

Edmonds School District News

A Community Supporting Success For All Students

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District Levy and Bond Election

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Sustained Academic Growth and Success *Highlights of the 2013-14 school year*

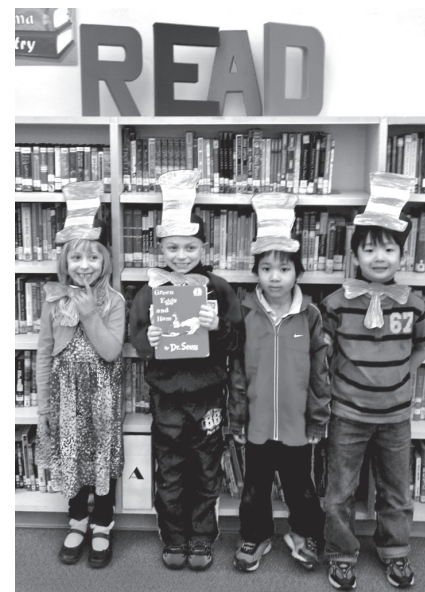
The Edmonds School District has realized sustained growth and success for its students for more than a decade. Our students again met or surpassed state percentages in the areas of reading, writing, math and science in the majority of grades on the 2013 state assessments. On the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) – an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community – our students surpassed the state and national averages in math, reading and writing (see chart page 2).

During the course of the current school year, Superintendent Nick Brossoit has met with and will continue to share with community groups, rotaries, and city councils the 2013-2014 Highlights, and how we are all working to build on this success:

Early Learning

Since 2009, our District has made a concerted effort to build a pre-kindergarten through third-grade program, partnering with the early childhood community. We are accelerating our efforts to increase student achievement.

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More for Your Money: Your Tax Dollars Working Across the District

Update on the voter-approved 2008 and 2012 Technology/Capital Levies

As a result of careful planning and other factors, additional needed projects will be completed throughout 2014 across the District. Most notably, the fascia at Edmonds Elementary will be replaced this summer.

"Funds from the 2008 Technology/Capital Levy remain available to complete work beyond the safety and health priority projects," said Stewart Mhyre, Executive Director of Business and Operations. "Thanks to fiscally strong management of the funds approved by our taxpayers, improving the exterior of Edmonds Elementary will take place during the summer of 2014 and has been a request of community members and families for quite some time."

Other summer 2014 projects include: roof replacement at Oak Heights Elementary and gutter/downspout replacement at Chase Lake Community School.

The voter-approved 2012 Technology/Capital Levy is continuing to provide our students with an opportunity to have access to technology tools that will assist in their learning and help them be prepared for the technology competency needed to graduate career and college ready. Through the funds we replace older equipment and continue to infuse new techniques, programs and equipment as needed into our schools.

Current projects at various schools include energy efficiency upgrades to lighting, heating/ventilation and boiler systems and teacher instructional laptop, projector and document camera replacements.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community,

As you may recall from the information we sent you in November, 2013, the District is holding an election Tuesday, February 11, 2014, with two important measures on the ballot; 1) a Replacement School Programs and Operation Levy and, 2) a Capital Construction Bond.

The School Programs and Operation Levy represents 23 percent of our District's daily operating revenue. These funds allow the District to provide local support for: teachers to keep class sizes smaller; paraeducators and staff who support the educational program; books and instructional materials; transportation and safe student travel; athletics, music and drama; co-curricular activities; services for special needs students; support staff for programs, services and technology; training, utilities and insurance. This levy will replace the current levy which ends in 2014. This is not an additional or new tax levy.

Communities have local levies because people want their local schools to provide better programs and services than what is possible when only funded by the state. In order to continue at our present level of programs and services, the law requires that our current replacement levy be renewed

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Nick Brossoit,
Superintendent

Academic Growth and Success

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Teacher Kari Park and student Christian Paulos display some of the 580 different titles available in the Guided Reading Book Rooms installed in all 22 elementary schools two years ago.

Reducing Class Size; Adding Full-Day Kindergarten

More than 600 students started free, full-day kindergarten this school year through additional state funding. Also expected are additional funds to provide teachers to reduce class size in grades 1-3 thanks to the Supreme Court victory ordering the state to fully fund public education by 2018.

New Teacher-Principal Evaluation System

Put into place for the 2013-14 school year, the new system is designed to better support student learning in the classroom through quality teaching and instructional leadership.

Closing the Achievement Gap

We are continuing to remove barriers, create a supportive culture and use student data properly to support what’s best for students, families and staff.

Student Learning: Common Core State Standards

District leaders, principals and teachers are working to put into place these new standards with the goal that effective student learning is meaningful, relevant and exciting.

