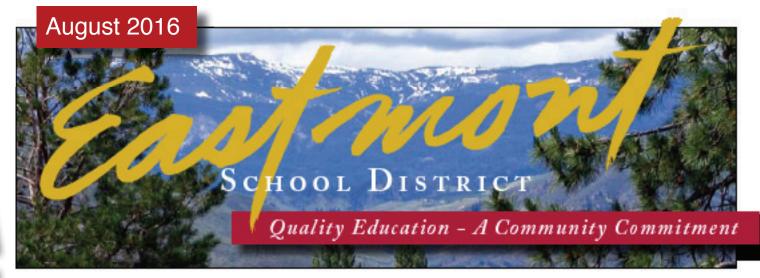
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# Eastmont Focus

# Bonga Marimba Ready for the Main Stage

By Matthew Ockinga Staff writer

Switching musical instruments can be like switching positions in baseball. While it's still baseball, when pitchers convert to outfielders, or vice versa, it requires them to learn, hone and perfect an entirely new skill set.

For virtually her entire instrumental life, Kenroy Elementary School music teacher Vinny Lee has dwelt in the strings world, primarily playing the violin and viola. But two years ago, Lee started the Eastmont Bonga Marimba (EBM) group which is assembled of 4th-6th graders. These talented students play marimbas, barred instruments struck with mallets, similar to xylophones, but with wooden bars and resonator tubes suspended underneath the main frame. The marimbas used by the EBM are styled after Zimbabwe marimbas.

"Being a strings player, this has been out of my comfort zone to do percussion. So I've been doing a lot of personal professional drills to kind of get to the point where I am right now," said Lee, who began teaching orchestra in the District in 2000. "Right now in my teaching I feel like I should have been a percussionist, because I use more percussion. I love strings but I use more percussion in my teaching. The difficulty in the transition is learning how to play the instrument."

Eastmont Bonga Marimba just finished its second year with rousing success. Around 20 members of the group played 13 gigs over the past



year, the last one being at Waterville Days on July 9. That particular show demonstrated the talent and flexibility these young musicians must possess to play in the group. To prepare for that Saturday's performance, the students rehearsed for 2.5 hours on Friday and were all learning new parts.

Unlike most instruments, marimbas don't require any sheet music. Everything is learned by ear and memorized and Lee "taught them as much as their brains could hold." One student has become so adept with marimbas he can play with four mallets, two in each hand.

"Some of them are getting, I don't know if I would say better than me, but they can play faster than I can because they play all the time, so I have to practice just to keep up with the kids," Lee said. "I am surprised at their ability to learn something new that's actually difficult and retain it

and enjoy it."

But it requires more than Lee and her talented musicians to keep the marimba group going. The EBM has received money from a three-year grant that assists school programs and extracurricular activities. The grant is in its final year and Lee has purchased five more marimbas to complete the group's set.

Lee also credits the support of parents and grandparents to help make the gigs easier. One set of grandparents has volunteered their trailer to haul the marimbas to every event the group has played.

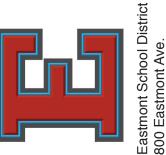
"If we didn't have that, then all the parents would be loading marimbas into their cars along with their children to go to these gigs," Lee said.

Interest has been growing so much that Lee will be starting a second group this fall and allowing seventh graders to join. Starting the second week of September,

the students will attend two 45-mintue practices per week at Kenroy.

Even though they come after a full day of teaching, those practice days add some stress relief to Lee's week. She ends her normal school day with Kindergartners which, understandably, can zap some of her energy. But the rhythmic pounding of mallets on wooden bars perks her up and sends her home in a musical mood.

"Kindergartners are pretty much done when they come to me. They want to be home taking a nap or playing at the end of the day. So sometimes some kids can be pretty rough at the end of the day. But I end the day with my marimba kids," Lee said. "You know how it is when you have a rough day and then you can listen to something or go for a walk and be active and then you feel better? Whatever that's called, that's how I feel."



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# Focus on **Eastmont**

# Superintendent Message



GARN CHRISTENSEN Superintendent Eastmont Schools

Eastmont welcomes you to our 2016-17 school year. The first day for students is Wednesday, August 30. Here are a few suggestions for helping ensure students make progress towards graduation:

1) Set attendance as a priority - whether at school or work, good attendance is vitally

important to long-term success. Students who miss 10 days or more per year are more likely to drop out and not graduate on-time.

2) Ensure self-care - in the form of good sleep, good nutrition, and time set aside for reading, studying, play, and other recreation.

3) Limit screen time - the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than two hours per day for young people and that electronics are parked out of reach at bedtime.

4) Have your student walk - to school or ride a bus if you are in a busing area. Walking improves health and reduces traffic congestion and improves air quality.

5) Join - require your junior and senior high school age students to participate in at least one school activity, sport, or club each school year. Young people who get involved in activities graduate at higher rates than those who do not.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable school year and look forward to serving the children of Eastmont for the 2016-17 school year.

# EASTMONT START AND END TIMES

Schools	Late Start Mondays Schedule	
Elementary		
Cascade	9:25 – 3:10	8:25 – 3:10
Grant	9:25 – 3:10	8:25 – 3:10
Kenroy	9:35 – 3:20	8:35 – 3:20
Lee	9:35 – 3:20	8:35 – 3:20
Rock Island	9:35 – 3:20	8:35 – 3:20
Sterling – Grades K-4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 2:45	8:00 – 2:45
Intermediate		
Clovis Point	9:00 – 2:45	8:00 – 2:45
Sterling – Grades 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 2:45	8:00 – 2:45
Junior High		
Eastmont Junior High	8:45 – 2:30	7:45 – 2:30
High School		
Eastmont High School	8:45 – 2:30	7:45 – 2:30

# School Board Activity: Educational Programs Levy and Capital Levy Approval

On July 18, 2016, the Eastmont Board of Directors approved placing the renewal of our Educational Program and Operational Levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The Board has also approved a Capital Levy be proposed to voters on the November ballot.

If approved, these levies will continue current educational programs and replace an older voter approved bond. The capital levy would provide funds for the next six years to do major repairs, additions, and purchase property for long-term growth without the interest that goes with bonds.

