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Eastmont
Smiles



Bringing students together,
one basket at a time

By DOMINICK BONNY

Unified sports are about making every athlete feel like a champion, regardless of ability.

Although it’s a relatively new program at Eastmont High School, it has brought joy to a lot of student-athletes, their families and friends. It all started about four years ago when the Eastmont School District was approached by representatives from Special Olympics Washington to start an inclusion model for intellectually disabled students at Eastmont High School.

The idea was to follow a model other schools in the state have adopted, providing inclusive programs for students with disabilities to play sports. But it has done more than that.

“It’s there for our students with disabilities to have an opportunity to be involved with school activities



they usually don’t get to be involved with,” Eastmont Athletic Director Russ Waterman said. “(It also gives) our partner athletes the opportunity to coach.”

It started with soccer and moved to basketball. Now EHS unified basketball is in its third season and going strong.

Head coach Megan Gering said it’s

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Works of watercolor

Kenroy Alumna Paints Portraits of Students

By Dominick Bonny

Kenroy Elementary School — Fifteen years ago Ms. Andrea Roberts had a little girl named Kylie McGuire in her first-grade class, and she said Kylie “gave me a run for my money in my classroom.”

Now Kylie is 22 and that precocious girl has grown into a fledgling artist, as well as a volunteer who gives back to the community with her talents and time. Kylie has a passion for portraits and recently completed a portrait series of Ms. Roberts’ current first-grade class.

“The idea kind of came to me when I went to visit Ms. Roberts,” McGuire said. “I really love to do portraits, that’s pretty much my thing, and I’ve been trying to get out there more.”

She did them in watercolor and the children loved her work. She said she enjoyed seeing their faces after she handed them their personal portraits, saying they showed them to each other and had a ball.

“All of them are different,” McGuire said. “They’re not all the same size or color, just like them.”

That has led to more opportunities for Kylie to practice her art. Over the course of the rest of the academic year, she will complete a Valentine’s Day portrait series for Ms. Goehner’s class, as well as Mother’s Day portraits for Ms. Kaylor’s class and end of the year portraits for Ms. Ballard’s class.

By the time she’s finished Ms. Ballard’s, every first grader at her alma mater will have a personal portrait to take home to their families.

“They turned out beautifully. This is a good reminder of why we do what we do,” Ms. Robert’s said. “Miss Kylie’s story is definitely a Kenroy success story!”

As for what else is on the horizon for Kylie McGuire, she said she wants to keep working, volunteering, living and practicing her art.

“I just draw what I see,” she said.



Fifteen years ago Kylie McGuire was in a student in Ms. Roberts class. Now she returns to volunteer her art skills.



Above: A photo of Ms. Roberts and Kylie McGuire when she was in her class.

Right: McGuire uses watercolors to paint portraits of Ms. Roberts’ students.



Below: McGuire with Ms. Roberts’ first-grade class. Roberts also graduated from Eastmont, class of 1996.

Wanted: Distinguished Alumni

Do you know a distinguished Eastmont alum? Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Eastmont Foundation Distinguished Alumnus Award. Nominations must be submitted no later than April 1, 2019 to be reviewed for this year’s recipient. A link to the Nomination Form can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2HjLiTr>

Previous recipients include:
2012 Donna Doud Wright
2013 Juanita “Kay” McKellar
2014 Jeff Mason
2015 Lori Andre-VanLith
2016 Major William “Bill” Taylor
2017 Dr. Christy McKinney
2018 Dennis Michel

For more information, please contact:
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Cont. from page 1 important for the community to know how big of a deal the program is to the entire student body, not just the unified teammates. All the other coaches encourage their students to go to unified games and support their fellow athletes.

“I think it builds character for everyone involved,” Gering said. “They make posters for the kids and they cheer them on. Although it’s still a competition, it takes away that really hard competitiveness schools this big often see.”

Partner athlete Alan Huff, a senior at EHS, said he chose to get involved because he liked the inclusive nature of the program and the fact it makes everyone feel like they’re a part of something bigger.

He’s been a part of the program for two years.

“It opens your eyes to what the disabled athletes see and what they feel,”

he said. “It opens up your mind and it teaches you things you would normally never learn or do, and it teaches you lessons for later in life.”

Huff said it’s a great program to get involved in especially if you’re a student with an interest in coaching and/or working with people with special needs or disabilities as future career possibilities.

It also gives the families and friends of unified athletes the chance to see their son or daughter on the court and cheer them on.

“They get a lot of smiles, that’s for certain,” Waterman said. “It’s wonderful to watch the parents and the relatives beaming with pride and joy and the students are happy and exuberant and excited. It’s a touching moment and I encourage everyone to come and see a unified game.”

