

Edmonds School District News

A Community Supporting Success For All Students

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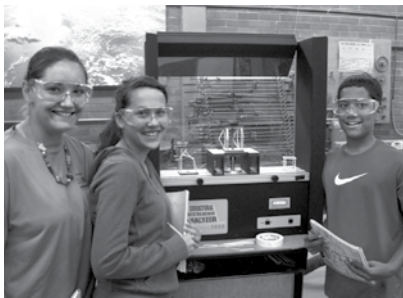
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The Edmonds School District has answered the call to expand opportunities to engage students in the study of STEM Education, particularly in such areas as Engineering, Health Science, Computer Science, and Information Technology. STEM programs (pictured below) are in operation at our four, grades 7-8 middle schools with a variety of programs in each of our comprehensive high schools as well. For the 2013-14 school year, a STEM Magnet High School at Mountlake Terrace High will open its doors, further widening the path to high demand careers for our students.

Prepared

Students leave high school ready and confident for the rigor of STEM-related training at the post-secondary level.



Proficient

Students gain a deep understanding of the STEM disciplines with an emphasis on how to use STEM to solve authentic and complex real-world problems.



Engaged

Students develop and expand their interest in the study of STEM disciplines through meaningful and relevant hands-on projects and challenges.

Inspired

Students increase their interest and motivation to pursue rewarding STEM related fields through interactions with STEM professionals, college visits, and career investigations.



(Upper left) Brier Terrace Middle students, Hailee Mailins, Asia-Lee Donnelly, and Nathan Paul are standing near the material stress analyzer after completing a compression test on some laminated balsa. (Lower left) Alderwood Middle award winners, Moisey Meyer, Nathan Paulson, and Jaiya Dragan from the TSA (Technology Student Association) State Competition. (Upper right) Meadowdale Middle students create and test wind turbines. (Lower right) College Place Middle student, Biniam Tesfaghaber is using drafting parts to reverse engineer a robotic arm.

Questions? Contact Mark Madison, director of Career and Technical Education, 425-431-7124 or madisonm@edmonds.wednet.edu

Thank You for Making an Informed Decision

Tech levy supports student learning



Students Calvin Nguyen (center) and Nobel Menghis (left) work on a writing project with Fourth-Grade Teacher Kathrine Lowery and Principal Jack Sackett (right) at Seaview Elementary

Replace and keep current. These sound simple enough, but without voter support,

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Nick Brossoit, Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community,
 The purpose of this message is to recognize a few of the many accomplishments of our students, staff, and school community. We have a growing list of these and more posted at www.edmonds.wednet.edu/accomplishments.

Students: Accomplishments

- Our extended graduation rate is 94 percent, among the highest in the state. This is up from 80.5 percent in 2008.
- The state recognized Meadowdale High, Alderwood Middle, and Beverly, Brier, Chase Lake, Meadowdale, Seaview and Spruce elementary schools for their students' work closing the achievement gap. Special recognition for improvement is awarded to students at Edmonds Heights K-12; and overall excellence multi-level is awarded to students at Madrona K-8, and Maplewood K-8. These schools all received 2011 Washington State Achievement Awards.
- Groups of students have been honored for their achievements including: Mountlake Terrace High's Jazz Band qualified for the Essentially Ellington national competition in New York City; Lynnwood High's Robotics team qualified for the international Robotics

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Growing connections with all our families

Parent advisory group, EAACH spearheads increased communication, inclusivity

The American History Traveling Museum, "The Unspoken Truths," is the work of Delbert Richardson, a second-generation storyteller. The exhibit came to the Edmonds School District Educational Service Center in February, with students from several District schools visiting throughout the day.

They experienced relics from Mother Africa, authentic slavery artifacts and patented inventions by African Americans in a thought-provoking display. The exhibit chronicles the rich history of Africans in Africa prior to chattel slavery, experiences and impact of chattel slavery, Jim Crow Era, and the many contributions African Americans have had on scientific, cultural, and technological innovations in the U.S. and the world. This was a special project of the Equity Alliance for Achievement (EAACH) committee of the Edmonds School District.