All estimates show that tax levy rates for these two proposals will continue very near the combined rate for existing levy and bond rates that our community has experienced over the last several years. Our most recent voted proposals ended up costing less than estimates due to continued growth in our tax base. Our Board continues to prefer placing school election proposals on the November ballot given it is the least costly of all election options.

# **Educational Programs Levy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

# Q: What is an Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy?

A: State and federal dollars do not fully fund the day to day operations of our district. This measure provides local funding support for essential educational programs and services. This 4 year levy requires 50% voter approval in order to continue. Funding from this levy represents approximately 15% of the District's annual operating budget.

### Q: What does this levy help pay for?

A: The levy supports the following educational programs:

- Curriculum
- · Instructional technology and software
- Safety and Security
- Special Education program
- Highly Capable program
- Fine Arts and Music programs
- Extracurricular music, athletics, drama and other after school activities
- · Competitive wages and benefits for all employees

# Q: Why doesn't the state cover the full cost of Basic Education?

A: The state allocates money to school district using a complex formula that does not account for the actual costs of operating a school district. For example, only a portion of employee costs are funded.

# Q: When is the election?

A: November 8th is Election Day. This is an all Mail-In Election. Ballots must be postmarked by November 8, 2016 in order to be counted. October 31st is the last day for new Washington State voter registration (in person only).

# Q: What about senior citizens, veterans, or others on a limited income?

A: Exemptions are available for senior citizens (61+), veterans, and disabled persons. Visit the Douglas County Assessors website (http://www.douglascountywa.net/elected-offices/assessor) for more information, or call (509) 745-8521.

# Capital Levy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

# Q: What is the difference between a Capital Levy and a Bond?

A: A Capital Levy provides funding for items, like roofs, heating & cooling systems, lighting or flooring, and is funded with collected taxes over six years, so there is no interest payment. A Bond provides funding for new construction, or larger projects and is financed over a longer period of time with interest, like a home mortgage.

# Q: What type of projects will this Capital Levy help pay for?

A: This levy will provide funds that will allow the District to:

- Upgrade major systems, such as roofs, safety and security, and heating/ cooling systems
  - Other needed major repairs and improvements
  - Purchase land for future school sites in preparation for increasing enrollment

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# Focus on **Summer**

# Lee Elementary Home to Districtwide Summer School

By Matthew Ockinga Staff writer

Nothing compares to the hustle and bustle of the normal school year at the elementary level. Lee Elementary School is a prime example of that. Normally housing over 500 students, Lee typically is filled with youthful exuberance and chatter. But while attending Eastmont School District's summer school session, incoming fifth grader Talen Lee notices a major difference about the building he spends so much time in.

"It's not as noisy," he astutely observed.

True, especially when it comes to playground time. But when boiled down to its essence, school is school and learning is still the top priority at Lee, the centralized location for the District's summer school.

"I don't think it's much different. There are different faces and different teachers and kids, but the overall environment is pretty much the same," said Anna Rankin, lead summer school teacher for the District. "Everyone is really friendly and eager to help and works as a team. (There are) just a few less bodies."

About 300 less bodies, actually. Helped out by 19 teachers, the district's summer program serves approximately 200 students five days a week in July with about 100 of those being third graders. The youngsters start their day at 8:30 and are out the doors three hours later. While study time focuses on reading, writing and math, one of those subjects gets a heavier emphasis.

"I picked a curriculum that was really intended to get kids reading," said Kim Browning, Cascade Elementary School principal who runs the summer school program. "If you walk into any classroom you'll see some form of reading going

"I think reading is a base foundation for all the other subjects," Rankin added. "You aren't going to succeed well in math if you don't have the reading skills to read what the math problem is asking you to do."

Among the educational tools used by Browning and the summer school staff is the Smarter Balanced Test and the Learning Assistance Program (LAP). With reading being of such prime importance, smaller class sizes are key. Browning's original target for each summer school class size was eight, but the average turned out to be around 10-11, still conducive to individual attention which is particularly helpful with reading classes.

"You have the opportunity to dig deeper to that one student's needs," Rankin said. "With eight kids it's a lot easier than with 26 or 27 or 30."

Miguel Gomez is an incoming fifth grader at Lee.

"It helps so much because you can raise your hand and there's not that much noise in the classroom and you can pay more attention," he said. Rankin sees other benefits to the summer school atmosphere. The half-days help alleviate woes caused by short attention spans and prevent students from wearing out mentally.



"They don't get as fatigued as easily," Rankin said. "And it's nice because you can add a little bit more fun and engaging activities, not that you don't do that during the typical school year, but there's less peer focus."

Included among the fun and engaging activities is the web site GoNoodle.com, a fun site that gives students some interactive "brain breaks." The more casual summer school atmosphere lessens peer pressure for the students allowing them to embrace their goofy sides.

"There's only seven other kids that are watching them dance to a GoNoodles song, instead of 26 other kids that are going to be like 'Oh, my Gosh, did you see so-and-so dancing?" Rankin said. "So you can add the fun engaging part to it, but also have a strong focus on reading, writing and a little bit of math."

# Special Education is a service – Not a place

The Eastmont Special Education Department is proud to support the great educational work going on in all nine of our buildings across the district. Teachers, paras, administrators, and parents all working collaboratively to provide the best possible education for all students, while meeting the individual needs of our students who receive specially designed instruction.

Eastmont is well known for planning and developing resources in order to meet students' need and find success for all. Student achievement continues to improve and thrive as we move our students from Wee Wildcat preschool programs, through elementary, intermediate, and secondary schools.

Our goal is for students who graduate from Eastmont to be better prepared to move on with their adult lives, becoming productive citizens and community

We are very excited to announce our new Transition Pilot Project. The Eastmont School District Special Education Department, in conjunction with our secondary schools, applied for a state Transition Learning Community Pilot and was accepted! Our special education students deserve a secondary education culminating into a successful transition into adult life with the fulfillment of the opportunity for gainful employment.

Given the world complexity during the age of information, we have to be more skillful and knowledgeable of adult transition. Here is our chance! The Eastmont School District will work together intentionally with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Center for Change and Transition Services to dedicate a departmental goal to Pre-Employment Transition Services.

"The purpose of the "TLC" project is to provide districts with support and resources to develop pre-employment transition services aligned with and to grounded in transition research and in a careful analysis of local and regional data with the long-term goal of increasing positive post school outcomes." - Center for Change in Transition Services.