We thank you for your continued support of this work and the pertinent role you play in realizing sustained growth and success for our students. If you would like to schedule Superintendent Brossoit to present on these highlight topics, please call 425-431-7003.

Edmonds School District Scores Higher than State and Nation in SAT Scores

Numbers in bold reflect Edmonds School District students surpassing the state and national averages in all subject areas. This is an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community.

	District	State	Nation
Math	527	523	514
Reading	520	515	496
Writing	507	499	488

Scores are based on 12th grade students taking the SAT in the Class of 2013.

Tax Exemption for Seniors

Anyone age 61 now or who will be 61 by December 31 of this year or retired because of a physical disability may qualify for an exemption and/or a reduction on next year’s property taxes, including these local school tax measures. The total, combined gross household income maximum is \$30,000 or less. For more information: Snohomish County Assessor’s Office, Mail Stop 510, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA 98201 or 425-388-3540.

Message from the Superintendent

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by voters. Washington State will have to invest more into K-12 education as a result of the McCleary case and the Supreme Court order to fully fund education; however, this funding will take years to realize and the local replacement levy is still necessary for local support of schools.

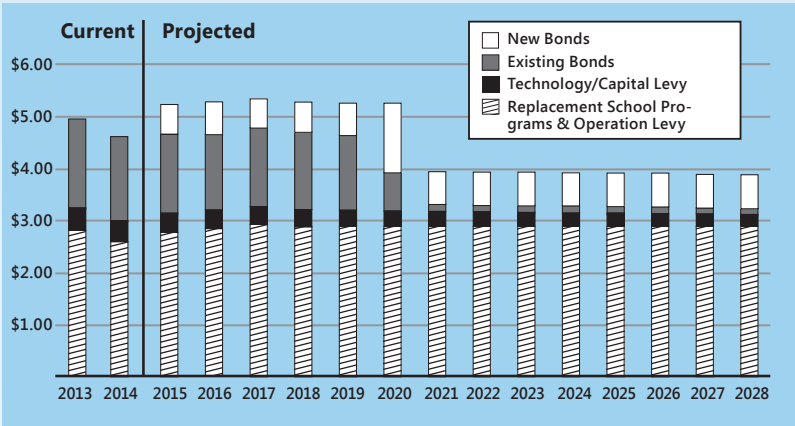
Approval of the Capital Construction Bond would allow the District to improve safety, upgrade heating/ventilation, replace roofs, enhance energy efficiencies and other capital improvements, reduce class size grades 1-6 at various schools; add classrooms for full-day kindergarten; modernize Spruce, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace elementary schools; add classroom capacity at Edmonds-Woodway High; relocate/replace Alderwood Middle School; replace Lynndale Elementary and Madrona School; and relocate/replace the Maintenance/Transportation/Warehouse facility.

Some of the capital projects included in this Bond proposal represent years of work by the Citizens Planning Committee (CPC) and District staff and were identified as early as 2005 as needing to be completed. The projects were selected based on objective criteria and established through this comprehensive and extensive process. Adding classrooms to reduce class size in grades 1-6 and providing additional classrooms for full-day Kindergarten is the result of the State providing additional funding for classroom teachers. The state funding cannot be used to construct or provide the additional space needed across the majority of the District’s 22 elementary schools.

The District can stabilize the overall rate paid by taxpayers by managing the timing of the sale of the bonds and the work/projects. If approved, the approximate cost of the Capital Construction Bond to a house valued at \$300,000 would be just under \$12.00 per month. Please see Overall Tax Impact chart below.

Overall Tax Impact

If both the Replacement Levy and Bond issues were approved



Questions? Call Stewart Mhyre, Business and Operations, 425-431-7015

To further our capital projects work and continue to be good stewards of public resources, we are still working to use surplus District properties to provide revenue either through sale or lease. Revenue from these surplus properties will help, but does not come close to meeting the capital projects needs in the District. Therefore, the bond proposition on this February ballot is necessary to do the work we have identified. During the long recession, our property values dropped just as those in the private sector. Now that the economy is turning around there is renewed interest from developers. Exactly when and how much revenue all the available surplus properties generate we do not know at this time; however, we cannot wait to complete necessary and timely capital project work.

Additionally, for more information, please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu; email schoolelection@edmonds.wednet.edu or call DJ Jakala in Community Relations at 425-431-7044.

Sincerely,

Nick Brossoit

Elementary Schools

Please call or visit to learn more!