The district created the Equity Alliance for Achievement (EAACH) committee, which is a parent advisory group, to focus on building inclusive and creatively inviting schools as an important underpinning to student achievement. A representative from each school forms the committee. To promote the learning of all students, the EAACH committee will work to create strong parent-school partnerships. This year the committee has:

- Created a summer program to train interpreters to be more effective in the school settings
- Provided multiple bilingual parent information and training events to support student achievement
- Supported activities to develop student leadership for minority students
- Increased Spanish language parent resources on websites and printed materials
- Co-sponsored with community organizations and Edmonds Community College the North Puget Sound Conference for Social Justice

Pictured from left to right are Madrona students Emma Yonker and Zainib Abid with Delbert Richardson.

Tech Levy *continued from page 1*

the ability to replace aging technology tools and keep current with the ever-changing world of technology, would not be possible. In February 2012, voters passed by a 65 percent margin, our Replacement Technology/Capital Levy. It replaces the levy passed by the same margin by voters in 2008.

"The funding allows us to continue providing modern tools in our classrooms," said Technology Director Cynthia Nelson. "This is a replacement levy that will be keeping our tools current and help us in adjusting to new ways information is acquired and disseminated."

Edmonds School District has more than 1,000 classrooms across 33 schools and programs, serving 20,000 students. The state assessment system is phasing toward 100 percent online testing in reading and math and began this Spring," Nelson added. "Having current tools in order for students to complete these assessments is crucial."

championships in St. Louis, and Mountlake Terrace High also participated through a lottery process.

- Individual students have also been honored for their achievements: Lynnwood High junior Kaitlin Evers named Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County; Edmonds-Woodway High junior Kenny Weller named a Washington Aerospace Scholar; Edmonds-Woodway High senior Kimberly Santiago was named to the Hewlett Packard Scholastic Junior All-American Team by the American Junior Golf Association.
- The back page of this newsletter highlights the technical skills of our graduating seniors. We will celebrate all of our graduates during ceremonies throughout June.

Staff: Regional, National Recognitions for Teachers, Principals, and More

- In December, 22 more of our teachers received word that they had joined the ranks as National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT). They are Laura Baker (Cedar Way), Katie Bartell (Beverly), Ashli Black (Mountlake Terrace High), Scott Boyce (Hazelwood), Liliana Day (College Place Middle), Kyle Dittmer (Lynnwood High), Angela Erickson (Alderwood Middle), Cheryl Gardiner (Cedar Valley), Jenni Hanson (Sherwood), Risa Harris (Lynnwood High), Sara Kaleo (Oak Heights), Jean Marty (Mountlake Terrace High), Lynda Morgan (Seaview), Todd Parker (Brier), Rebecca Richards (Chase Lake), Joanna Rockwood (Educational Service Center), Anne Stewart (Edmonds-Woodway High), Andrew Streit (Meadowdale High), Michael Taylor (Lynnwood High), Brenda Torres (Lynnwood High), Jessi Walton (Mountlake Terrace High), David Whitney (Lynnwood High). These additional teachers make our district's total number 111 who have received this distinction.
- A number of teachers and administrators received state and national-level awards this year: Lynnwood Elementary teacher Susan Sellers - 2012 Northwest District Elementary Teacher of the Year by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; school nurse Katie Johnson - published three times in "NASN-School Nurse," a national school nurse publication; visual and performing arts manager Scott Barnes named president and orchestra teacher at Edmonds-Woodway High Karen Helseth named vice president of the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA); testing and evaluation technician Kieran Edmundson - outstanding product award from the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA); Capital Projects Director Ed Peters - Al Beck Award from the Washington State Chapter of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI); Mountlake Terrace High assistant principal Peter Schurke - Air Force Association's Teacher of the Year; and the music staff led Edmonds School District to be named a 'Best Community for Music Education' in the United States by the NAMM Foundation.



