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Summer Scholars

Check Out Our Summer Learning Opportunities

With "Each Student Learning, Every Day!" we realize this requires offering programs for students that extend beyond the regular school year calendar.

Our collection of summer learning opportunities, called Summer Scholars, is a variety of district programs for students in grades K-12.

Students who attend Secondary Summer School and eLearning Summer School at Meadowdale High School will have the option of free bus transportation. This is provided in an effort to give more equitable access to summer programs. In addition, for the first time this year, families may utilize online payment methods.

Our District is very excited to have now partnered with Sno-Isle Libraries summer reading program.



School libraries across the district will be developing plans for students to participate in the Sno-Isle "Explore Summer: Read, Learn, Discover" program which begins June 1.

Other continued offerings from last year include Summer Music, Kindergarten Jump Start, ELL Jump Start and Middle School STEM Camp, plus the MyON and Razkids online reading programs.

Please check the Summer Learning website for individual program descriptions and contact information:

www.edmonds.wednet.edu/summerlearning

The District's goal to support students in after-school programs helps ensure effective learning for all students, a hallmark of the Strategic Direction initiative.

Kris McDuffy named Superintendent

Board of Directors hires Snohomish County native after thorough search



The Edmonds School District Board of Directors has named Dr. Kris McDuffy as the next Superintendent of the 20,000 student Edmonds School District after a thorough search that involved parents, staff, students and community over a three-month period earlier this year.

"It is our pleasure to name Dr. Kris McDuffy as the next Superintendent of the Edmonds School District," School Board President Susan Phillips said. "Dr. McDuffy brings to our District a strong, proven history of educational and financial leadership that is well balanced with an extremely keen sense of the importance of building sincere and honest relationships with all in the community. We look forward to her bringing her heart and passion for student learning to our District."

Two semi-finalists each visited the District during the last week of March and then participated in a well-attended Community Forum March 31. Dr. McDuffy was offered and accepted the job April 1. Dr. Nick Brossoit announced in December 2015 his



Nick Brossoit,
Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community,

As I complete my final year as your Superintendent, please accept my sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your support not only past and present, but of all future students in this District.

Your dedication to their educational and personal growth has inspired me throughout my career in this community.

What follows in this column are just a few of the many accomplishments of our students, staff and school communities during the 2015-16 school year. As you enjoy reading these accomplishments, please remember: it truly does happen because of your continued support.

Students

- Mountlake Terrace High Senior Haeley Johnston was selected as a Washington Scholars in Career and Technical Education (CTE) recipient. She is one of only five Washington Scholars in CTE throughout our state.
- At the State Games for Special Olympics, the District Unified Team won silver in their division.
- Lynnwood High's Modern Music Masters, "TriM

Message from the Superintendent *continued*

Club" organized its fourth annual food drive. More than 120 volunteers collected nearly 13,000 food items and \$3,700.

- Our District's Elementary/Middle School Honor Choir performed with the Cascade Youth Symphony at Benaroya Hall with 134 District students representing most elementary and middle schools.
- The Meadowdale High Volleyball Team was named the 3A Academic All-Star state champion for the second straight year. The team grade point average was 3.83.
- Three District cheer teams qualified for the 2016 State Cheer Competition Non-Tumbling Division. Meadowdale High placed first (large category); Mountlake Terrace High placed third (medium category); and Lynnwood High placed sixth (small category).
- Brier Terrace Middle and Seaview Elementary received Marathon Kids Active School Grants to Get Schools Moving. They were two of only five grant recipients statewide. Each school received a grant to establish a Marathon Kids Running Club.