This means better preparation for our educators and more skillful career and technical education development for our students! We can't wait to see what this year of training and resources will bring to our Eastmont programs!

Heidi Reasor,

Assistant Special Education Director

# Special Education

If you are concerned about your school age child's development:

First, talk to your child's classroom teacher about your concerns. Every school has a process in place to provide help when there are concerns about student learning. You may also talk to the counselor, psychologist, or administrator from your school.

One outcome of that process might be a referral for a special education assessment, for which your written permission is required. When that assessment is finished you will be invited to a meeting at the school to discuss the results, consider your child's eligibility for special education services and if eligible. help plan for your child's Individualized Education Program.

If you have concerns about a child who is not yet in school, please call the Eastmont Special Education Office at (509) 844-8333.

# Focus on Transportation August 2016

# 2016-2017 Morning Bus Runs

Printed on the next two pages are the Eastmont School District morning pick-up times and locations. Locate the school your child is attending (see CODE to the right). Find the bus stop that is nearest to your home. It is the assigned stop where your child will be picked up and dropped off.

School bus stop information can also be retrieved from the district web site at www.eastmont206. org. Click on Transportation. Type in "guest" for both the name and password. Follow the three steps:

- Select your grade level.
- 2. Put in your street address.
- Find transportation info. 3.

EHS: Eastmont High School

EJHS: Eastmont Junior High

CPIS: Clovis Point Intermediate School

7:58 am Spring Wheat Rd @ Semolina

7:59 am Wheatridge Dr @ Harvester

8:02 am Wheatridge Dr @ Deer Run

8:09 am Cascade Elementary School

8:18 am Robert E Lee Elementary

**Route: 5A2 PURPLE OCTOPUS** 

7:52 am NW Cascade Ave @ NW

7:53 am NW Cascade Ave @ Lloyd PI

7:53 am NW Cascade Ave @ 26th St

7:54 am NW Cascade Ave @ 29th St

7:56 am NW Cascade Ave @ 31st St

7:56 am NW Cascade Ave @ 33rd St

7:57 am NW Cascade Ave @ 34th St

7:58 am 35th St NW @ Ashwood Dr

7:58 am 35th St NW @ Alfred PI

8:01 am 3535 NW Cascade Ave

7:59 am 5 33rd St NW

8:02 am 3520 Sunset Hwy

8:03 am 3126 Sunset Hwy

8:04 am 2950 Sunset Hwy

8:04 am 2710 Sunset Hwy

8:05 am 2410 Sunset Hwy

8:06 am 2212 Sunset Hwy

7:53 am 1146 Harrison Ct

8:09 am Cascade Elementary School

8:16 am Robert E Lee Elementary

7:52 am 10th St NE @ N Iowa Ave

7:55 am N Grover Ave @ Amy Ct

7:56 am N Grover Ave @ 11th St NE

7:58 am N Grover Ave @ 12th St NE

7:59 am N Grover Ave @ 13th St NE

8:02 am N Grover Ave @ Clarissa Ln

8:04 am N Grover Ave @ Briarwood

8:05 am Braiarwood Ter @ Hannah

8:10 am Cascade Elementary School

8:15 am Robert E Lee Elementary

7:55 am Eastmont Ave @ Rolfs Ct

7:58 am 6th St NE @ Darwood Ave

8:06 am 9th St NE @ N Devon Ave

8:13 am Cascade Elementary School

7:46 am Sunset Hwy @ McElmurry Ln

8:18 am Robert E Lee Elementary

**Route: 38A2 BROWN DEER** 

7:47 am 19 31st St NE

7:48 am 7 Lindwood St NE

7:49 am 18 Glendale St NE

7:50 am 3219 Vine St NE

7:51 am 3329 Sunset Hwy

7:53 am 204 Goldcrest St

8:01 am N Baker Ave @ Standerfer St

**Route: 28A2 RED CHICKEN** 

7:56 am 337 7th St NE

7:59 am 450 6th St NE

8:03 am 815 N Baker Ave

8:07 am 1033 Eastmont Ave

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8:01 am N Grover Ave @ France St NE

**Route: 11A2 PINK STARFISH** 

7:55 am NW Cascade Ave @ Cas.

7:50 am 2017 NW Cascade Ave

7:51 am NW Cascade Ave @

Broadmoor

Wilshire

View Ct

8:02 am 1256 Wheatridge Dr

SIS: Sterling Middle School CAS: Cascade Elementary

7:54 am 317 Goldcrest St

7:56 am 3310/3290 NW Empire Ave 7:56 am NW Empire Ave @ 32nd St 7:58 am NW Empire Ave @ 30th St 7:59 am NW Empire Ave @ 29th St 8:00 am 342 27th St NW

8:02 am NW Columbia Ave @ Edgewater

8:03 am NW Columbia Ave @ 23rd St

8:04 am NW Columbia Ave @ Wilshire St

8:06 am 19th St NW @ NW Bates Ave 8:10 am Cascade Elementary School 8:18 am Robert E Lee Elementary

# **ROCK ISLAND**

### **Route: 23A2 PURPLE BUTTERFLY**

7:39 am 6th St SE @ S Lawler Ave

7:45 am 2820 Grant Rd

7:46 am S Union Ave @ S Stark Ave 7:48 am Airway St SE @ S Roland Ave

7:53 am 3111 4th St SE

7:59 am 3555 Grant Rd 8:02 am 4040 10th St SE

8:06 am 5555 4th St SE

8:07 am 5818 Batterman Rd 8:08 am Batterman Rd @ Woodstone

8:15 am 5501 Riverside Dr 8:15 am 5380 Riverside Dr 8:18 am Rock Island Elementary School

Route: 24A2 Red Squirrel

7:52 am Grant Student Care 8:00 am Sr-28 @ Hydro Park Ballfields

8:02 am 2500 Sr-28

8:04 am S Perry Ave @ Gracie Ln 8:05 am Akamai Way @ Blue Heron Ln

8:07 am Sr-28 @ S Tyee Ave 8:10 am Rock Island Rd @ SE Vantage

8:11 am 4593 Rock Island Rd 8:12 am Rock Island Rd @ Pear Ln

8:15 am Rock Island Elementary School

**Route: 25A2 GREEN TURTLE** 

7:58 am Rock Island Rd @ S Mary Ave 8:01 am Rock Island Rd @ S Majestic 8:03 am Rock Island Rd @ New Penfold Ct

