs use a lot of technology, and so does our District automotive program.

Robert McDonald, Meadowdale High



Foundation Support

Campbell Nelson donated an automotive lift, a wall mount spring compressor and a parts washer cabinet through the Foundation. "The day the lift came in we put a '37 Plymouth on it and we've been using it every day and it's really helpful."

Meadowdale High's graduation is 1:00 p.m. June 15 at Edmonds Stadium.

I think most of the skills gained at Scriber are about professionalism – how to take each task as it comes and figure out what you need to do and check it off, task-by-task. Making sure you know what you're going through. I feel like everyone at this school tries their hardest to help kids learn the best way they know how.

Amelia Dahlen, Scriber Lake High



Foundation Support

The Foundation supports the Women of Wisdom (WOW) mentorship program through classroom grants. "WOW is probably one of the biggest impacts on my life at Scriber. Coming from other schools, I had been bullied a lot because of my weight and just being different and it was really hard for me to make friends. Once you step into the WOW room everybody wants to know who you are and they want to get to know you and not just judge you by what you look like or what you are saying. WOW is an amazing program, it really is. I honestly don't think I would be as outspoken and bubbly as I am today if it hadn't been for WOW," Amelia said.

Scriber Lake High's graduation is 7:00 p.m. June 12 at former Woodway High School Gym.



Stephanie Lam, Edmonds-Woodway High

One of the things that I've always been in is Key Club. It's a community service club, with service projects throughout the whole year, and that has brought me out of my shell. I entered high school really shy but when I joined this club I met new people and it emphasized leadership skills. Doing all these service projects I feel like that has helped me be more confident with who I am. I can use these skills in the future.

Foundation Support

The Foundation has supported an afterschool study program at College Place Elementary for over 10 years "It was a great program and it helped me," Stephanie said. "I've always wanted to be a teacher - they always can make you smile. I feel like every day I can go to school and meet young children and encourage them to become life learners."

Edmonds-Woodway's graduation is 6:30 p.m. June 14 at Edmonds Stadium.



Brenna Stratton, Edmonds Heights K-12

High school has taught me about deadlines and the importance of working hard and making the best out of a situation. I have also learned social skills and how to expand my personal bubble. These are important skills that everybody should have and I know they will help me succeed out in the world.

In my class I am making an electric guitar from scratch. This has been a wonderful experience for me to learn what it takes to make one of the many musical instruments that I love. Through this project I have learned a lot about wood, paint, and wiring. These are skills that I know I will use again in my future career as a theater techie, making props, sets, or designing lights.

Edmonds Heights K-12's graduation was May 31 at Former Woodway High School Gym.

Maplewood Center, which serves high needs special education students in grades K-12, is having its graduation at 9:00 a.m. June 13 at Maplewood Center.

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