Superintendent’s Message: Take a moment to attend an event

As Superintendent, I try to attend at least one school or community event per week during the school year. The event might be a kindergarten program, HS basketball game, bowling match, musical, or robotics competition. My goal is to keep current on the operations of our school district, but I also find it very rewarding to watch our young people develop into adults as they experience new activities.

I share this with an open invitation for you to attend any of our events. My guess is you will find a very local, very entertaining academic related event, music performance, arts activity, or a sports game. There may be a charge for admission, as some events do require



Garn Christensen

tickets, but most are free particularly at the lower grades.

Yes, you could fight your way through the traffic to see big name/big ticket events over in Seattle. In Eastmont, there might not be that level of performance. Yet, if you want to know who the players/performers are to watch, just ask any parent/grandparent who is likely sitting next to you perched on the edge of their seat rooting for their student - ask them to tell you about their student.

Please visit our schools and attend events, as I believe you will walk away with smiles, laughs, and knowing a bit more about your community. The talented and dedicated students, coaches, teachers, and advisors always appreciate an audience. Information on events can be found at the individual school calendars at www.eastmont206.org.

Safety message: Keep drugs secured, supervised

By Garn Christensen

Drugs and alcohol have always been in our communities. Ideally, these items are secured safely and out of reach of young people. As always, both children and teens are curious about what adults do, yet they are prohibited from experiencing. Just the fact that certain things are locked up or put on a high shelf inspires many to explore and experiment.

Our recent incident involving the ingestion of edible marijuana products at our Junior High was a perfect example. The involved students reported the items came from a student’s home, which is the same way teens in my day obtained items reserved for adult use or required a prescription.

I ask that we all work to prevent teen involvement with drugs and alcohol by ensuring these items are secured, and supervised. Don’t hesitate to remind a relative about the need to secure these items if your teen may be visiting a grandparent or other trusted friend. I have yet to meet a parent who wants their teen to have a drug or alcohol habit.

Just a reminder that in Eastmont, you can report safety concern information anonymously by clicking on the bright red stop sign shaped box on our main webpage that says, [CLICK HERE](#) to report a concern, STOP BULLYING, and SAFE SCHOOL ZONE. The link will lead you to a form that sends information to two different administrators at our District Office for review and investigation.



Scan the QR code above to watch a video from the Jan. 31 drug prevention night or go to <https://bit.ly/2UF4I7g>

Homeschool Program

Eastmont is exploring offering a K-12 educational program that will support families who choose to homeschool their students.

The program will provide a certificated teacher to assist in developing individual learning plans for each student, monitor progress, provide instructional resources, and allow participation in age-appropriate activities on Eastmont campuses.

For more information email teacher/principal intern John Reichmann at reichmannj@eastmont206.org.

Bon Voyage!

By Abbey Reynolds

Hi-Cap Highlight — Throughout the first semester third and fourth grade students have been working on developing research skills. Students worked in teams to research countries and gave oral presentations describing culture, topography, important people and historical events. Meanwhile students continued to play their geography “game”, Caravans, as they travel around the globe problem solving, collecting artifacts for the team museum, and discovering new cultures.

The Space Race is on for first and second grade students. Studying the principles of gravity, students are unlocking the universe’s secrets. Through ‘solar stops’ students are discovering planets, moons, and stars, all locked in orbit by gravity. These astronauts are using project based learning to demonstrate their knowledge of these galactic locations.



Eastmont High School Principal Lance Noell poses for a photo with math and Senate teacher Laurie Butterfield shaving his head at a recent assembly.

Joy for Jocelyn

Eastmont High School — This year’s Make-A-Wish fundraiser, which takes place during an annual basketball game against Wenatchee High School, was for Jocelyn, a local 5-year-old girl who has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

With the help of the entire community, we met our goal of raising \$2,000 before going into the game. The final amount raised by EHS was \$3,684.06, the total between both schools was \$9,144.01! This will actually grant not only Jocelyn’s wish but one or two others! Thank you again to everyone who made this happen.

Since we met our goal, Eastmont High School Principal Lance Noell got a little taken off the top during a recent assembly.

Thank you for supporting this event and for supporting EHS and the Wenatchee Valley community.



Keep an eye on the Eastmont YouTube channel for an upcoming video about the hi-cap program.



Free and Reduced Meal Applications

If you have already completed an application but have experienced a change in your household, such as a reduction in income or have increased household members, please complete another application.

Applications can be found at www.eastmont206.org, your student’s school, or by scanning this QR code. There is no restriction on the number of times that an application can be submitted.



