

February 2010

Eastmont

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Quality Education - A Community Commitment

National Board Certified Teachers

Ten Eastmont teachers were recently honored at the January 25 school board meeting for earning their National Board Certification. This endeavor requires a tremendous amount of time and energy and every candidate deserves to be congratulated on their achievement. Teachers who go through this process speak eloquently about how the experience produces deeper student learning outcomes in classrooms. They are strengthened in their practice and emerge from the experience with a lasting commitment to professional growth.

Eastmont now has a total of 24 National Board Certified Teachers. Nationally there are over 82,000 National Board Certified Teachers. Washington State ranks fifth in the nation with nearly 4,000 NBC Teachers.

Congratulations this year to:

Harriet Fox at Rock Island Elementary,
Holly Cornehl-Rush at Lee Elementary,
Deanna Porter at Kenroy Elementary,
Natalie Hoback at Kenroy Elementary,
Ami VanderSluis at Cascade Elementary,
Joanne Leonard at Eastmont High School,
Andrea Roberts at Kenroy Elementary,
Natalie Dorey at Lee Elementary,
Erin Kraemer at Kenroy Elementary, and
Darrell Moser at Sterling Intermediate.



(Pictured left to right) Harriet Fox at Rock Island Elementary, Holly Cornehl-Rush at Lee Elementary, Deanna Porter at Kenroy Elementary, Natalie Hoback at Kenroy Elementary, Ami VanderSluis at Cascade Elementary, Joanne Leonard at Eastmont High School, Andrea Roberts at Kenroy Elementary, Natalie Dorey at Lee Elementary, Erin Kraemer at Kenroy Elementary, and Darrell Moser at Sterling Intermediate.

Message from Eastmont Superintendent, Garn Christensen

Budget, budget, budget...The waiting continues as the Governor and State Legislators negotiate the funding for 2010-11 public services. The picture for Eastmont is not positive and we anticipate that reductions in positions and programs will be necessary to have next year's budget in the black. Our office has received notice that the Governor may not release the June 2010 State Apportionment for Eastmont until the next State fiscal year which starts July 1, 2010. This is significant in that it means the District will need to exhaust all of its reserves to make June payroll. Payment of our estimated \$1,000,000 monthly bills will have to be delayed until July. This has never happened before for Eastmont or for the State of Washington.

A small group has been meeting monthly to evaluate the possibility of recommending to the Board of Directors a facilities bond to be placed on a future ballot. Schools typically have three types of items on a ballot. The simplest ballot item is when citizens vote on individuals running for office as school directors. The second type is a Maintenance and Operation Levy. Eastmont citizens voted and passed a 2009 ballot item to renew our M&O Levy for another four years. Levy funds are treated as short-term operational income to provide all types of positions and programs and to help maintain facilities.

The most complex ballot measure is a facilities bond. Think of this item as a vote to refinance your home and either remodel/modernize it for another 30 years. This is the ballot item under consideration and would likely propose to modernize the High School and Sterling, and do major repair projects at Grant, Lee, Kenroy, and Cascade. These elections authorize the District to sell tax exempt bonds to fund the project and then use collections from property taxes to pay the bond investors over the next 5-30 years. Eastmont voters have historically approved a ballot proposal every decade that either modernizes or builds new schools depending on the District needs. If approved to be on the ballot, this measure would keep the property tax rate to repay the bonds consistent with rates for the last couple decades.

Enrollment in most school districts declines from September through the end of the school year as districts

lose students who are struggling with appropriate behavior or academics. Some of these students become home-schooled, some start a GED program, while others try a different school district, on-line options, or drop out. In an effort to keep these students in Eastmont, a grade 7-12 multi-age classroom called Eastside Alternative was implemented on February 1. The Extended Day Program, Columbia Virtual Academy Partnership, and this new program all serve as "choices" available to students who desire something other than a traditional classroom setting.

Our Board updated and revised the District Motto. The new motto is *Quality Education – A Community Commitment.*

*Sincerely,
Garn Christensen*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin Monday, March 1, 2010 at all our elementary schools and will continue through to the end of the year. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2010 to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten. It is important to bring proof of date of birth (birth certificate, baptismal record, etc.), a record of immunizations, and important contact and emergency phone numbers (doctors, daycare, work phone, etc.). We currently plan on maintaining all-day kindergarten classes at all our elementary schools.



MATH NIGHT AT CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cascade Elementary School held a FAMILY MATH NIGHT on Thursday, January 28. Parents were invited to come hear how they can help support their students in math. Lessons and concepts from our new math program, Math Expressions, were shared with families. Students had a great time “teaching” their parents the math concepts being learned in class. Following the classroom sessions, everyone met in the gym for refreshments and a free raffle.



Tanner Burns teaching mom and dad,
Eric and Kendra Burns



Tanner Child teaching his father,
Brandon Child



First graders and parents hard at work



Stacia Hardie - Middle Level Adviser of the Year

The Washington Association of Student Councils has named Stacia Hardie “Middle Level Adviser of the Year.” Stacia is Assistant Principal and Athletics and Activities Director at Eastmont Junior High School. For the past nine years Ms. Hardie has served as ASB/Leadership Adviser.

Stacia is a true supporter of students. Mr. John Westerman, Principal at Eastmont Junior High, had the following to say about Stacia. “Her entire focus is on what is best for ALL students, not just those in athletics or who are actively involved in student ASB and leadership. Students are very fortunate to have Stacia as their adviser. It truly is a student run and student focused ASB. Students do all of the planning and follow-through for our events. Stacia continues to help us grow our leadership as well as our student voice.”

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Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX / RCW 28A.640 office and/or Section 504 / ADA coordinator.

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AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM

The Eastmont School District, Administration Office has a new automated phone answering system. Our office number is (509) 884-7169, with these selections:

- Press 1 – District Office
- Press 2 – School Listing
- Press 3 – Transportation/Bus Garage
- Press 5 – Maintenance/Facilities
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EHS Mentorship Program

EHS seniors, **Tara Loyd, Vanessa Cervantes, and Kelly Snyder** were recently acknowledged at a reception at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center for completing a 10-hour mentorship. The mentorship process began in September when local area students from EHS, WHS, and CHS attended a presentation by Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. Each student was required to complete an application, cover letter and resume. Mentors choose three students to interview. Once interviews were completed, nine students were chosen. There were nine mentorship opportunities from which to choose. Once selected, students then had to work with their mentor to arrange time during non-school hours to complete the 10 hour mentorship prior to December 4.

Tara was mentored by Linda Stahler in Radiology, Vanessa was mentored by Debbie Linn at Wenatchee Valley Practice, and Kelly was mentored by Katie Visser at the clinic site in Cashmere.



Pictured from L to R: Linda Stahler, Tara Loyd, Kelly Snyder, Katie Visser, Vanessa Cervantes, Debbie Linn, and Julie Kuntz.

This is the 7th year that Wenatchee Valley Medical Center has offered the Mentorship Program to area high school students.