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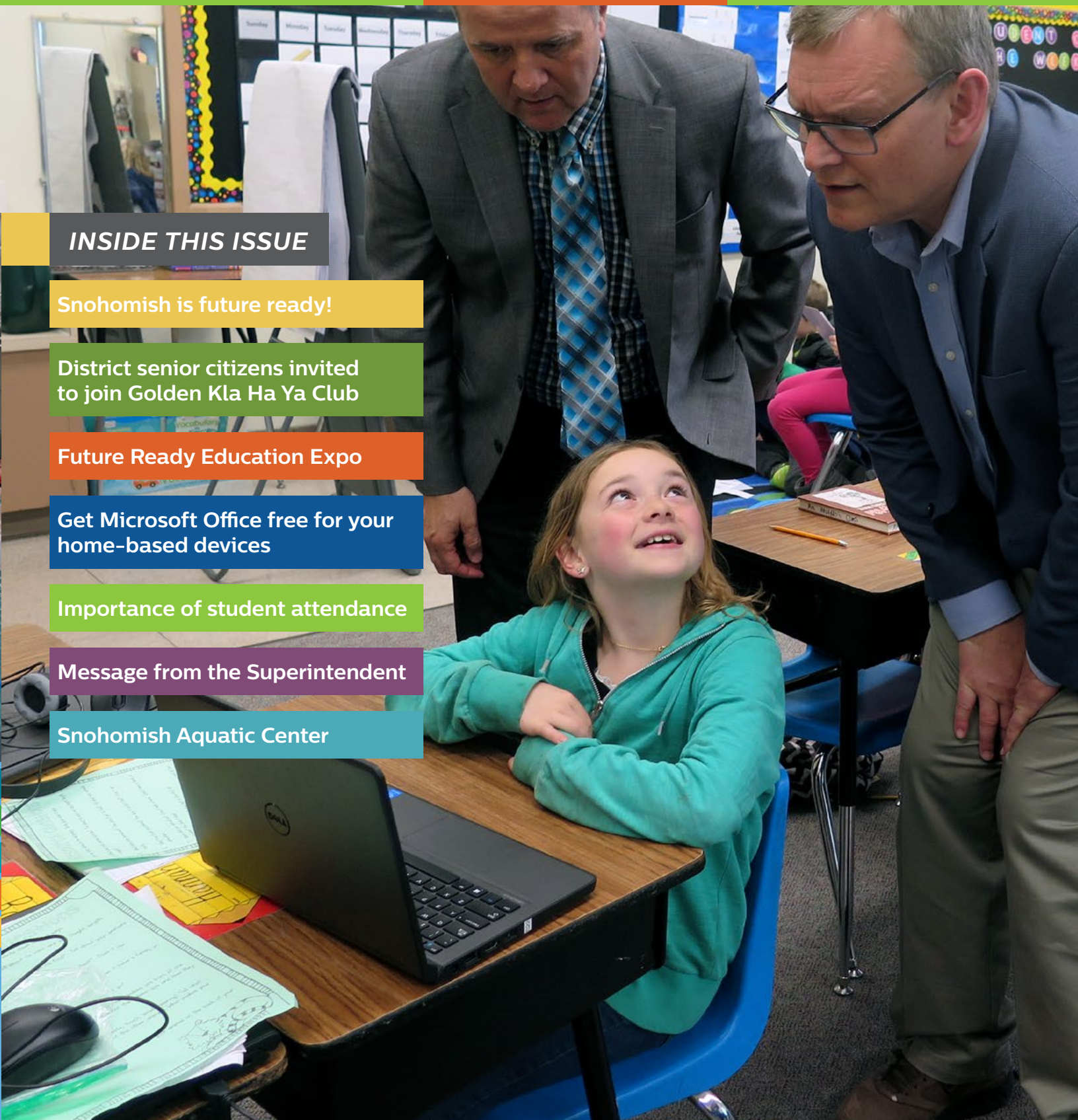
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Message from the *Superintendent*

Dear families and friends -

It is hard to believe that autumn is almost over and winter is just around the corner. As I visit schools and classrooms I see students engaged in learning activities, and staff leading them in rich discussions. Everywhere I go the passion and dedication of our staff is evident as great things are happening every day.