8:04 am Rock Island Rd @ Norma Ln 8:05 am Rock Island Rd @ S Perry Ave 8:06 am Rock Island Rd @ S Quincy

8:08 am Rock Island Rd @ S Stark Ave 8:15 am Rock Island Elementary School

6:25 am 11787 Badger Mountain Rd

6:31 am 14971 Badger Mountain Rd

6:34 am Badger Mnt Rd @ Lwr Wld

6:37 am Badger Mountain Rd @ Wild

6:38 am Badger Mountain Rd @ Grand

6:40 am Badger Mountain Rd @ Turn

6:49 am 14600 Badger Mountain Rd

6:57 am 10609 Badger Mountain Rd

7:19 am Eastmont Junior High School

7:24 am Sterling Intermediate School

7:57 am Cascade Elementary Schoo

7:15 am N James Ave @ 9th St NE

7:26 am N Iowa Ave @ 1st St NE

7:29 am Kenroy Elementary School

7:40 am Clovis Point Intermediate

7:28 am Eastmont High School

6:43 am Badger Mountain Rd @

**BADGER MT** 

Turkey

Around

Hummingbird

CLOVIS

Route: 16A1

7:12 am 450 6th St NE

7:22 am 245 5th St NE

7:19 am 712 N Baker Ave

7:24 am 176 Eastmont Ave

Route:32A1 Badger

6:38 am Warming hut

### 7:50 am S Iowa Ave @ Jupiter St SE

**GRANT** 

# **Route: 27A2 PINK SWAN**

7:52 am Highline Dr @ Rimrock Way 7:52 am Highline Dr @ Leslie Way 7:53 am Highline Dr @ Elva Way SE 7:54 am Highline Dr @ Pace Dr 7:56 am 199 1st St SE 7:58 am 206 2nd St SE 8:01 am Rock Island Rd @ Eller St SE 8:01 am Rock Island Rd @ Leslie Way 8:03 am 900 Rock Island Rd 8:04 am 1320 Rock Island Rd 8:15 am Ulysses S Grant Elementary

# **KENROY/GRANT**

### Route: 17A2 BROWN DOG

7:52 am Eastmont Ave @ 2nd St NE

7:57 am 6th St NE @ Darwood Ave

7:59 am 245 5th St NE

8:03 am N Baker Ave @ Standerfer St 8:04 am 815 N Baker Ave

8:13 am Ulysses S Grant Elementary

8:18 am Kenroy Elementary School

7:46 am N Perry @ Grant Rd

8:00 am N Nile Ave @ 10th St NE 8:00 am 10th St NE @ NE Olympic Dr

8:04 am 2665 8th St NE

8:05 am 8th St NE @ Nester Ct

8:06 am 8th St NE @ Mount Joy Sq 8:07 am 8th St NE @ Melbourne Ct 8:12 am Ulysses S Grant Elementary

7:45 am N Mary Ave @ 1st St NE 7:47 am 3rd St NE @ N Nevada Ave 7:48 am 3rd St NE @ N Newton Ave 7:51 am S Mary Ave @ S

Meadowbrook Ln 7:52 am S Mary Ave @ Bluegrass Ave 7:56 am 6th St SE @ S Lawler Ave 7:58 am 6th St SE @ S Lyle Ave 7:59 am 6th St SE @ S Lynn Ave 8:00 am 2111 6th St SE 8:01 am 2125 6th St SE

8:03 am 8th St SE @ S Nile Ave 8:04 am 8th St SE @ Navajo Ln

8:06 am 8th St SE @ S Kentucky Ave 8:12 am Ulysses S Grant Elementary

8:22 am Kenroy Elementary School

# CAS

# Route: 6A2 ORANGE CAT

7:21 am Eastmont Ave @ Cougar Ridge Rd

7:24 am Sunset Hwy @ Blue Grade Rd 7:30 am Sr-2/97 @ BJ's Parking lot

7:34 am Sr-2/97 @ Longview 7:37 am 13591 Hwy 2/97

7:42 am 13141 2/97 Hwy

7:44 am 13083 SR-2/97 7:47 am 4840 NW Cascade Ave 7:48 am NW Cascade Ave @ Cascade

7:51 am 4200 NW Cascade Ave 7:52 am NW Cascade Ave @

McCauley Ct 7:52 am NW Cascade Ave @ 39th St

NW 7:54 am Blue Rock Dr NE @ NE Blueridge

7:55 am Blue Rock Dr NE @ 40th Cir

7:56 am 4055 Blue Rock Dr NE 7:57 am 4083 Blue Rock Dr NE

7:59 am 4054 Bluecrest Dr 8:10 am Cascade Elementary School

# Route: 13A2 BLUE BIRD

7:50 am Fancher Hts @ Bellanca 7:53 am Fancher Heights Blvd @

Aviation 7:54 am 2561 Aviation Dr

7:56 am 2519 Aviation Dr 7:57 am Aviation Dr @ Fancher Field

Rd 7:58 am Fancher Field Rd @ Pratt Ct 7:59 am Fancher Field Rd @ Veedol

8:02 am Plateau Dr @ Highland View

Dr 8:12 am Cascade Elementary School

# **Route: 34A2 GRAY ELEPHANT**

7:50 am Eastmont Ave @ 19th St NE 7:55 am 2306 Herndon Dr 7:57 am 2384 Herndon Dr

7:59 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Twin

8:01 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Grand Ave

8:03 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Inglewood Dr 8:07 am Eastmont Ave @ Valley View

8:07 am Eastmont Ave @ King Pl 8:15 am Cascade Elementary School

# CAS/LEE

# Route: 1A2 SEAHAWK 7:53 am 245 5th St NE

7:58 am 395 9th St NE 8:03 am 1800 Sunset Hwv 8:07 am Sunset Hwy @ 16th Ct

8:11 am Cascade Elementary School 8:17 am Robert E Lee Elementary School

# **Route: 4A2 GREEN DUCK**

7:52 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Canyon Ct 7:53 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Wheatridge 7:54 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Prairie Dr 7:55 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Combine

