

Edmonds School District News

A Community Supporting Success For All Students

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CELEBRATE SCHOOLS!

**5K Walk/Run,
Fun Events &
Student Showcase**

**Sat., Oct. 13
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at
ALDERWOOD MALL**

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Community Partners: Stepping Up for Students

Thank you to everyone who organizes, participates, donates, or volunteers in ways large and small to accomplish the mission of supporting all students to reach academic success. We can't do it without YOU!

Contributions, whether in the form of financial support for enrichment programs before and after school or the gift of time in the classroom listening to a child read, all together result in an outstanding community to live and learn. We are grateful for your dedicated and outstanding support.

Here are a few of our many wonderful community partners:

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| Alderwood-Terrace Rotary | Edmonds Daybreakers Rotary |
| All of our Employee Associations | Edmonds Police Department |
| All Parent Groups Districtwide | Edmonds PSTA Council |
| Area Business Leaders | Edmonds Public Schools Foundation |
| Area Chambers of Commerce | Edmonds Rotary |
| Booster Clubs | Edmonds School District Alumni Association |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County | Edmonds Special Education PTSA |
| Brier Police Department | Equity Alliance for Student Achievement |
| Church and Faith-Based Organizations | Family Center of South Snohomish County |
| Citizen Planning Committee | Fire and Emergency Responders |
| Citizens for Schools | Hazel Miller Foundation |
| City of Brier | Kiwanis Clubs |
| City of Edmonds | Lions Clubs |
| City of Lynnwood | Lynnwood Police Department |
| City of Mountlake Terrace | Lynnwood Rotary |
| Clothes for Kids | Mountlake Terrace Police Department |
| Economic Development Council of Snohomish County | Natural Leaders |
| Edmonds Community College | Snohomish County Sheriff's Office |



School was not totally out for summer – thanks to a force of volunteers! A first ever, free Summer Math Tutoring Program was located at seven of our school sites, with 724 registered students completing over 566,000 problems between July 7 – August 17 using the www.khanacademy.com online program. To watch a video about the program visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summermath

- Sno-King School Retirees Association
- Swedish Edmonds
- Town of Woodway
- United Way of Snohomish County
- Verdant Health Commission
- Windermere Foundation
- YMCA of Snohomish County

A Special Thanks to all Our Volunteers!



Nick Brossoit,
Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community,

This fall, we successfully opened our 34 schools and programs to nearly 20,000 students. We welcome the trust of this community to meet the educational needs of every student. Our collective successes do not happen by chance. We have more than 2,800 dedicated employees working to support, nurture, and foster each student's achievement. This message is a brief snapshot of the success we have and the challenges we face, and as with any other large organization, we experience both.

Celebrations

- Parent groups, booster clubs and our community partners have really stepped up to enhance student learning. Through the last few years with finances running thin these groups have allowed the district to keep certain programs in place. The Edmonds School District is grateful to have such great community support.
- The State of Washington once again posted the highest SAT scores of any state in the nation. Our district SAT scores on the average are even higher than the state and

nation. This is an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community. Thank you for your role in our success.

- Our students are always learning and gaining confidence. Many of our students are meeting or exceeding state learning standards on the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) and High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) assessments. Our staff is focused on creating interventions to help students who are struggling to reach these benchmarks. Please see page 2 for a chart of district MSP and HSPE results.
- Beginning this fall, we are putting into place new mathematics curriculum materials in grades six through eight. These materials were adopted after more than a year of discussion among our teachers and community. The materials adopted are "Math Expressions," published by Houghton Mifflin for grade six and "Glencoe Math" published by McGraw-Hill for grades seven and eight. The curriculum helps create a seamless math program beginning with Kindergarten through high school.

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Keep Tabs on Your District News - Top 3 weekly E-newsletter items from September

Our Students: Continuing to Meet and Exceed Standards; State Averages

2012 state assessments show growth in reading, writing, math, and science

Our efforts in recent years to provide both new math and reading materials to students and teachers continue to show results. Compared to the state results recently released, our students continue to meet, if not surpass, the state averages in most grades in reading, writing, math, and science.

"It is wonderful to see the progress we are making as a system," Superintendent Nick Brossoit said. "There is still room for improvement which is our quest, but there is also cause for celebrating and recognizing the growth and progress we are making. Our success is likely not the result of any one action, but the combined effect of multiple things we are all doing to positively impact student learning."

Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standard in the District

Grade	Reading		Math		Writing		Science	
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
3	74	69	70	65				
4	76	71	60	59	69	61		
5	75	71	65	64			65	66
6	77	71	69	61				
7	73	71	59	59	73	71		
8	66	67	52	55			73	66
10	85	81			91	85		

* Bold scores indicate the district average is more than 2 percentage points above state average. These scores are based on OSPI data as of Aug. 29, 2012.