2018-2019 Meal Prices

- BREAKFAST FULL PRICE**
Grades K-12 — \$1.50
- REDUCED PRICE BREAKFAST**
NO CHARGE
- ELEMENTARY LUNCH FULL PRICE**
(Grades K-4) — \$2.50
- SECONDARY LUNCH FULL PRICE**
(Grades 5-12) — \$2.75
- REDUCED PRICE LUNCH GRADES**
K-3 — NO CHARGE
- REDUCED PRICE LUNCH GRADES**
4-12 — \$0.40
- MILK ONLY FOR ALL STUDENTS**
\$0.30

Sterling's Mr. Barnes named teacher of the quarter

By Chris Hansen
iFiber News

Sterling School — Lunchtime in the commons area of Sterling School in East Wenatchee was an extra special one on Wednesday morning, especially for one lucky seventh-grade educator who teaches writing there.

Joel Barnes is in his fifth year at Sterling and can now call himself the first-ever recipient of the iFIBER Teacher of the Quarter award, which is a partnership between iFIBER and the Town Toyota Center that recognizes outstanding educators in the North Central Washington region.

“It’s crazy, it’s awesome!”, exclaimed Barnes about winning the award. “I feel lucky with the students that I have and the staff I work with to be nominated for it. It’s cool. This isn’t my first award, last year I was awarded a seventh-grade Hallway Teacher of the Year award. It’s just nice to be appreciated with what I’m doing so, it’s good to strive and keep working hard.”

And in talking to some of Mr. Barnes’ students, it’s easy to see why he was targeted for some official appreciation.

“He’s pretty cool, he’s one of my favorite teachers,” said student Alex Leary. “He tells a lot of jokes,” added Leary, laughing with her friends.

Student Ryan Daggett said of Barnes, “He’s my favorite teacher.” When asked what makes Barnes his favorite teacher, Daggett offered, “His jokes and his sense of humor.”

“He’s a really funny teacher,” shared student Hannah Vanbuskirk. “I really like his class, it’s actually one of my favorite classes in the school.”



and also he just makes the class laugh a lot.”

“He makes sure that everybody learns and also has fun while learning,” detailed student Daniel Contreras. “I think he’s a really good teacher and I think he deserves the award that he got.”

Two more of Barnes’ students, Mayah Jessup and Crystal Annaya, said of the inaugural iFIBER Teacher of the Quarter recipient, “He’s funny.” When asked if Barnes was pretty cool for a grown-up, Jessup said, “Yeah!” And as for what the pair have learned in Barnes’ class, Jessup answered, “A lot, about writing and stuff.” The two also responded to whether or not Barnes has made writing more fun, “Yeah, more fun!”

In addition to the personal accolade, Mr. Barnes was also given a passel of passes to pass out to his students so they can enjoy the iFIBER skating rink at Town Toyota Center.

The next round of nominations for iFIBER’s Teacher of the Quarter award will begin in February of the new year.

Another student of Mr. Barnes, Ellabeth Crawford, said of her teacher, “He’s funny!” When prompted about what makes Barnes so funny, Crawford responded, “He tells really good jokes



Help Wanted!

Now hiring new bus drivers

The Eastmont School District’s Transportation Department is looking for new bus drivers!

It’s the perfect part-time job for the recently retired, or stay-at-home moms or dads, or anyone looking to make a little extra money.

The cargo is precious and all the training is included, plus the job provides good benefits and insurance!

Go to **eastmont206.org** for more information and to fill out an application or scan the QR code with your phone.



Facilities and reconfiguration update

By Garn Christensen

Improvement projects at Cascade, Grant, Lee, Kenroy, Rock Island, and the High School are on schedule to start construction in June. Bids for the 20 additional elementary classrooms, 4 elementary cafeterias, and the replacement of the baseball concession and restroom building will be advertised in March. These projects should be completed by August 2020. Our new transportation facility at the corner of Grant Road and Perry will get started fall 2020.

Reconfiguring into our new grade alignments is already underway. A timeline of changes at each school can be found on our construction page on the Eastmont website.