Our students not only benefit from our great staff, but also through our supportive community. On November 11, the Snohomish Education Foundation (SEF) held its annual auction. Monies raised at this event support scholarship and programs crucial to the education of our children in our community. Since 1986, the SEF has awarded more than \$1 million in classroom grants and has helped fund critical district programs. SEF has also awarded more than 2,200 district graduates more than \$1.8 million in scholarships. I encourage you to get involved in the events and activities of the SEF and the many wonderful opportunities they offer our staff, students and families.

Additionally, Swim for Life continues to fund a free session of swim lessons to all district 2nd graders at our Snohomish Aquatic Center. I am thankful for community organizations such as Swim for Life that have a passion for enriching the lives of young people in our community and making young people safer in the water.

Our community's culture of giving is evident in our district as there are many programs within our schools that offer the opportunity for our students to reach out to well-deserving causes. Hundreds of service people overseas will receive letters and care packages thanks to our Panther Pals, Grizzly Cubs and high school adopt-a-soldier programs. Food drives collect thousands of pounds of grocery items benefiting local food banks. In addition, many others from our community will be helped this year through various book, toy and gift collection drives.

As we embark on the season of giving, I'd like to thank you for your support and the wonderful things you do for our students, staff, families and community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kent Kultgen
Superintendent



Importance of *student attendance*



Did you know?

- Attending school on-time, all day, every day will give your child the best chance of graduating from high school.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing on average just two days a month, whether excused or unexcused, makes it more likely that your child will not meet academic standards in math and reading by third grade.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of high school graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

What you can do:

- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.

- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session.
- Keep track of your child's attendance. Missing more than nine days, excused or unexcused, could put your child at risk of falling behind.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine as well as finishing homework and packing backpacks the night before.
- Have a back-up plan in place with family members, neighbors, or other parents for getting your child to school in case something comes up.
- If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason, we are here to support you and work with you towards possible solutions. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's attendance.

How to report your child's absence

An absence will be considered excused when a written note or phone call is received from a parent or legal guardian to the school attendance line/office within 48 hours of the absence.

Pantherific!

On October 20, thousands of Snohomish High School students, staff, alumni, community members and future Panthers strolled through downtown Snohomish or were spectators of the annual Serpentine Parade. Serpentine marks the school's homecoming celebration and has been a tradition for generations of students.



Snohomish is *future ready!*



Snohomish School District is using technology in purposeful, innovative ways that engage our learners in exploring their world, imagining their futures and turning dreams into action. Our students are developing the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary for them to be successful in a dynamic, digital world. In partnership with families and community, we support innovative and forward thinking practices that ensure:

KNOWLEDGE:

All students will access responsive, dynamic learning environments through purposeful, anytime, anywhere learning.

SUCCESS:

Students, staff, parents and community members will access world-class training and experiences that build competence, confidence and leadership.

SKILLS:

All students will acquire foundational skills to enable equitable access to learning opportunities, personalized experiences and to cultivate career and college ready skills.

CONFIDENCE:

All students will safely and confidently collaborate, create and contribute within a global learning community.

To learn more about the Snohomish School District's technology programs and initiatives, please visit us at www.sno.wednet.edu/futureready.

Thank you Snohomish!

Community support for and passage of the school district's February 2014 Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements helped ensure critical funding for district programs and priorities. Of the community's approximate \$8 million financial investment since January 2015:

- About 34% funded infrastructure including hardware and software support, repairs and maintenance, emergency response communications, networks, servers and storage.
- About 32% funded classroom instruction, equipment, desktop replacements, laptops, mobile computing carts, laptop peripherals, stands and cabinets, displays and LCD monitors, wireless keyboards and mice, microphones, SmartBoards, document cameras, projector refresh, bulb replacement and specialty furniture.
- About 20% funded support including contracted hardware and software support, systems engineer, technicians, digital learning specialists, building technology support and teacher training.
- About 9% funded academic software licensing including Office 365 and software and curriculum licenses.
- About 5% funded large-venue audio visual, including maintenance and repairs to equipment in commons, gyms and shared areas, and new installations at seven schools.