Community: Contributions Make a Difference

- We are extremely thankful for our community's support of the Replacement Technology/Capital Levy in February 2012. Voter support for this funding allows us to continue providing students and teachers with the technology learning tools that are now a vital part of the classroom learning environment. It will also allow us to make needed pedestrian and vehicle traffic revisions and needed roofing repair at several sites.
- Due to the generosity of The Edmonds Public Schools Foundation, Hazel Miller Foundation, and Educational Service District 189, nearly half of our schools were able to hold Rachel's Challenge assemblies and form Friends of Rachel (FOR) Clubs. Rachel's Challenge is an international-renowned program that teaches students kindness and compassion.
- Our thanks to the Verdant Health Commission's nearly \$2 million grant over three years which created Move 60! before- and after-school clubs at eight of our elementary schools allowing 400 students to participate in healthy activities. Eight more schools will begin participation next year and the remaining eight the following year.
- The Edmonds Public Schools Foundation annually raises funds to contribute toward classroom grants in our district schools, enhancing the educational experience. This year, the foundation also held a business breakfast that raised nearly \$30,000 specifically to support our growing Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) program. We strongly encourage you to learn more about how you can contribute to this great work. Please visit www.edmondspsf.org to learn more.
- The Edmonds School District Alumni Association distributes scholarships to deserving high school seniors annually. This year, the association will give a total of \$69,000 to at least three graduating seniors from each of our high schools. Please visit www.esdalumni.org to learn more.

Please join us in recognizing all who have achieved this year, and those who have helped others achieve at higher levels. Thanks to all of you have been and continue to support our young people.

Sincerely,

Nick J. Brossoit, Ed.D, Superintendent



Family Fitness Day provided kids of all ages and parents a chance, to run, walk, play, dance, sample kale chips and take home a lettuce cup – just to list a few of the activities crammed into this three-hour event! On April 28 at Meadowdale Middle School many district families got moving thanks to this Verdant Health Commission funded program. Special thanks to Jennie Hershey and Jenni McCloughan, district health & fitness coordinators, for such a wonderful event. They are already planning to make this an annual event, so we hope to provide a save the date soon!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

The Alumni Association is granting \$69,000 worth of scholarships to graduating seniors.

Our thanks to the Hazel Miller Foundation

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Dollars given: **THEN (1996) - \$1,250 NOW (2012) - \$69,000**

BIG THANKS go to our Alumni Association, their year-round effort makes these scholarships possible!

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant, supporting our prekindergarten providers:

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| Boys and Girls Club of Edmonds | Lynnwood Parks and Recreation |
| Child Care Providers Co-op | Meadowdale Preschool, Edmonds Parks and Recreation |
| Child Care Resource & Referral | Mountlake Terrace Parks and Recreation |
| Edmonds Community College Snohomish County Head Start | Pacific Preschool |
| Edmonds Community College Center for Families Childcare Program | Red Door Montessori |
| Edmonds Community College Co-op Preschools | Snohomish County Early Intervention Program |
| Edmonds Montessori | St. Timothy Lutheran Preschool |
| Esperance Child Development Center | Trinity Lutheran Preschool |
| Gloria Dei Preschool and Kindergarten | |

Future Kindergartners Welcome!

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is under way at your neighborhood school, now through June 30 and beginning again August 1.

Your student must be 5 years old by August 31 in order to register and begin kindergarten in September 2012. Call 425-431-7176 for more information.

Mark Your Calendar!

- June 6** Superintendent's Roundtable at the ESC*, 12-1 p.m.
- June 12** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- June 22** Early Release
- June 25** Last Day of School, Early Release
Note: This is a new date due to snow days
- June 26** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- July 5-31** Secondary Summer School at Edmonds-Woodway High School
- July 10** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5** First Day of School
- Oct. 13** Edmonds Public Schools Foundation's 4th Annual Street Strut 5K



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Alex Huttunen, Mountlake Terrace High

I have always loved figuring out how things work. I particularly like the challenge of working through difficult problems in order to find a solution, that's why I have always enjoyed engineering. Through my involvement with Project Lead the Way, I have taken a series of STEM classes that are engineering related. These classes have allowed me to do things such as design restaurants for Civil Engineering and Architecture and design and build a Thermoelectric Lunchbox in Engineering Design and Development. I will use these skills to pursue my degree in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington. These skills will then allow me to continue on with a career as a software engineer.