7:57 am 2347 Spring Wheat Rd

7:53 am Eastmont Ave @ Rolfs Ct 7:54 am Eastmont Ave @ 7th St NE

7:55 am 395 9th St NE

7:58 am 450 6th St NE

8:01 am 291 3rd St NE

8:07 am 10th St NE @ N Gale Ave

Route: 3A2 RED SQUIRREL

7:47 am 98 N Perry Ave 7:47 am 320 N Perry Ave

7:54 am 2515 Grant Rd 7:55 am N Nile Ave @ 3rd St NE

7:57 am N Nile Ave @ 4th St NE 7:58 am N Nile Ave @ 5th St NE

8:02 am 825 N Stark Ave

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# Route: 20A2 BLUE WHALE

# EHS/EJHS/CPIS

# Route:2A1

Bus Ramp

6:38 am Saunders Ave @ Hanna Pl 6:45 am Batterman Rd @ Woodstone 6:46 am 5891 Battermann Rd 6:47 am 5818 Batterman Rd 6:48 am 4th St SE @ Woodridge Ave 6:48 am 4th St SE @ S Witte Ave

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6:49 am 5357 4th St SE 6:51 am 570 Webb Ave 6:52 am S Webb Ave @ 8th St SE 6:55 am 8th St SE @ S Witte Ave 7:00 am 151 S Ward St 7:01 am 4040 10th St SE 7:02 am 224 S Van Well Ave 7:05 am 3855 10th St SE 7:06 am 3601 10th St SE 7:09 am 3111 4th St SE 7:11 am S Nile Ave @ 2nd St SE 7:12 am 2621 2nd St SE 7:14 am 2844 2nd St SE 7:15 am 2nd St SE @ S Roland Ave 7:16 am 2nd St SE @ S Stark Ave 7:17 am 2nd St SE @ S Texas Ave 7:29 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:36 am Eastmont High School 7:44 am Clovis Point Intermediate

### Route:20A1

7:02 am Sr-28 @ Hydro Park Ballfields 7:04 am 2500 Sr-28 7:10 am S Perry Ave @ Gracie Ln 7:12 am Akamai Way @ Aspen Shores 7:23 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:31 am Eastmont High School 7:40 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

### Route:21A1

7:01 am Rock Island Dr @ Baker Ave 7:06 am Rock Island Rd @ Center St 7:18 am HalfWay in between Elva & Eller

7:19 am Highline Dr @ Leslie Way 7:20 am Highline Dr @ Raymond Rd 7:20 am Highline Dr @ Rowan St 7:21 am 620 S Iowa Ave 7:22 am S Iowa Ave @ Jupiter St SE 7:29 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:36 am Eastmont High School 7:44 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

## Route:23A1

6:54 am 5276 Riverside Dr 6:55 am 5600 Riverside Dr 6:56 am Douglas St @ 2nd St SW 6:58 am Douglas St @ 1st St SW 7:01 am Penn Ave @ Demar PI 7:03 am 5510 Penn Ave 7:04 am 1580 Ohio St 7:05 am Rock Island Rd @ Riverside 7:06 am Rock Island Rd @ Pear Ln 7:08 am Rock Island Rd @ SE Vantage 7:22 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:28 am Eastmont High School 7:35 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

# Route:24A1

7:02 am 3440 Rock Island Rd 7:02 am Rock Island Rd @ S Union 7:04 am Rock Island Rd @ S Quincy 7:05 am Rock Island Rd @ S Perry Ave 7:06 am Rock Island Rd @ S Nile Ave 7:07 am 2370 Rock Island Rd 7:08 am Rock Island Rd @ S Majestic 7:09 am Rock Island Rd @ S Mary Ave 7:10 am Rock Island Rd @ S Marna Ln 7:13 am 926 Rock Island Rd 7:14 am Rock Island Rd @ Leslie Way 7:15 am Rock Island Rd @ Eller St SE 7:16 am Rock Island Rd @ 2nd St SE 7:18 am 199 1st St SE 7:19 am 472 1st St SE 7:25 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:33 am Eastmont High School 7:40 am Clovis Point Intermediate

### School Route:25A1

6:55 am S Mary Ave @ Bluegrass Ave 6:58 am S Lyle Ave @ 6th St SE 7:00 am 6th St SE @ S Mary Ave 7:05 am 2910 6th St SE 7:06 am 3122 6th St SE 7:09 am 3000 8th St SE 7:10 am 2720 8th St SE 7:12 am 8th St SE @ Navajo Ln 7:14 am 8th St SE @ S Kentucky Ave 7:17 am 4th St SE @ S Jarvis Ave 7:25 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:33 am Eastmont High School 7:41 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

# Route:27A1

6:59 am 401 S Kentucky Ave (Grade

7:04 am N Lyle Ave @ Manhattan Dr (Grade 8-12)

7:06 am N Lyle Ave @ Glen St NE

(Grade 8-12) 7:07 am N Lyle Ave @ 5th St NE (Grade 8-12)

7:14 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:24 am Eastmont High School 7:31 am N Lyle Ave @ 5th St NE

(Grade 5-7)

7:33 am N Lyle Ave @ Glen St NE ( Grade 5-7)

7:35 am N Lyle Ave @ 3rd St NE (Grade 5-7)

7:36 am N Lyle Ave @ Manhattan Dr (Grade 5-7)

7:41 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

### Route:31A1

6:59 am S Iowa Ave @ Tedford St SE 7:02 am S Houston Ave @ 2nd PI SE 7:06 am Highline Dr @ Pace Dr 7:10 am S June Ave @ 1st St SE 7:12 am Grant Student Care (Grant School)

7:17 am S Kentucky Ave @ 3rd St SE 7:18 am N Kentucky Ave @ N Linden 7:22 am Eastmont High School 7:29 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:40 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

### Route:37A1

6:56 am 328 N Perry Ave

6:57 am 98 N Perry Ave 6:58 am 2515 Grant Rd 6:59 am N Nile Ave @ 1st St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:00 am N Nile Ave @ 3rd St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:02 am N Nile Ave @ 4th St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:02 am N Nile Ave @ 5th St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:05 am 2665 8th St NE 7:06 am 809 N Stark Ave 7:07 am 915 N Stark Ave 7:10 am 8th St NE @ Nester Ct (Grade

