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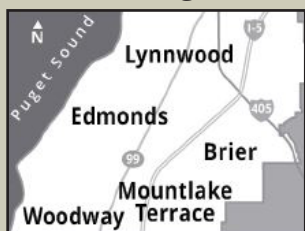
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Building Bright Futures

Class of 2019 students have many pathways ahead

Our graduates are ready for life after high school thanks to quality teaching, project-based learning, internships, and supporting the passions of each student. We are delighted to share some of our Class of 2019 senior standouts building bright futures.

Did you know the Edmonds School District graduates about 1,500 students every year? We have seven schools that graduate students: Edmonds eLearning Academy, Edmonds Heights K-12, Edmonds-Woodway High, Lynnwood High, Meadowdale High, Mountlake Terrace High, and Scriber Lake High. There are many options for students after graduation including apprenticeships,



Meadowdale High Senior Catherine Do shows Gov. Jay Inslee a student internship project at AGC Biologics.

four-year universities, community college, and technical schools to name a few. In our district, we prepare students for anything that comes next.

One way we connect students with careers is through business partnerships.

More grads with bright futures on Page 4.

Students learn from professionals about the skills and competencies necessary to be successful in today's service economy.

Meadowdale High's Catherine Do is about to graduate and is a student intern at AGC Biologics. Through a first-of-its-kind business

partnership, students learn from professionals about careers in science. "The most valuable takeaway from the internship is the experience I have gained in the career field I feel passionate about and would like to pursue," said Catherine.

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Message from the Superintendent

Dear students, families, staff, and the greater Edmonds School District Community:



Superintendent
Dr. Kristine
McDuffy

As we wrap up the 2018-2019 school year, I want to begin by thanking you. This is an amazing place filled with care, commitment, passion, and

perseverance. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey!

Although we had to face some tough budget challenges as we concluded the year, there is so much to celebrate with a very bright future ahead.

Thank you to everyone who helped shape the draft strategic plan – Blueprint 2025.

Hundreds of hours of focus groups; steering committee meetings; surveys; and community input have gone into this process. Final edits are in the works, and the proposed plan will be heading to the School Board for review in the coming weeks. We look forward to kicking off the 2019-2020 school year with

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Your Bond and Levy Dollars at Work

Our Capital Projects team leveraged the 2014 voter-approved Capital Construction Bond in order to accomplish more than the original identified needs. They earned a prestigious general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM) agency approval from the state that allowed collaboration between architectural firms and construction firms early in a project's process. This has led to more efficient buildings and savings in time and labor. They partnered with local organizations to secure funds for expanding projects, used funds from the sale and/or lease of district property and spent a portion of the 2016 voter-approved Technology/Capital Levy on improvements large and small. All of these funds may only be used for the purpose in which they were designated. Here are updates on our most recent projects:

Madrona K-8, open since January 2019, is wrapping up final details with site work and landscaping continuing through the summer.

Spruce Elementary, with Phase 1 set to complete this summer, will have a new south wing open to students September 2019. It will include a gym/commons/stage, music room, kitchen, small group rooms, a community room, and more. Design for Phase 2 is underway and will include a new north wing with all new classrooms and a library. Construction may begin once funding becomes available. Learn more at:

bit.ly/SpruceSchool

Capital Partnership Projects, using both Capital Projects and community-raised funds, include an outdoor classroom at Seaview Elementary and ga-ga ball pits at several elementary schools (Beverly, Hazelwood, Hilltop, Martha Lake, Seaview, and Westgate). What is ga-ga?

Chromebooks One-to-One Project Update

Funded by the 2016 Technology/Capital Levy

A new initiative, which began last year, offers graduating seniors the opportunity to purchase their Chromebook computers. It is one way the District can equip each graduate with academic skills and tools for life past graduation. Seniors may buy their computers online for \$20 or less depending on need. The program encourages all students to take great care of the Chromebooks they receive at the start of their freshman year.

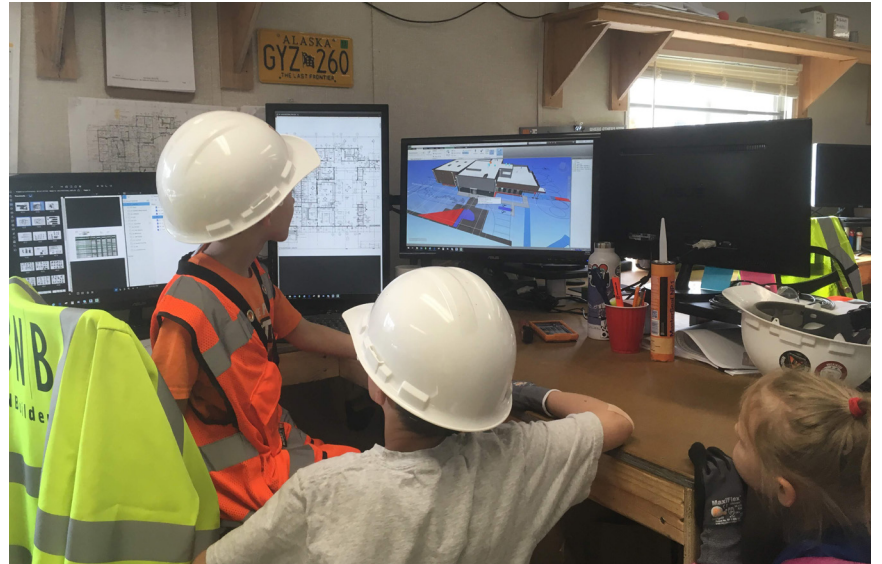
All high school students are able to keep their Chromebooks over the summer for continued learning and preparation for the next school year. All students have access to a collection of online educational resources throughout the year.