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

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Elementary Roundup



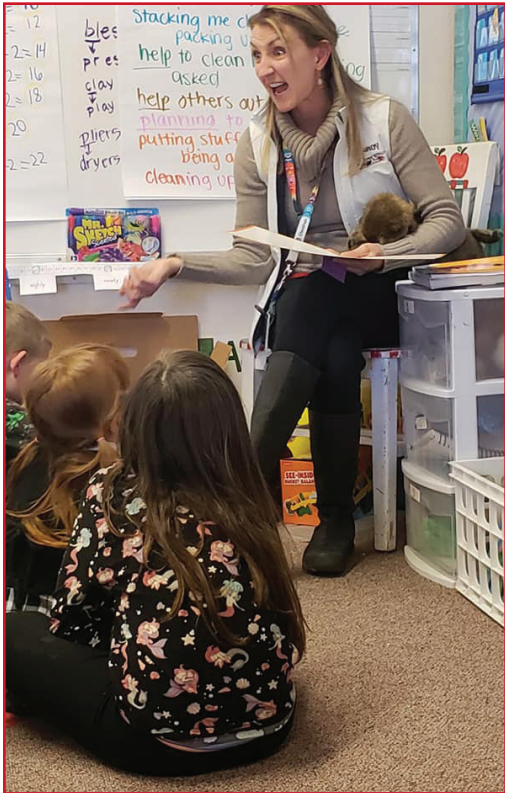
Cascade Elementary fourth grade teachers Mr. Gwinn, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Lehman and Mr. Remien thrilled and entertained students this winter by using fashion to travel back in time!



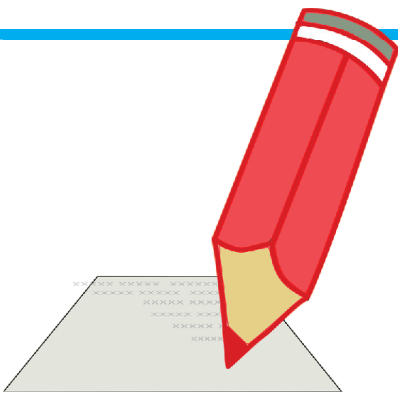
Mrs. Detering's third grade class at **Rock Island Elementary** learned about RiverCom and the 911 call center.



These students in the bilingual after-school program at **Lee Elementary** learned about Newton's Law. Great leadership, teachers Mrs. Shane, Ms. Castillo and Ms. Alfaro!



Above: Great work Tyler on your perfect attendance at **Grant Elementary** in January.
Left: This month students at **Kenroy Elementary** are learning about empathy during character building lessons.



Kindergarten and Preschool registration begins this March

We are excited to welcome our newest little Wildcats (Kindergarten students) to Eastmont School District! Students must be at least five years of age by Aug. 31 to enroll. Registration packets are available in the following locations:

www.eastmont206.org on the "Parents and Community Tab or Eastmont School District Office at 800 Eastmont Ave.

Submit your completed registration packet beginning March 1 to the Eastmont School District Office. Register early to ensure your child's spot at one of our schools.

Preschool Registration

Monday, March 4
7:30am - 3:30pm
Eastmont District Office
(Downstairs Board Room)

Must have a completed packet & \$50 registration fee to be put on a roster. Enrollment is limited.