7:11 am 8th St NE @ Mount Joy Sq (Grade 8-12) 7:16 am Eastmont Junior High School

7:25 am Eastmont High School 7:30 am 8th St NE @ Mount Joy Sq ( Grade 5-7)

7:32 am 529 N Nile Ave (Grade 5-7) 7:33 am N Nile Ave @ 5th St NE (Grade 5-7)

7:34 am N Nile Ave @ 4th St NE ( Grade 5-7)

7:35 am N Nile Ave @ 3rd St NE (Grade 5-7) 7:36 am N Nile Ave @ 1st St NE

(Grade 5-7)

7:42 am Clovis Point Intermediate School

# EHS/EJHS/SIS

Route: 1A1

7:05 am 395 9th St NE 7:06 am 1020 N Baker Ave 7:11 am 44 19th St NE

7:13 am 28 Hadley St NW 7:14 am NW Boston Ave @ 25th St

7:16 am 2212 Sunset Hwy 7:18 am 18th St NE @ N Anne Ave

7:21 am 17th St NE @ N Baker Ave 7:27 am Eastmont Junior High School

7:34 am Eastmont High School 7:39 am Sterling Intermediate School

Route: 4A1

7:10 am 19th St NW @ NW Bates Ave 7:12 am NW Cascade Ave @ Bellevue 7:14 am NW Cascade Ave @ Robin Pl 7:16 am 29th St NW @ Cascade Ridge

7:18 am 2710 Sunset Hwy 7:19 am 2410 Sunset Hwy

7:21 am 1800 Sunset Hwy 7:23 am Sunset Hwy @ 16th Ct

7:30 am Eastmont Junior High School

7:37 am Eastmont High School 7:42 am Sterling Intermediate School

Route: 5A1

6:59 am 2017 NW Cascade Ave 7:03 am 202 NW Wilshire St 7:04 am NW Columbia Ave @ 23rd St 7:06 am NW Columbia Ave @ Edgewater

7:09 am NW Empire Ave @ 29th St 7:10 am NW Empire Ave @ 30th St 7:11 am NW Empire Ave @ 32nd St 7:13 am NW Empire Ave @ 34th St

7:14 am 317 Goldcrest St 7:15 am 204 Goldcrest St

7:16 am 35th St NW @ Ashwood Dr 7:16 am 35th St NW @ Alfred PI

7:28 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:35 am Eastmont High School

7:40 am Sterling Intermediate School

7:08 am Fancher Hts @ Bellanca 7:11 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Aviation

7:12 am 2561 Aviation Dr 7:13 am 2519 Aviation Dr

7:14 am Aviation Dr @ Fancher Field 7:16 am Fancher Field Rd @ Veedol 7:19 am Badger Mountain Rd @ Plateau

7:28 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:35 am Eastmont High School 7:40 am Sterling Intermediate School Route: 13A1

7:05 am Badger Mountain Rd @ Chucker

7:07 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Canyon Ct 7:08 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Wheatridge 7:11 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Prairie Dr 7:12 am Canyon Hills Dr @ Combine 7:14 am Spring Wheat Rd @ Semolina 7:15 am Wheatridge Dr @ Harvester Loop

7:17 am 1275 Wheatridge Dr 7:18 am 1256 Wheatridge Dr 7:19 am Wheatridge Dr @ Deer Run

7:26 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:34 am Eastmont High School

7:39 am Sterling Intermediate School Route: 17A1

7:08 am Eastmont Ave @ 19th St NE 7:09 am Eastmont Ave @ Valley View Blvd

7:12 am 606 Daniels Dr 7:14 am Eastmont Ave @ Valley View

7:15 am Eastmont Ave @ King PI 7:17 am Braiarwood Ter @ Hannah Way

7:20 am Briarwood Ter @ N Grover

7:21 am N Grover Ave @ Clarissa Ln 7:23 am N Grover Ave @ 13th St NE 7:24 am N Grover Ave @ 11th St NE 7:27 am Eastmont Junior High School

7:34 am Eastmont High School 7:40 am Sterling Intermediate School

Route: 28A1 7:09 am 2306 Herndon Dr

7:10 am 2384 Herndon Dr 7:13 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Twin

Peaks Vw :14 am Grand Ave @ Twin Peaks Vw

7:16 am Grand Ave @ Fancher Heights

7:18 am Fancher Heights Blvd @ Inglewood Dr

7:28 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:36 am Eastmont High School 7:41 am Sterling Intermediate School

Route: 34A1

7:01 am 1475 Sunset Hwy 7:05 am 6 Hadley St NE 7:07 am Sunset Hwy @ 26th Ct NE 7:07 am 2721 Sunset Hwy 7:08 am Sunset Hwy @ McElmurry Ln

7:09 am 19 31st St NE 7:10 am 7 Lindwood St NE 7:12 am 18 Glendale St NE

7:13 am 3219 Vine St NE 7:14 am Sunset Hwy @ 35th St NE 7:14 am 5 35th St NW 7:15 am 35th St NW @ Ashwood Dr

7:16 am 3417 NW Cascade Ave 7:17 am NW Cascade Ave @ 33rd St 7:17 am NW Cascade Ave @ 32nd St 7:18 am NW Cascade Ave @ 31st St 7:28 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:35 am Eastmont High School 7:40 am Sterling Intermediate School Route: 38A1

7:12 am 27th St NE @ Angel Ln 7:12 am 27th St NE @ N Baker Ave 7:13 am N Baker Ave @ 26th St NE 7:14 am N Baker Ave @ 25th St NE 7:15 am N Baker Ave @ Cascade Es 7:17 am N Baker Ave @ 21st St NE 7:18 am N Baker Ave @ Autumn Dr 7:25 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:31 am Eastmont High School

7:36 am Sterling Intermediate School Route: 40A1 7:05 am 11th St NE @ N Devon Ave

(Grade 8-12) 7:08 am N Baker Ave @ 13th St NE ( Grade 8-12)

7:10 am 1446 N Baker (Grade 8-12) 7:15 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:22 am Eastmont High School 7:29 am 11th St NE @ N Devon Ave (Grade 5-7)