Mountlake Terrace High's graduation is at 6:30 p.m. June 14 at Edmonds Stadium.



Kimberely Santiago, Edmonds-Woodway High

The excitement about math is the puzzle that a problem presents and the satisfaction I get when solving it. I am a diploma candidate in the IB program and am taking IB Higher Level Calculus, a class with only 10 students. I have also been tutoring students since 10th grade in geometry, pre-calculus and calculus through the National Honors Society (NHS) tutoring program. Tutoring different students in math has helped me in improving my explanation skills as well as helping me gain a better understanding of the material. I will be attending USC in the fall and was recruited to play on their varsity women's golf team. I plan on majoring in computer science engineering, which heavily involves math.

Edmonds-Woodway High's graduation is at 6:30 p.m. June 15 at Edmonds Stadium.



Zachary Morgan, Scriber Lake High

Math, science and engineering have always been therapeutic for me because it always takes all of my focus, and I don't worry about anything else that is going on in my life. Also, I enjoy seeing what I can think of and how I can make it come to life. I am making a solar panel to

attach to my house for my senior project. I plan on joining the Navy to be a nuclear engineer and later move on to the private sector. My skills will help me a lot in that job choice and anything I later decide I might want to do.

Scriber Lake High's graduation is at 7 p.m. June 13 in the former Woodway High Gym.

Graduates!
Tell us about your experience with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and what it means to you...

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Oscar Mejia-Chavez, Meadowdale High

Computer Science is applied to our everyday lives and in a society where technology keeps everything organized and under control, I feel it's important to learn about how we can improve everyone's lives one code at a time. I am involved in the Microsoft Office Specialist program. I've been in this program since the end of January. I learn to use Microsoft Office programs like Excel and earn credentials with Microsoft. I also help other students in the same program pass the certification tests so that they can earn their credentials too. I will use these skills in the future by applying them to everyday tasks whether it be at work or just helping others learn how to use Microsoft Office. These skills will stick with me and improve for the rest of my life. I plan to attend community college and then university.

Meadowdale High's graduation is at 1 p.m. June 16 at Edmonds Stadium.



Marissa Wyll, Edmonds Heights K-12

My passion is wildlife research. I have spent numerous hours observing and recording data of various species and I love every minute of it. For the past two years I have attended the Ocean Research College Academy (ORCA), a Running Start program that is based in understanding the local marine environment. Through ORCA, I have been granted the resources to design and conduct my own original research projects. One collaboration with another ORCA student, in

which we involved the community in observing and collecting data on ospreys, was accepted into the 2011 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, where I was one of only nine high school students presenting data. I will continue my education by pursuing a double-major in Evolutionary Biology and Theatre Arts at Western Washington University. After completing my undergraduate studies, I plan to attend graduate school to study Ornithology, the study of birds.

Edmonds Heights K-12 graduation is at 7 p.m. June 1 at Former Woodway Gym

Maplewood Center, which serves high needs special education students in grades K-12, is having its graduation at 9:30 a.m. June 7 at Maplewood Center.



Jennifer Schmitz, Lynnwood High

Royal Robotics is a fantastic club which provides a basic education in engineering, marketing, programming, and design. Not to mention its ability to teach about teamwork and working with others not on your team. Robotics in itself is enough to get one excited, in this club I was able to work first hand on a robot. I am the Inventory Lead, and Pit Boss, meaning I am in charge of our pit at competition, and I help order, track, and organize all the parts we use. I also helped teach a robotics camp at the Alderwood Boys & Girls Club over the

summer. Everything I've experienced in Robotics has provided me with knowledge which I can use in any career, especially those in engineering and technology. This club persuaded me to go after a career in engineering; in fact I hope to major in Biomedical Engineering, so I can help others with my background in mathematics, science, and engineering.

Lynnwood High's graduation is at 7 p.m. June 16 at Edmonds Stadium.

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