Elementary, Principal

Beverly, Ryan Henderson
5221 168th St. SW, Lynnwood, 98037
425-431-7732

Brier, David Updike
3625 232nd St. SW, Brier, 98036
425-431-7854

Cedar Valley, C.J. Gray
19200 56th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036
425-431-7390

Cedar Way, Hawk Cramer
22222 39th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, 98043
425-431-7864

Chase Lake, Karen Nilson
21603 84th Ave. W, Edmonds, 98026
425-431-7495

College Place, Scott Morrison
20401 76th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036
425-431-7620

Edmonds, Brett Hagen
1215 Olympic Ave., Edmonds, 98020
425-431-7374

Hazelwood, Tim Parnell
3300 204th St. SW, Lynnwood, 98036
425-431-7884

Hilltop, Janie O'Brien
20425 Damson Road, Lynnwood, 98036
425-431-7604

Lynndale, Chris Fulford
7200 191st Pl. SW, Lynnwood, 98036
425-431-7365

Lynnwood, Chris Lindblom
18638 44th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98037
425-431-7615

Madrona K-8, Lynda Fischer
9300 236th St. SW, Edmonds, 98020
425-431-7979

Maplewood K-8, Michelle Jacobs Mathis
8500 200th St. SW, Edmonds, 98026
425-431-7515

Martha Lake, Tom Trexel
17500 Larch Way, Lynnwood, 98037
425-431-7766

Meadowdale, Dan Davis
6505 168th St. SW, Lynnwood, 98037
425-431-7754

Mountlake Terrace, Doug Johnson
22001 52nd Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, 98043
425-431-7894

Oak Heights, Susan Ardisson
15500 18th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98087
425-431-7744

Seaview, Jack Sackett
8426 188th St. SW, Edmonds, 98026
425-431-7383

Sherwood, Christi Kessler
22901 106th Ave. W, Edmonds, 98020
425-431-7460

Spruce, Katy Kayler
17405 Spruce Way, Lynnwood, 98037
425-431-7720

Terrace Park, Mary Freitas
5409 228th St. SW, Mountlake Terrace, 98043
425-431-7482

Westgate, Susan Lathrop
9601 220th St. SW, Edmonds, 98020
425-431-7470

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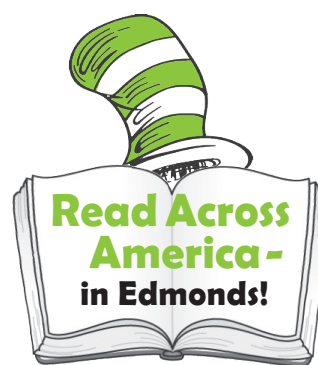
- Jan. 28** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5** Superintendent's Roundtable at ESC*, 12-1 p.m.
- Feb. 11** Replacement School Programs and Operation Levy/Capital Construction Bond - ballots due by today
School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
Registration for 2014-15 begins for kindergarten and all grades at neighborhood schools
- Feb. 22** STEM Fair at Edmonds-Woodway High, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Feb. 25** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 1** Edmonds Public Schools and Alumni Foundation Read Across America Event, Downtown Edmonds
- March 5** Superintendent's Roundtable at ESC*, 12-1 p.m.
- March 11** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 25** School Board Meeting at the ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 26** Community Budget Meeting at Meadowdale High Theater, 4 p.m.
- April 2** Superintendent's Roundtable at ESC*, 12-1 p.m.
Community Budget Meeting at Lynnwood High Theater, 7 p.m.
- April 7-11** Spring Break
- April 15** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- April 16** Community Budget Meeting at Mountlake Terrace High Theater, 4 p.m.
- April 23** Community Budget Meeting at Edmonds-Woodway High Theater, 7 p.m.
- April 29** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.

* The Educational Service Center (ESC) is located at 20420 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036 (just south of Edmonds Community College).



EDMONDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ALUMNI FOUNDATION

Edmonds Public Schools Foundation has merged with the Edmonds School District Alumni Association (ESDAA) and has changed its name to the Edmonds Public Schools and Alumni Foundation. The ESDAA all-volunteer board now serves as the Scholarship/Alumni committee of The Foundation, which annually awards scholarships for post-secondary education to graduating seniors. The joining of the two organizations enhances the services for students, student programs and teachers of the Edmonds School District.



Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Saturday, March 1
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Take a "Cat Walk"
in downtown
Edmonds and find
reading "discoveries."

Pick up your Cat Walk card at Revelations Yogurt

Event supports students & school libraries

EDMONDS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

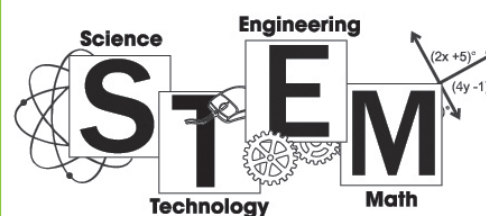
more info. at www.edmondsea.org



The Foundation is **"Feeding Hungry Minds"**
a community campaign in partnership with
Campbell Nelson VW/Nissan

Test drive a car from now until April 30, 2014 and Campbell Nelson will donate \$50 to the Edmonds Public Schools and Alumni Foundation!