7:33 am N Baker Ave @ 13th St NE( Grade 5-7)

7:36 am 1446 N Baker Ave (Grade 5-7) 7:43 am Sterling Middle School

Route: 41A1

6:42 am Sunset Hwy @ Blue Grade Rd 6:45 am 13028 Sr-2/97

6:48 am Sr-2/97 @ BJ's Parking lot 6:48 am 13250 SR 2/97 6:52 am Sr-2/97 @ Longview Rd

6:54 am 13609 SR-2/97

6:55 am 13591 Hwy 2/97

7:01 am 13141 2/97 Hwy

7:02 am 13083 SR-2/97 7:04 am 4880 NW Cascade Ave

7:09 am NW Cascade Ave @ 39th St 7:10 am Blue Rock Dr NE @ NE Blueridge

7:11 am Blue Rock Dr NE @ 40th Cir 7:12 am 4047 Blue Rock Dr NE

7:13 am 4063 Blue Rock Dr NE 7:13 am 4083 Blue Rock Dr NE

7:15 am 4054 Bluecrest Dr 7:17 am 3826 SUNSET HWY 7:25 am 15th St NE @ N Devon Ave

7:27 am 10th St NE @ N Fairmont Ave 7:29 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:35 am Eastmont High School

7:40 am Sterling Intermediate School

# EHS/EJHS/SIS K-7

Route:8A1

7:02 am 245 5th St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:04 am N Baker Ave @ Standerfer St ( Grade 8-12)

7:08 am 9th St NE @ N Devon Ave ( Grade 8-12)

7:11 am 450 6th St NE (Grade 8-12) 7:15 am Eastmont High School 7:23 am Eastmont Junior High School 7:30 am Eastmont Ave @ Rolfs Ct ( Grade K-7)

7:30 am 450 6th St NE (Grade K-7) 7:31 am 6th St NE @ Darwood Ave ( Grade K-7)

7:33 am 337 7th St NE (Grade K-7) 7:35 am 815 N Baker Ave (Grade K-7) 7:36 am N Baker Ave @ Standerfer St (Grade K-7)

7:39 am 245 5th St NE (Grade K-7) 7:41 am Eastmont Ave @ 4th St NE-West side of Eastmont only (Grade

7:45 am Sterling K-7 School

NOTE: Due to funding changes, Choice Students and students within one (1) mile of school are not assigned to a bus. Please call Transportation at 884-4621 with any questions.

# EASTMONT FOOD SERVICE WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS

# FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

All households are required to fill out a new application each year. Students receiving meal benefits last year must complete a new application for the new school year. Without a new application, students will continue to receive the same benefit only until October. TIPS FOR FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION:

- 1. Make sure all student information is complete including the student income section. Please indicate \$0 if there is no student income to report.
- 2. Make sure to provide all household members and their income.
- 3. Make sure to sign your application at the bottom.

Not following these tips may result in an incomplete application that will delay approval for your student. Applications that are not complete will be mailed back so that additional required information can be provided.

We work as fast as we can to get the applications approved, but please remember we have up to 10 days once your application is received. Once the application is processed, a letter is sent home that notifies the family of the approval or denial. Students will need to pay full price for all meals while the application is being approved. Please make sure to send money with your student for meals or a sack lunch for them to eat until you have received notification of approval status.

# Meal prices for the 2016 - 2017 School Year

BREAKFAST FULL PRICE Grades K - 12	\$1.50
REDUCED PRICE BREAKFAST	NO CHARGE
ELEMENTARY LUNCH FULL PRICE (Grades K – 4)	\$2.25
SECONDARY LUNCH FULL PRICE (Grades 5 - 12)	\$2.50
REDUCED PRICE LUNCH GRADES K-3	NO CHARGE
REDUCED PRICE LUNCH GRADES 4 - 12	\$0.40
MILK ONLY FOR ALL STUDENTS	\$0.30

# MySchoolBucks.com

provides a convenient and secure online meal payment option. Information on creating an account for your student's meal management can be found at

www.eastmont206.org, then click on "Food Service".



# EASTMONT'S NEXT CROP OF FUTURE CHEFS!

Grant Elelmentary principal Amy Dorey and Future Chef Finalist Kaitlyn Burnell pose for a photo after the competiton last March.

# **Open House / Registration Dates**

Food Service Staff will be available at the following schools during Orientation / Registration to accept money on student accounts and free/reduced applications.

Clovis Intermediate School – August 24 & 25
Sterling Intermediate School – August 23 & 24
Eastmont Junior High School – August 23
Eastmont High School – August 29
Grant Elementary – August 29 - 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Cascade Elementary – August 29 - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Lee Elementary – August 29 - 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Kenroy Elementary - August 30 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

# Food Service Staff Phone Numbers:

Free & Reduced Price Applications Questions
Anna Ericksen 888-4716
DeCheryl Wheeler 888-4715

# COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION IN ROCK ISLAND

Eastmont School District is committed to an increased emphasis on nutrition as well as physical activity at all grade levels to enhance the well-being of our district's youth. In support of this emphasis, we will be piloting a new school meal program at Rock Island Elementary School that will offer breakfast and lunch to all students, every day, at no charge.

The program is called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and is part of the Health Hunger Free Kids act passed by Congress in 2010. Congress passed the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as a part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010. The CEP benefits include:

- No need for meal applications, which means no waiting for application approval before students can eat.
- All students are able to eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day.
- Quicker serving lines, so kids have more time to slow down and eat.
- No need to contact families with low or negative meal account balances.

The only paperwork that will be required is a special form that families at this school will receive at the start of the school year that will gather the data needed to maintain state and federal funding levels as a school and as a district. Eastmont School District is excited to pilot this program at Rock Island Elementary School and looking forward to potentially expanding this program to other schools in the future.

# Focus on **Eastmont**

# SAFESCHOOLS ALERT

Dear Parents and Students,

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that I want to share

We will continue using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting service that with you. allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

Phone: 1-855-4ALERT1, ext. 1069

Text #1069 @tip + your tip to ALERT1 (253781) Text: 2.

Email: 1069@alert1.us 3. http://1069.alert1.us

You and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you're concerned about through SafeSchools Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1069 in your communication.

Every tip SafeSchools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Trainor, Executive Director of Human Resources, 884-7169.