Learn more at:
bit.ly/Ga-gaBall

Renewal and Upgrade projects include cameras and access control updates completed at all secondary school sites with primary school updates continuing. This summer, a new baseball field and tennis courts, among other outdoor improvements, will be designed and constructed at Edmonds-Woodway High. Synthetic turf replacement and other site improvements are planned at Lynnwood High and Meadowdale High. In addition, Alderwood Middle will receive two relocatable classrooms for the 2019-20 school year to increase capacity.



Madrona K-8's new entrance.



Spruce Elementary students in the job trailer view a 3D model of the new south wing.



Aerial view of the south wing at Spruce Elementary, May 2019.

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clear direction and measurable goals that will guide our work into the future

Our Facilities and Bond Committee just concluded a year-long process reviewing the status of our facilities, enrollment/growth projections, and needs across the system. Their final report and recommendations will also be going before the School Board in the coming weeks. The Board will be considering a Bond Measure for February 2020. Much more information to come.

We are filled with great pride as we honor

and celebrate our 2019 graduates! We congratulate about 1,500 graduates who have each demonstrated that they are college, career, and life ready! This is a moment of celebration for our entire community – thank you for supporting these amazing young adults.

Wishing you peace and joy over the summer months.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

~Kris

Dr. Kristine McDuffy
Superintendent

Class of 2019

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Our graduates are well on their way to pursue many different post-graduation goals. Catherine, for one, will continue working at AGC Biologics until she starts at the University of Washington in the fall to pursue biochemistry or public health studies. "My career in the Edmonds School District had guided me towards a career to help others through my passion for science," said Catherine.

Blueprint 2025: Building Brighter Futures, Together

Thank you families, students, staff, and community members for input and feedback during this nine-month process to help define our future!

After more than a dozen meetings, one communitywide town hall, and two surveys, the District is close to finalizing its new strategic plan to guide the District's work over the next several years.

"A heartfelt thank you to steering committee members for helping guide this process and special thanks to all of the people who attended meetings or took the surveys," Superintendent Kristine McDuffy said. "This work is a reflection of our community's values and the direction we want to take our district into the future."

The plan focuses on three pillars:

- Student, Family, and Community Engagement
- Leadership
- Teaching and Learning



The draft plan also includes high-level goals that focus on feedback heard from the community about the need for high expectations for all students, student success, building community, equity and access, and building a culture of kindness and global readiness for students. The District is finalizing the exact goals and working on two to three measurements for each of the five goals.

"We want to be aspirational, but we heard from the community how important it is for us to have goals that can be measured and that we can track progress of year over year," McDuffy said. "We want to set a clear path that results in improvements to our schools and continued success for our students and staff."

Edmonds School District launched this process in the fall of 2018. While

the previous strategic direction, Our Commitment, set a tone for the District, Superintendent McDuffy and the leadership team wanted to seek input from the community to develop a plan with specific goals and measurable targets.

In mid-October the District launched a steering committee to help guide the Blueprint 2025 process with the help of Seattle-based consultants Strategies 360. The steering committee reviewed plans and agendas, drafted goals, and helped with outreach.

The District is expected to finalize the plan by July 9 for consideration by the School Board, with a final vote on August 13.

For more information on the Blueprint 2025 process, visit: bit.ly/Blueprint2025

Save the Date

(ESC = Educational Services Center)

July 9

School Board Meeting
ESC 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 13

School Board Meeting
ESC 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 19-22

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kindergarten
Jump Start at all
elementary schools

Sept. 4

First Day of School
(Grades 1-12)

Sept. 9

First Day of
Kindergarten

Sept. 10

School Board Meeting
ESC 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 20

Early Release
(all grades)

Sept. 24

School Board Meeting
ESC 6:30 p.m.

Summer Scholars

We offer a collection of summer learning opportunities for district students including:

- Secondary Summer School through Edmonds eLearning Academy
- Summer Music School
- Middle School STEM Camp

For more information:

bit.ly/ESDSummer

Summer Meal & Activity Program

The Foundation for Edmonds School District and Nourishing Network will host a FREE Summer Meal and Healthy Activity program for ALL district families at four locations in Lynnwood, Monday through Thursday, July 1 - Aug. 22. No registration is required.