Join us and Campbell Nelson VW/Nissan and Feed Hungry Minds.
For more information edmondspsf@edmonds.wednet.edu



STEM EXPO 2014

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Please join us Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Edmonds-Woodway High School, 7600 212th St. SW, Edmonds, 98026

Edmonds Public Schools and Alumni Foundation

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Edmonds School District Board of Directors

Comprising five director districts, the Board of Directors conducts the business of the Edmonds School District. The board meets alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center, 20420 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood, 98036. Study sessions, at which the board does not vote on matters, are held as needed on alternate Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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Dr. Nick Brossoit
Superintendent and
Board Secretary

Be an Early Bird! Register for Kindergarten 2014-15



Five Little Birds, Natalie Doty
Age 8, Maplewood K-6

Children who will be 5-years-old by August 31, 2014 are eligible to begin kindergarten in September. Registration continues through June 27 and then again beginning August 11 at all schools. Please register by March 7 if you are interested in entering the lottery for the full-time program at your school.

It's easy as 1, 2, 3...

Find Your Neighborhood School:

Visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu, click on the link to the Neighborhood School/Bus Finder and enter your student's grade level and address information.

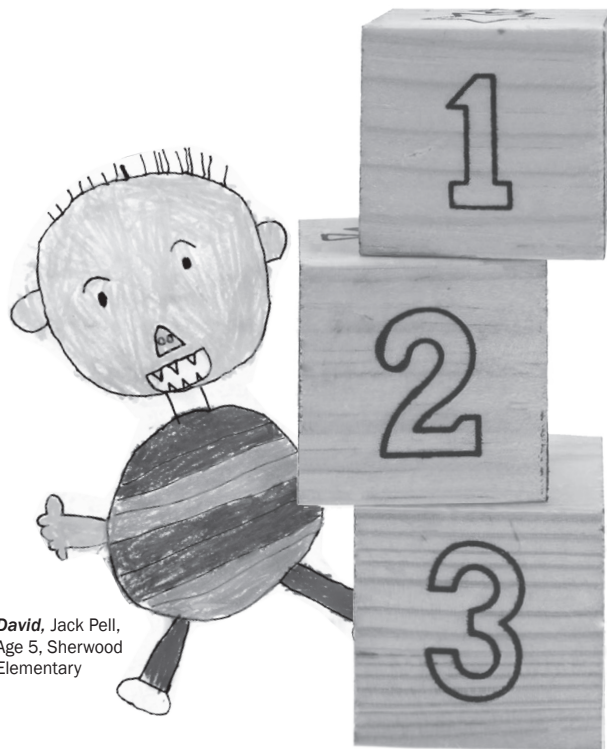
Bring Required Documents to Register:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Vaccinations and Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, lease, or mortgage papers).

Please start the process even if you do not have the birth certificate or immunizations.

Program Options:

- Part-Time Kindergarten: 5 days a week, morning or afternoon session. There is no charge to parents.
- Full-Time Kindergarten: 5 days a week, full school day. Tuition for 2014-2015 will be \$3,600. Tuition waivers may also be available to qualifying families (as funding permits).

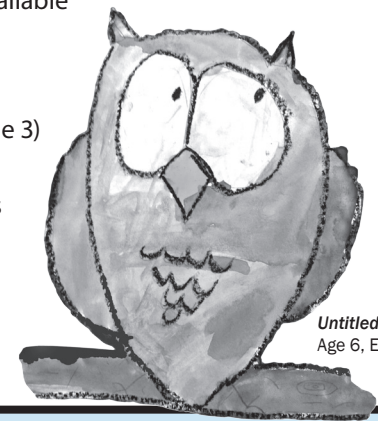


David, Jack Pell,
Age 5, Sherwood
Elementary

Be Wise – Register Now at Your Neighborhood School (see page 3)

Getting enrolled early helps begin positive relationships with school staff, gets you connected to orientation and open house events, and also helps you to explore the skills your student needs to be school-ready!

For more information, visit www.wednet.edmonds.edu or contact Shelley Roehl at 425-431-7176, roehls@edmonds.wednet.edu.



Untitled, Isabella Fallarme
Age 6, Edmonds Elementary

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Why am I getting this newsletter? This newsletter is intended to reach all residents in our District including the nearly 70 percent of households without school-age children. We use bulk mailing rather than individually addressing each newsletter because it is the least expensive way to distribute this newsletter.