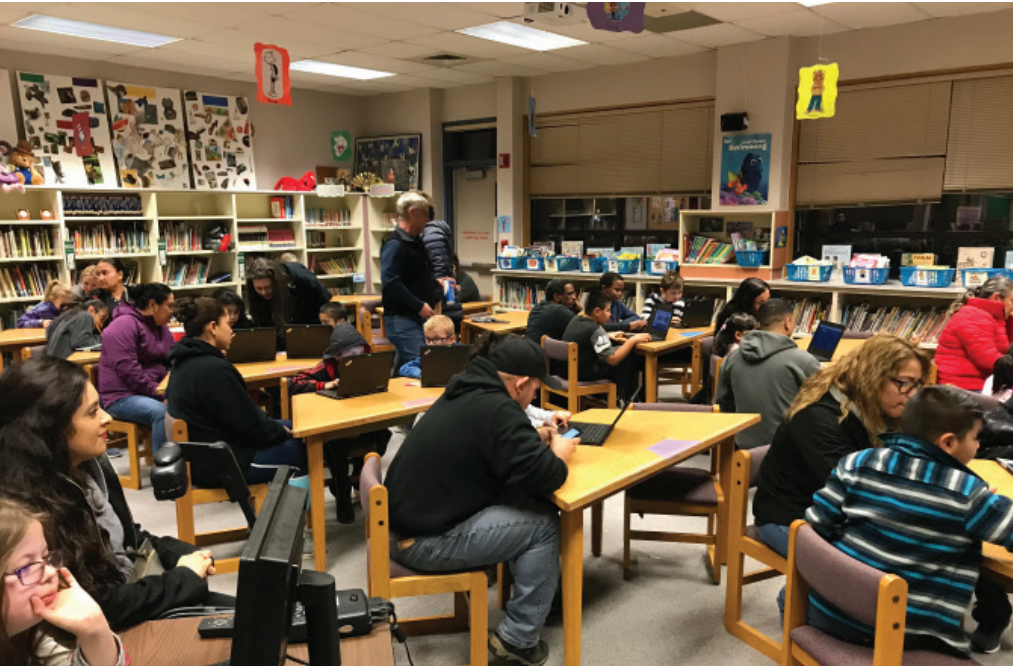
Hour of Code

By Lisa Snyder

Hour of Code National Event was held at Grant Elementary, Lee Elementary and Rock Island Elementary recently. The event was in conjunction with Computer Science Education Week, December 3rd through 9th. It was offered to our schools by Dr. Sue Kane, Co-Director of the Apple STEM Network at North Central Educational Service District. Thanks to a generous donation by Microsoft Techspark, each school received a raffle package valued at \$250!

Chrome carts were prepared, organized, and distributed to students and community

members by school staff volunteers. Lee and Rock Island hosted their events on December 4th and Grant held their event on December 5th. All three schools had amazing attendance! Lee checked out 90 Chromebooks to students and packed the gym with over 150 students and their parents! Rock Island's library was overflowing with students and parents. Grant hosted over 60 participants. This was an amazing opportunity for our students and their families. Family engagement is so important and this event fully promoted this.



2018-19 Attendance Policy

Did you know?

- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days in a year, or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks and can happen before you know it.
- It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.

School hours

All students between the ages of 8 and under 18 years are required by Washington state law to regularly attend school. If a parent or guardian enrolls a child at 6 or 7 years of age, the child is required by law to attend the full school session. To ensure compliance, each school takes regular attendance and the district has set a policy for excused and unexcused absences.

Parents or guardians must provide the school with an excuse for any absence, late arrival, or early departure in the form of a note or personal contact with school officials. (Please refer to your child's individual school student handbook.) Any absence not properly explained within three days of the student returning to school, will not be excused without approval from an administrator.

¿Sabías Que?

- Sus hijos pueden sufrir académicamente si pierden el 10 por ciento de los días escolares en un año, o aproximadamente 18 días. Eso puede ser un día cada dos semanas y puede suceder antes de que usted se dé cuenta.
- No importa si estas ausencias son excusadas o injustificadas. Todas representan tiempo perdido en el salón y la pérdida de oportunidades para aprender.
- La asistencia es importante desde el kínder. Estudios demuestran que muchos niños que faltan demasiados días en el kínder y el primer grado pueden tener dificultades académicas en los últimos años. A menudo tienen problemas para dominar la lectura al final del tercer grado.
- La Preescolar es un buen momento para empezar a construir un hábito de buena asistencia. Los estudios demuestran que la mala asistencia en preescolar puede predecir el ausentismo en grados posteriores.
- En la escuela intermedia y secundaria, la ausencia crónica es una señal de advertencia de que un estudiante abandonará los estudios.

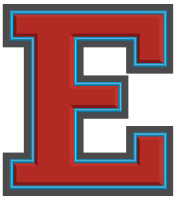
Horas de escuela

Todos los estudiantes entre la edad de 8 y menores de 18 años son requeridos por la ley del estado de Washington asistir a la escuela regularmente. Si un padre o tutor matricula a un niño a los 6 o 7 años de edad, la ley requiere que el niño asista a la sesión completa de la escuela. Para asegurar el cumplimiento, cada escuela toma lista regularmente y el distrito ha establecido una política para ausencias excusadas y sin excusa.

Los padres o tutores deben proporcionar a la escuela la razón para cada ausencia, llegada tardía o salida anticipada en forma de una nota o contacto personal con los oficiales de la escuela. (Por favor refiérase al manual del estudiante de su hijo.) Cualquier ausencia sin explicación apropiada dentro de los tres días de que el estudiante regrese a la escuela, no será excusada sin la aprobación de un administrador.



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WILDCAT PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

The Eastmont bowling team claimed its third-straight state championship this month. Alicia Hastings finished in fourth place individually and Skye Wilson had a seventh place finish.
Eastmont Cheer took fifth at state. The Wildcat girls wrestling team took second at districts. Swimmer Evan VanderSluis set a new District 6 4A record in 100 breaststroke with 58.6 and first place.

WILDCAT BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Wildcat Booster Club Golf Tournament fundraiser on June 1st! There will be prizes and much more. Lunch will be provided. Get your foursome together, entry is \$400 per team and includes a cart. Hole sponsorship is available. All proceeds benefit EHS Athletics.
Support EHS Athletics!
For information email ehsboosterclub@gmail.com

School Calendar

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8 - Parent Conferences (no school)
15 - Professional development day (no school)

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1-5 - Spring Break (no school)

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3 - Professional development day (no school)
27 - Memorial Day (no school)

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