- **Community Life Center**, 19820 Scriber Lake Rd, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Martha Lake Baptist Church**, 17319 Larch Way, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **Meadowdale Community Church**, 4900 168th St. SW, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **South Lynnwood Park**, 20915 61st Ave. W, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

This program is made possible through generous support from Fred Meyer, YMCA of Greater Seattle, Verdant Health Commission, Hazel Miller Foundation, Horizon Foundation, Rite Aid Foundation, and Windermere Foundation.

Move 60! Summer Activity Program

At South Lynnwood Park, Move 60! will host a FREE exercise and activity program that includes: games, parachutes, fitness stations, racket sports, basketball, four square, and more! Registration is onsite.

- Monday through Thursday, July 1-Aug. 22
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. with lunch following

This program is made possible through a generous grant from Verdant Health Commission.

Kindergarten Registration and Jump Start

Children age five by Aug. 31, 2019, are eligible. Visit bit.ly/busfinder to find your neighborhood school. School offices are open for registration until June 28, then will reopen Aug. 19 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need to register while school offices are closed, please visit the Educational Services Center (ESC), 20420 68th Avenue West, Lynnwood. The ESC will be open starting July 22 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept registration paperwork.

Bring the following with you: proof of birth, vaccinations and immunization record, and proof of residency (utility bill, lease/rental agreement, or lease/rental/mortgage statement).

Jump Start is a pre-kindergarten, transitional program for children preparing to enter kindergarten in September. This free program is open to all registered kindergarten students. All elementary schools will host Jump Start Aug. 19-22, 2019. Please make sure you register by Aug. 16 to be eligible.

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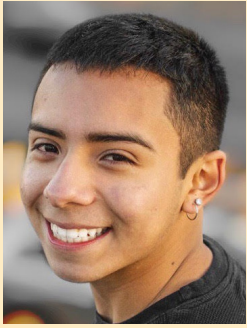
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Class of 2019 Building Bright Futures!



Edmonds-Woodway High
Ken Razo

Ken will attend American University to double major in political science and Spanish studies. "I plan to continue my work in social justice by joining advocacy groups in Washington, D.C. such as the NAACP chapter at AU and the Human Rights Campaign."



Edmonds eLearning Academy
Sam Schippers

"Because of online classes I was able to free up a large amount of my time to discover myself and my passions." Sam will attend Western Washington University to pursue a career in adventure filmmaking and photography.



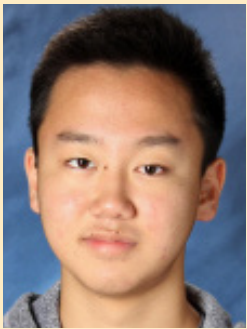
Edmonds Heights K-12
Marina Pierce

Marina says, "My life in the Edmonds School District helped prepare me greatly for my college plans and beyond." She will attend Pacific Lutheran University with a full academic scholarship to pursue musical theater, vocal performance, and women and gender studies.



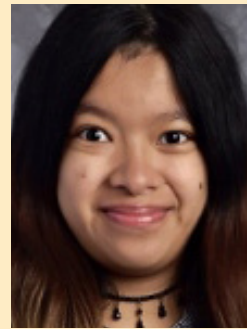
Life Skills
Jacob Barnes

Through the Lifeskills program, Jacob has learned how to cut wood and put things together. He wants to be a master builder, working with Legos or wood.



Lynnwood High
Shintaro Taneda

"Being in a district with a stellar music program I was able to become a more well-rounded musician." Shintaro will attend the San Francisco Conservatory of Music to begin a violin performance degree. "I'm planning on becoming a professional violinist."



VOICE Program
Marisa Leung

"I have experience in many different work environments from the successful completion of many internships during my time at VOICE Transition Program." Marisa is looking for a paid job that utilizes her many skills and interests.



Project Search
David Buckingham

Through the Project Search Program, David has learned what the working world looks like. He plans to continue work full-time at Dunn Lumber, swim in Special Olympics, and travel.



Meadowdale High
Sophie Stocker

Sophie will attend Webster University to study costume design. "I'd like to credit my opportunity to the Meadowdale performing arts program run by Mrs. Powell-Mitchell," she says. Her costume designs have won regional and state awards with a national competition in June.



Mountlake Terrace High
Kristen Walter

"If it were not for the 'Jewelry & Metals' class or my teacher, Mark Walker, I would be studying in an entirely different field." Kristen will attend the University of Washington to become an art teacher who creates art on the side.



Scriber Lake High
Jose Guillen

"I appreciate Scriber Lake High School for giving me a light of hope." Jose works at Volkswagen as a part-time technician and after graduation will work full-time along with attending Lake Washington Tech School, with company-paid tuition.

Read more about these graduates online: bit.ly/2019ESDGraduates

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