District senior citizens invited to join **Golden Kla Ha Ya Club**

Snohomish senior citizens are invited to attend district home athletic events and drama productions free of charge. Snohomish School District residents who are 65-years-old or older are invited to apply for the district's Golden Kla Ha Ya Club.

For athletic events: Present your Golden Kla Ha Ya Club membership card at the gate. Athletic event schedules are available at www.wescoathletics.com.

For drama productions: Call the number below to reserve your seat. Bring your membership

card to pick up your ticket at will-call. Your complimentary ticket will not be available at the box office without this prior arrangement.

- Snohomish High School: 360-563-4008
- Glacier Peak High School: 360-563-7504

To learn more about Golden Kla Ha Ya Club and download a registration form, visit www.sno.wednet.edu/klahaya. Forms can also be picked up and should be returned to the district's Resource and Service Center (1601 Avenue D in Snohomish). Seniors will be contacted when their membership cards are available for pick up.

Future Ready **Education Expo**



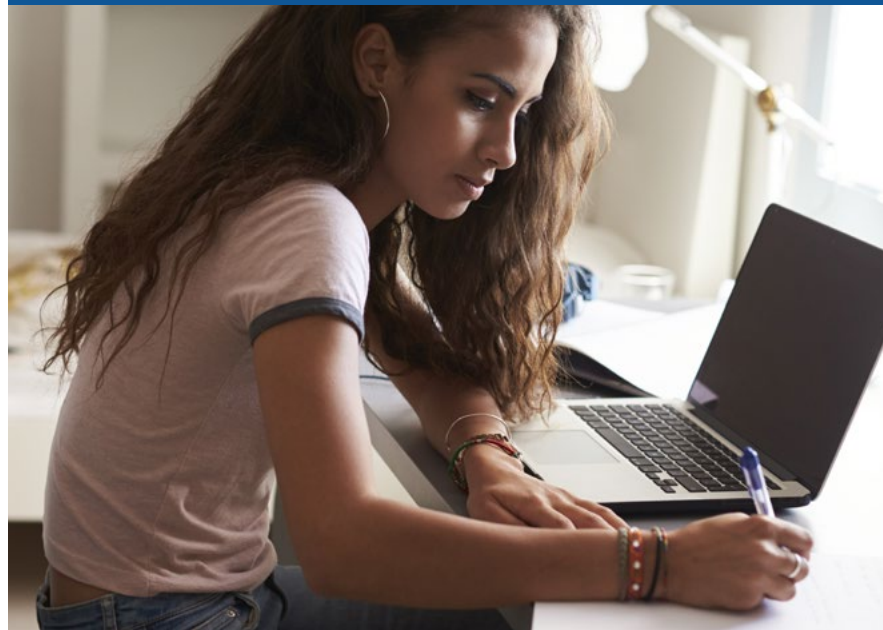
Wednesday, January 10
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Valley View Middle School Commons
(14308 Broadway Avenue SE in Snohomish)

Come see and experience how innovative thinking and technology tools are being used in Snohomish School District classrooms, schools and buildings! Guided by students and staff, attendees will be able to see and "test-drive" the digital tools, resources and creative approaches that are being

used in student learning. See first-hand how your investment in our schools is preparing students for 21st century college and career skills. Watch for more information in upcoming district and school communications.

Get Microsoft Office free for your home-based devices



In order to help our students during the school year and beyond, the Snohomish School District is providing Microsoft Office free of charge to all district 4th through 12th grade students and all staff members. With Office 365, you and your child will now have access to the latest version of Word, for writing; Excel, for spreadsheets; PowerPoint, for presentations; OneNote, for organization and note taking; and much more from your home-based devices. To learn more about this free offer, visit www.sno.wednet.edu/technology.

Pink out!

Students and staff from across the district wore pink in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As part of various school-based recognition events, Glacier Peak High School Grizzlies held an early morning Pink Out Assembly, which was broadcast live on the KING 5 TV morning show. According to data from the American Cancer Society, in 2017 it's estimated that among U.S. women there will be 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 40,610 breast cancer deaths.





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