



Holiday Celebrations and Community Spirit Across Marysville Schools



From classrooms to cafeterias, the holiday season is alive across Marysville Schools. This month, students and staff found creative ways to learn, give back, and celebrate the season together. Here are some of the highlights:

Mill Valley Elementary hosted a Holidays Around the World experience where each classroom researched a country and created a festive display showcasing unique traditions. Students also brought Thanksgiving cheer with a Turkey Parade, where kindergartners and second graders proudly displayed creative floats that brought smiles throughout the building. In addition, Mill Valley held a food drive that supported over 30 families during the holiday season.

At Marysville High School, the Paw Tree program continued as a holiday tradition. Led by National Honor Society students and staff, the program supported Monarchs in need. A tree in the front office featured paper paws listing gift ideas. Staff, students, and families donated items. NHS students wrapped the gifts, and the guidance team distributed them quietly before break. Students also packed breakfast bags for Seeds of Caring, supporting local families and children. Meanwhile, CAPS students decorated their mobile coffee cart with holiday cheer, spreading joy and great coffee throughout the building.

Raymond Elementary's PTO hosted a festive Snacks with Santa event featuring a silent auction, raffle, crafts, cake walk, hot cocoa, and a visit

from Santa. Ahead of break, Raymond PRIDE groups gathered for games, gratitude activities, and a seasonal movie. Raymond also continued its giving tree tradition, supporting eight families and 21 students this holiday season through staff and family donations.

Mini Monarch Academy celebrated with a visit from Santa and classroom winter parties. Activities included building gingerbread houses, singing songs, making cookies, and enjoying hot chocolate. Each classroom added its own touch, creating a joyful experience for all.

Northwood Elementary hosted a Winter Wonderland event for families and offered a planetarium visit sponsored by the PTO. The school counselor coordinated holiday support, connecting 30 families with assistance through the Presbyterian Church Women's Group, United Way's Warm Clothes for Kids, and the CareTrain program. Staff were treated to a hot chocolate bar from the principal as a holiday thank-you.

Early College High School wrapped up the semester with Winter Seminar, a week of remediation, final presentations, and enrichment courses created by students and staff. Activities ranged from photography and CrossFit to drone racing, providing hands-on, engaging learning experiences to close out the calendar year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this season special. Your generosity, creativity, and care reflect the heart of Marysville Schools.

Thank You for Your Service: Dick Smith and Nan Savidge

At the December Board of Education meeting, Marysville Schools recognized two retiring board members for their dedication and leadership. Dick Smith was honored for 12 years of service and Nan Savidge for 10 years. Their commitment to students, staff, and the entire school community helped shape the district's progress and success. We thank them both for their years of service and wish them all the best in retirement.