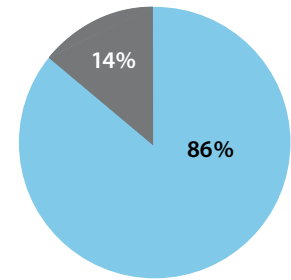
A District Priority: Closing the Digital Divide

Finding support for families without technology at home for student learning

Survey to all district families:

Does your family have a computer with internet access available to your student for student learning?

Yes No



13,261 total families called for survey
4,812 total families participated
36.29% total response rate

This August we did a very thorough phone survey of our district families to learn who has home computers with internet access that is available for students' school use. We did the survey in both English and Spanish. We learned that only 86 percent of all families report having a home computer with internet access that is available for student school use, or 14 percent of our students do not have computer or internet access at home.

As part of our work to help bridge the digital divide, the Edmonds School District is working in partnership with the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation to help secure low cost computers and low cost internet access to district families. The Foundation, through Comcast will offer an Internet Essentials package for just \$9.95 a month plus tax. This offer will be made available to families who qualify for free and reduced school lunch. More information about an additional loaner computer program will be made available in late October.

Technology is and can be a great learning tool. The Edmonds School District and the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation is dedicated to making education accessible to all students regardless of economic or technological barriers. Bridging the digital divide has become a key initiative to support student learning in our 15,000 households.

Three District students among top 100 readers in the MyON Summer Reading Program

The MyON Summer Reading program announced its 100 nationwide student winners of the Summer Reading Olympics contest. The MyON program was a free summer online reading program available to all District students. The top readers in our District are Andy Chen, from College Place Elementary, Susanna Lee, from Terrace Park Elementary, and Brizette Owusu-Osaah, from Meadowdale Elementary. They will receive a MyON backpack and Medals of Honor.



Andy Chen
College Place Elementary



Brizette Owusu-Osaah
Meadowdale Elementary



Susanna Lee
Terrace Park Elementary

Message from the Superintendent *continued*

- Congratulations to three district students who were chosen as National Merit Semifinalists; Emma Spence and Scarlett Strauss, Edmonds Woodway High; and Rachel Lee, Meadowdale High. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

Planning for Our Future

- In partnership with the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation, an effort is under way to help families that need assistance access low cost or reconditioned laptops and internet access to use for student learning at home. Survey results indicate that only 86 percent of our 15,000 households have computers available for student learning.
- Working closely with the Edmonds Education Association the district plans to put into place a new evaluation system that is designed to better support student learning in the classroom through quality teaching and instructional leadership. We are fully engaged in training teachers and administrators this year and this new system will be implemented in the 2013-14 school year.

These are tough economic times in our country. We are encouraged, though, by the Washington State Supreme Court decision that requires the State to better fund public education by 2018. I will continue to advocate for better state funding for schools through my direct involvement in the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) group and related interaction with lawmakers.

I will continue my practice of sharing district information and listening at open agenda meetings with the staff of each school and with the parent groups for each school throughout the school year. If you would like to come to the respective parent group meeting for your neighborhood school, please see the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 3 for the date and time. I look forward to meeting you.

All young people continue to need the best education we can provide to be successful in their life and our world. Thank you for your care and ongoing support of our students in the Edmonds School District.

Sincerely,

Nick Brossoit



Two major roofing projects were completed this summer. Above, is the finished product at Westgate Elementary in Edmonds. To the left, students enter a newly-roofed Mountlake Terrace High School.

Voter-Approved 2008 Technology/ Capital Levy Update

Summer months are busy in our school district with equipment replacements, building improvements, and other upgrades taking place at a number of our schools. Coordinated by our Technology, Instruction Technology, Capital Projects, and Facilities Operations Departments, these projects are completed while school is out to minimize disruptions to student learning.

The 2008 Technology/Capital Levy is providing our students with an opportunity to have continued access to technology tools that will assist in their learning and help them meet state requirements for technology competency. We have a system in place to replace older equipment and are continuing to infuse new techniques, programs, and equipment as needed into our schools.

Projects completed this summer include:

- Complete roof replacements at Mountlake Terrace High and Westgate Elementary
- Capital Partnership Projects, funds raised by outside groups that are matched by 2008 Technology/Capital Levy dollars, provided new reader boards at Mountlake Terrace High and Brier Terrace Middle as well as a new walking path at Cedar Way Elementary
- Teacher instructional laptop, projector, and document camera replacements; an ongoing project
- Upgraded the majority of districtwide computers to Windows 7
- Implemented computing pilot projects; tablets for reading help in grades K-3; e-book readers for high school students
- Increased wireless internet capacity at high schools
- Teachscape licensing used for teacher and principal professional development