Staff

- Edmonds-Woodway's Susie Roberts was selected as Washington State Marketing Educator of the Year.
- Seven Edmonds School District teachers received their certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The District now has 164 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT).
- High school librarians, led by Edmonds-Woodway High Librarian Karen Rautenberg, received a grant from author James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club. The money purchased books for students to participate in the Districtwide Battle for the Books competition.
- The Verdant Health Commission presented its Innovative Program Award to the Edmonds School District Move 60! Recess Remodel led by District Physical Education, Health and Move 60! Coordinators Jenni McCloughan, and Jennie Hershey.
- Mountlake Terrace High English teacher Gary Merlino won this year's Writers of the Future contest. His short story "Outside the Game," was one of three chosen from over 8,000 submissions.
- Our District received financial and mentor support for two STEM projects by the Structural Engineers Foundation of Washington. The group funded a wood bridge building competition and assisted the FIRST Robotics program at Mountlake Terrace High. The partnership was established by STEM teachers Craig DeVine and James Wilson.

- Gail Yampol, a veteran kindergarten teacher from Brier Elementary, received the 2016 NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. It recognizes, rewards, and promotes excellence in teaching and advocacy for the association.

Community

- The Foundation for Edmonds School District awarded over 220 District surplus computers to families to help families bridge the digital divide.
- At its annual breakfast, the Foundation for Edmonds School District this year eclipsed its prior year totals by raising \$77,000.
- The Foundation for Edmonds School District provided \$82,000 in college scholarships to graduates, with \$38,700 coming from the Hazel Miller Foundation and the rest from individual donations.
- Lynndale Elementary School was named a National PTA School of Excellence for 2015 - 2017 - one of only 124 schools nationwide.
- The Verdant Health Commission provides essential support for a number of District programs and projects: In partnership with the City of Edmonds, it supported creation of the Woodway Recreation Project at the Woodway Campus and the Bike2Health project, establishing a regional bicycle network in Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.
- Verdant Health Commission 3rd-Grade Swim Lessons program again provided third-grade students in the Edmonds School District service area with access to free swim lessons at South Snohomish County recreation facilities.
- In an effort to provide families and kids with access to local fitness and health resources, the City of Edmonds' Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services works with Swedish/Edmonds, the Edmonds School District's Move 60! Program and other supporters organized an annual Health and Fitness Expo.
- Each student in the three kindergarten classrooms at Mountlake Terrace Elementary were given warm coats from firefighters from Snohomish County Fire District 1 as part of Operation Warm, a program that give kids brand new, American-made coats.

If we were to try and capture all the donations of time and talent that so many parents and community persons have given to their students and schools this year, we would not have enough pages to tell all of the stories. The greatness of our district and schools is the product of you, our community and how you invest of yourself in the young people we educate.

Sincerely,



Nick J. Brossoit

Kris McDuffy named Superintendent *continued*

intent to retire in June 2016. He has served as superintendent since 2004.

"We thank the hundreds of parents, staff, students and community who took the online survey, attended meetings, and provided written input throughout the process. This exhaustive process definitely contributed to the Board making its final decision and we now along with staff and the community look forward to Dr. McDuffy continuing her career in Edmonds."

While McDuffy officially starts July 1, she has already been meeting with many District staff

and attending District functions. McDuffy, during her career has involved stakeholders in establishing a shared vision, completed extensive strategic planning and is known for being "visible, available and open" while empowering others.

McDuffy has been superintendent of the 5,300 student Arlington Public Schools since 2008 and is a well-known and respected educational leader in Snohomish County. McDuffy previously served as Director of Educational Administration Programs at Western Washington University and

between 1989-2003 was Superintendent of and principal in the Lakewood School District. She is a Snohomish County native, having attended Edmonds Community College before going to Western Washington University for her master's and bachelor's degrees and completed her student teaching at Lynnwood High School. She completed her doctorate at Seattle University.

The Board of Directors narrowed the field to McDuffy from a strong pool of 18 applicants to 6 semi-finalists before naming the finalists.