Sincerely, Garn Christensen Superintendent

# Attendance = Achievement

Every parent wants their child to succeed in school. School success is easy if you help your child develop the habit of going to school on time, every day! Researchers have discovered that chronic absenteeism, defined as 18 absences which is 10% of a 180 day school year, can lead to students falling behind their peers who attend regularly.

Good attendance habits begin in Preschool and Kindergarten. When students miss school they are missing valuable lessons that can create gaps in their learning progress. Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) of school can make learning to read very difficult.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school, improves achievement, and themselves. The positive aspect of excelling in attendance will help throughout their education and employment.

Here are some tips for developing the attendance habit!

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Prepare the night before so the morning routine becomes automatic.
- Develop a back up plan for getting to school if something comes up.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Communicate frequently with your child, his or her teachers, the school counselor, and other school personnel about academic progress and celebrate the success of good attendance.

# 2016-2017 REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

# Title I, Part A – Annual Parent Notification

Title I, Part A is a federal program that provides financial support to schools to help disadvantaged and low performing students so that all children meet

challenging state academic standards. Eastmont follows the Schoolwide process giving our seven funded schools flexibility to serve all students who demonstrate a need for support.

### Parent Involvement

We know that family involvement in a child's education is a greater predictor of academic success than whether or not that family is affluent or poor. It is also evident that students whose families take an active interest in their school life are more likely to attend school regularly, pass their classes, enroll in higher-level programs, and go on to higher education or a technical career

# **School-Parent Compact**

The Compact is an annual agreement between the parent, student, and school regarding the joint responsibilities in helping each student find success. These documents are completed each Fall during Parent Conferences. For more information, please visit: www.eastmont206.org.

# **District Parent Involvement Policy:**

This policy guides how our district will involve parents in the education of their students. This policy is reviewed each year with parents and updated as needed. If you would like to provide input into the revision of this policy, please contact the Special Programs office and/or be watching for information about a way to get involved. For more information, please visit: www.eastmont206.org.

# **Student Academic Achievement Reports**

Each year a school that receives Title I, Part A funds must provide parents with an individual student report informing them on their child's level of academic achievement on the State's assessment in at least reading, language arts, and math.

# District and School Report Card - How are we doing?

The District and School Report Card provides the following information on public schools and districts in Washington State: Student Achievement, Student Demographics, and Staff information. For more information, please visit: reportcard.ospi. k12.wa.us

# Parents Right to Know - Highly Qualified Staff

Parents of children in schools that receive Title I, Part A funding have the right to request and receive information about the professional qualifications of teachers and instructional paraprofessionals in their building. For more information, please visit: www.k12.wa.us/Titlel/FamilyInvolvement/default.aspx

# Have a Complaint that Needs to be Resolved?

Any individual or organization may file a signed, written complaint if it believes the state, a local school district, an educational service district, or other sub-grantee has violated one or more requirements of federal statutes or regulations or state regulations that apply to a federal program. For more information, please visit: http://www.k12.wa.us/Titlel/CitizenComplaint.aspx

# Be sure to check out **Eastmont School District** on social media!









# Focus on Activity

# Eastmont Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame - Class of 2016

It is with great honor and excitement that Eastmont High School is announcing the Eastmont Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

The Eastmont Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame identifies the outstanding individuals who through their athletic achievements or contributions have brought honor to themselves, our school and the community.

# Class of 2016

### Coaches

 Roger Brantner 1964-1984 Boys/Girls Basketball and Boys Golf

### **Athletes**

- Zane DeWitz Class of 1997 Swimming
- Bob Van Hoven
- Class of 1970 Football, Basketball and Baseball Dave Chapman Class of 1967 Track/Field, Football and Basketball
  - Class of 2003 Track and Field

# New playground equipment, more on the way

Emily Hannah



Photo/Dominick Bonny

Kids play on new playground equipment at Kenroy Elelmentary School on Aug. 3, 2016.

# By Matthew Ockinga

Staff writer

Are we there yet? When are we leaving? Is it almost done?

Yes, patience is not a virtue usually developed in younger kids. Add the playground element to it, and waiting becomes even less of a priority for youngsters.

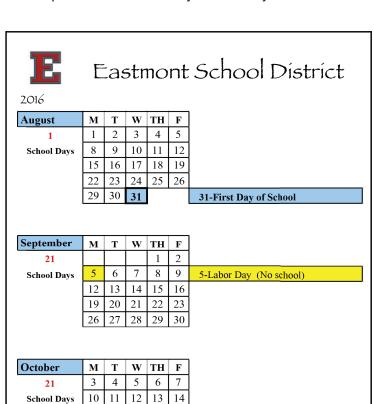
The Eastmont School District is currently in the midst of a five-year plan to revamp and modernize its playgrounds at all schools. While installation needs to be done in a specific order, don't tell that to a trio of little ones who anxiously wanted to test-drive the new toys at Kenroy Elementary School this summer.

"Watching the construction process is interesting. The guys are smart, how they do it," said Seann Tanner, Maintenance & Facilities Director. "As soon as you start putting it together, every kid in the neighborhood is on it. When we got Kenroy done, they were still installing rivets, and we had three little kids come up and they were just jumping for joy, getting in the swings. The swings were done, so we let them on the swings while we were installing the last rivets. The excitement level is huge."

And it will just grow as the District continues to carry out its playground makeover. Tanner said that over the years, a lot of the antiquated playground equipment has been forgotten. In the winter of 2014-2015, Tanner began talking about the project with Spencer Taylor, Executive Director of Elementary Education and Superintendent Garn Christensen. The District receives federal and state money to make sure that the playground equipment is in better alignment from an equity standpoint.

"We want to make sure our playgrounds are representative of the population of the school so if you have 400 kids, you have these toys. If you have 200 kids you have a comparable, equitable number of toys," Tanner said. "They're really turning into very nice little play areas for the kids with lots of things to keep them occupied and do that are modern."

The process started with Sterling Intermediate School last summer and has continued this summer with Kenroy and Rock Island Elementary Schools. While the installation of the new playgrounds is contracted out to construction companies, the removal of the old equipment was left to the district's maintenance department. The metal and wood components of the old toys were recycled.



24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 27-28 Parent Conferences\* K-12 (No School)

17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21



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