2008 Technology/Capital Levy dollars will run out at the end of 2012. The voter-approved 2012 Technology/Capital Replacement Levy will begin funding projects in 2013.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Oct. 13** **Celebrate Schools Events** at Alderwood Mall
 • Edmonds Public Schools Foundation **5K RUN/WALK**, 9:00 a.m.
 • Student Showcase & Events, 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. (see back cover for more information)
- Oct. 19** **No School** – Teacher Professional Development Day
- Oct. 22-26** **Parent Conferences K-6 Only** Early Dismissal for Full Time Kindergarten & Grades 1-6. No part time Kindergarten
- Oct. 24** **Superintendent's Parent Meeting** at Meadowdale High Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30** **School Board Meeting** at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7** **Superintendent's Roundtable** at ESC*, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Superintendent's Parent Meeting at Lynnwood High Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12** **No School**, Veterans' Day
- Nov. 13** **School Board Meeting** at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14** **Superintendent's Parent Meeting** at Mountlake Terrace High School Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 21-23** **No School**, Teacher Furlough Day, Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27** **School Board Meeting** at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 28** **Superintendent's Parent Meeting** at Edmonds-Woodway High Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5** **Superintendent's Roundtable** at ESC*, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11** **School Board Meeting** at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4** **No School**, Winter Break
- Jan. 8** **School Board Meeting** at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9** **Superintendent's Roundtable** at ESC*, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21** **No School**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- * The Educational Service Center (ESC) is located at 20420 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036 (just south of Edmonds Community College).

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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.

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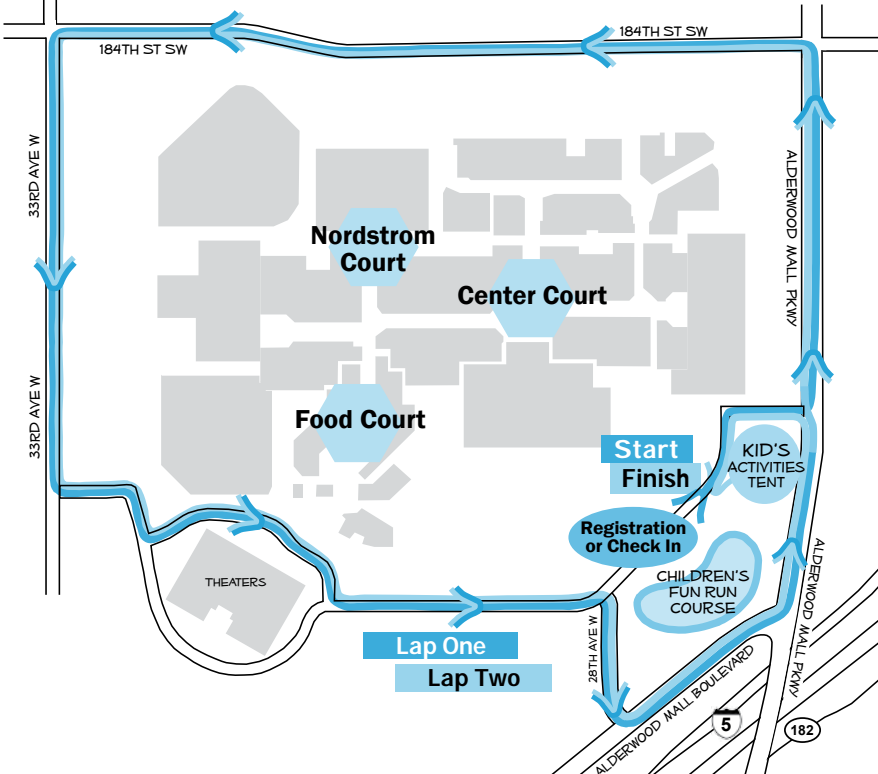
Saturday, October 13
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Alderwood Mall

Join Edmonds Public Schools Foundation for a Day of Fun...



5K Walk/Run

Formerly "Street Strut"



8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

It's not too late to REGISTER:

- **Online:** edmondspsf.org (Until Oct. 11) **OR**
- **At the Educational Service Center:** 20420 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **At the Run Check-in:** 7:00 a.m.

Registration Fees: \$35.00 Adult, \$15.00 Youth (Ages 9-18)

FREE Kids Fun Run Start: 8:30 a.m.

FREE Kids Activities Tent

5K Race Start: 9:00 a.m.

Join Us for the

Pep Rally and Student Showcase

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Center Court, Food Court, Nordstrom Court

Run/Walk Awards!, Center Court

Student Musicians, Food Court

Art Gallery, Meet Student Artists, Have Calendars Signed, Center Court

Robotics Demonstrations, 9:00 a.m., Food Court

And More!

Enter for a chance to win a \$250 gift card to shop at Alderwood Mall



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 3000 184th St. SW,
 Lynnwood, WA 98037

Edmonds Public Schools Foundation's 5K Walk/Run: Donations Benefit our Teachers and Students

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