Building for Student Success: Voter-Approved Bond Projects Update

BUILDING IN PROGRESS



Alderwood Middle

(property next to Martha Lake Elementary)

- Building: the roof is nearly complete; windows being installed; interior and systems are underway
- School Grounds: work continues on outdoor learning areas, pervious sidewalks, lighting and a softball field
- New school open January 2017



Lynndale Elementary

- Building: main structure is complete with the roof, interior walls, mechanical and electrical work underway.
- School Grounds: storm drainage, street improvements to 72nd Ave. will start this summer.
- New school open January 2017

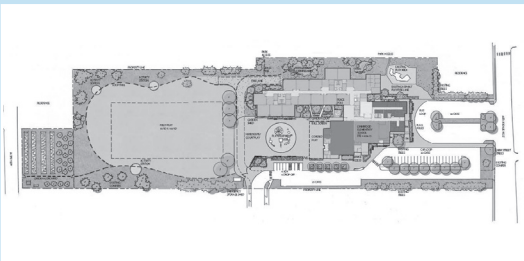


Transportation Maintenance

(property on 52nd Ave. W., Lynnwood)

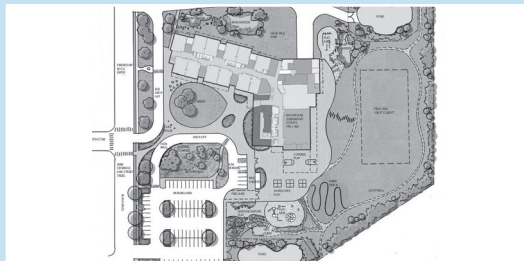
- Completion July-August 2016
- Staff transitioning from old facility into new facility over summer break

DESIGN UNDERWAY



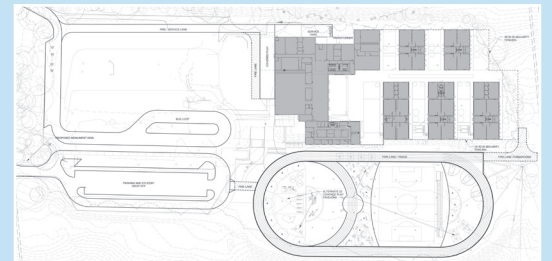
Lynnwood Elementary

- Completed initial design phase
- Staff and students will transition to vacated Alderwood Middle School for 2017-18 school year
- Construction to commence summer 2017
- New school open Fall of 2018



Mountlake Terrace Elementary

- Completed initial design phase
- Staff and students will transition to former Woodway Elementary School for 2017-18 school year
- Construction to commence summer 2017
- New school open fall 2018



Madrona

- Design phase progresses with permits underway
- Construction to commence spring 2017—students and staff will remain at site
- New school open fall of 2018—the existing school will be torn down summer 2018 with fields and parking structures taking its place

UP NEXT

Spruce Elementary: Planning and design process will begin fall 2017

Kindergarten in the Edmonds School District!

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is underway at your assigned school. Your student must be 5 years old by August 31, 2016 to be eligible for kindergarten. School offices will close for summer break on June 30, reopening on August 10.

Good news! The state of Washington is providing funding for full-time kindergarten for all students starting kindergarten in September 2016 at no cost to parents! This means your students will attend school five days a week the same hours as students in grades 1-6.

Kindergarten Jump Start—August 15-19

All students registered for kindergarten are invited to participate in Kindergarten Jump Start, a pre-kindergarten transitional program from August 15-19 at all elementary schools.

The focus is on preparing your child for success in kindergarten—

familiarizing your child with the school environment, kindergarten teachers, typical activities and the daily schedule. It supports students and families for a positive transition into kindergarten.

Edmonds PreK—A Family Learning Experience

Is your child gearing up for kindergarten in the next couple years?

All families with children ages 4-5 living in the Edmonds School District are invited to join an Edmonds PreK program, offered at nine neighborhood elementary schools. This program is for children and caregivers to attend together to develop skills to help families succeed in kindergarten.

For more information, please contact Ranya Khalil with the Early Learning Program at 425-431-1018 or KhalilR@edmonds.wednet.edu.



Class of 2016—Graduates Who Are Ready for Life

Our District's Strategic Direction has a focus on "Graduates Who Are Ready for Life." *Each student is equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to be resilient, participating citizens who are prepared to pursue and accomplish educational, life, and work-related interests after high school.*

Read more about each graduate at www.edmonds.wednet.edu/Classof2016. Congratulations to the seniors featured and the entire Class of 2016!



William Gaege Baxter **Meadowdale High School**

For me, learning is much more than just memorizing the definition of a vocabulary word, it means understanding well enough so I can not only use it in everyday life but also be able to teach it. Tutoring others has been a passion of mine. Nothing makes me happier than watching the lightbulb turn on above someone's head when they figure out a challenging concept. After graduation, I will attend the University of Washington - Seattle Campus.

MHS Graduation: Saturday, June 18, Edmonds Stadium, 7:00 p.m.



Amairany Franco **Edmonds eLearning Academy**

Edmonds eLearning helped me get back on track and focused on what really matters in life. They prepared me for my future by being there for me whenever I needed help or whenever I'm stuck on a problem. Both my family and teachers helped me understand that nothing is impossible. I have always had a fascination with helping people so my plan is to go to Edmonds Community College and study to become a paralegal.

eLearning Graduation: Monday, June 20, College Place Middle, 6:00 p.m.



Paxtyn Marten **Mountlake Terrace High**

Once I realized that I wanted to be a journalist, I began to focus more on learning the skills that would prepare me best for my future. School has taught me many different life skills, such as how to be a successful student, how to work hard, how to be professional, and how to interact with different types of people. As I graduate, I feel as though I am ready to take on college and the world. After graduation, I will attend Northeastern University in Boston, where I will major in journalism.

MTHS Graduation: Friday, June 17, Edmonds Stadium, 6:30 p.m.



Chad Risa **Lynnwood High**

Since the 4th grade, I have had a passion for aircraft. With the guidance of my 4th grade teacher, Mr. Nelson, I made the decision to pursue Aerospace Engineering. Lynnwood High offered the advanced math and science classes I needed and I give credit to my calculus teacher, Mr. Chan. He has gone above and beyond in order for us to understand the material. I plan on attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aerospace Engineering with a focus in Aeronautics.

LHS Graduation: Thursday, June 16, Edmonds Stadium 6:30 p.m.



Jannah Hendrick **Scriber Lake High**

The struggles I have encountered growing up make me want to have a good future. My leadership class changed me in ways that opened my eyes to the world around me and prepared me for the future. My plan is to work for a salon, so one day I can own my own. One of my dreams is to do hair for Fashion Week. Right now, I am in Running Start Cosmetology at Everett Community College. I am pursuing my Cosmetology License as well as an Associate of Technical Arts Degree.

SLH Graduation: Wednesday, June 15, Woodway Campus, 5:00 p.m.



Alia Thomaier **Edmonds Height K-12**

My education has empowered me to dream and take action to create the life I want. Edmonds Heights K-12 prepared me by giving choices, including on-site, independent and Running Start coursework as well as musical theater, leadership, and volunteer opportunities. This summer, I will teach musical theater students as well as perform at Center House Theatre. This fall, I will attend the University of Washington in Seattle, to earn my BA in Public Health/Psychology. I hope to travel and serve in the Peace Corps or Study Abroad.

EHK-12 Graduation: Friday, June 3, Woodway Campus, 7:00 p.m.



Jonah Campbell-Shinault **Edmonds-Woodway High**

I'm fascinated with the neverending conquest of knowledge, and I hope one day I'll be able to make a contribution to our collective wisdom. School has prepared me by allowing me the freedom to take art electives, the flexibility to take partial honors and the opportunity to go to Sno-Isle so that I could work toward the career I want. I've been accepted and am currently enrolled at the Digipen Institute of Technology.

EWHS Graduation: Saturday, June 18, Edmonds Stadium, 1:00 p.m.



Cameron Newmen **V.O.I.C.E**

My inspiration to learn is to play the piano. My plan after school is going to work at Edmonds Education Association or play the piano keys. My school prepared for future success by giving me a great teacher. Graduation is my final encore.

V.O.I.C.E Graduation: Wednesday, June 15, Woodway Campus, 5:00 p.m.

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