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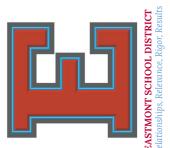
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Eastmont Launches Program to Serve Homeschool Students



By Garn Christensen

Former North Central ESD superintendent and community leader Gene Sharratt is known to explain the task for leaders today is not only to be able to get the job done, but to see and prepare for what is around the corner. As Eastmont's superintendent, I frequently challenge our employees to help us recognize and prepare for what is around the corners in public education.

Last year, I recommended the school board add the expansion of our choice programs to the Eastmont menu of options for parents and students. We are known for quality education, athletic programs, and support options in all the traditional areas. However, charter schools, on-line schools, and home school programs continue to grow and be the preferred option for a percentage of parents across our country. Over the last several decades, Washington State has opened the doors for these programs in hopes of better meeting the needs of all parents and students.

Mr. Kevin Newell helps seventh grader Karmyn Sillman with some history homework at Sterling. Newell, a 14 year veteran teacher, is one of the educators partnering with parents to support their students' learning through the Eastmont Home FIELD program.

In line with this effort, we have quietly built an Opportunities Program that serves 100–150 high school age students a year. Many of these are students supporting themselves, young parents, or students who prefer another option than a traditional high school experience. We also know parents have been opting out of Eastmont to enroll in other district's home school programs, online schools, and blended programs currently available throughout Washington.

To meet this need, Eastmont will be offering a hybrid program for grades K-12 that blends home school efforts, online, independent study, and project-based learning, as well as let parents and students choose traditional on-campus offerings that fit with their preferred educational program. Each student will be assigned a certificated teacher to develop and help

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Service is key for this Alum

This Lions Club leader and Applarian speaks up about why giving back has been an important part of her life

By Dominick Bonny

Patti Sparks might not consider herself a professional volunteer, but she's put as much effort into giving back as some folks do in their entire careers. An Applarian for 35 years, she has personally directed the Apple Blossom Pageant for three of them.

She's been a member of the Wenatchee Central Lions Club for decades, serving first as president of our local chapter then later as governor of the entire district, from Mattawa, Washington to Prince George, B.C. Canada.

For 20 years she's maintained the "Welcome to Wenatchee" sign that greets visitors and locals alike before they cross over the bridge. She also lends a helping hand to family members, like her niece Heidi Swoboda, who is a photographer in Leavenworth and Manson.

"I like to call myself her photo assistant," Patti said.

She grew up in the Wenatchee Valley and attended Grant Elementary, Sterling and graduated from Eastmont High School in 1966. From there, she went on to WSU where she met her future husband, Garry. After WSU they moved to Spokane for a bit, but it wasn't long before they were back in the Wenatchee Valley, where they opened The Floor Factory on Wenatchee Avenue in 1976.

They're still involved with the business, but retired from the day to day duties about six years ago, she said. That gives them more time to travel, spend time on the lake in Chelan and be with their grandchildren.

"Traveling is a big hobby for us," she said. "We like to travel, collect antiques and be on the water. No matter where."

The San Juan Islands have been a favorite haunt of theirs, but she said these days they stick closer to the Wenatchee Valley, where they were



Patti Sparks and her husband Garry on their 50th wedding anniversary at Riverfront Park in 2018. The vintage automobile is a 1921 Moon, which they've owned since 1985.

born and raised. They, in turn, raised their two children here and four of Patti's five grandsons have graduated from EHS, like their grandmother before them. The fifth grandson is currently attending Sterling.

It was the love and commitment to her family that sparked her interest in the Lions Club.

"When I was raising my children, I have a son with special needs, the Lions stepped up and provided playground equipment for the United Cerebral Palsy preschool, which was located in Olds Station at the time," she said. "And I thought, 'When my kids are older, I'll get involved with this group."

During her years of service as a Lion she received the Lion of the Year award and a Melvin Jones fellowship, two of the organization's highest honors.

When asked what she's most proud of about her decades of giving back, she said she's especially grateful she and her husband Garry are able to provide scholarships for the seven Apple Blossom contestants who don't make it into the top three slots.

They've been quietly providing those scholarships for nearly ten years.

With graduation fast approaching, it's a time to look toward the future and reminisce about the past. It's also a time to think about your impact on your community and the people around you.

When asked what advice she would have for the younger members of the Eastmont School District community, she had this to say:

"Do what you can for your community and be personally involved."

Good advice from an Eastmont alumna who can be held up as a role model for us all.

Facilities and Reconfiguration Update

By Garn Christensen

Construction bids for cafeterias and additional classrooms at Cascade, Grant, Kenroy, Lee, Rock Island, and to replace the high school baseball restrooms are under review. If bids are within budget and approved, construction is scheduled to start in June and be completed by August 2020. Our new transportation facility at the corner of Grant Road and Perry will get started fall 2020.

A timeline of changes at each school can be found on our construction page on the Eastmont website.

cont. from page 1 supervise a annual learning plan that best meets the student's individual needs and preferences of the parents. Registration will initially be limited depending on available

instructional staff.
Katie Tucker, an experienced
Eastmont teacher and now
part-time assistant principal at
Sterling School is working with

Sterling Principal Chris Hall and EHS Assistant Principal Jon Abbott to develop the program. Additional information can be found at www. eastmont 206.org. Mrs. Tucker can be reached at the Sterling Office at 509.884.7115 or email her at tuckerk@eastmont206.org for more information or to get registration information.

Focus On: Excellence

Excellent Eastmont Educators Honored this Spring at EJHS



On April 17, six recipients from Eastmont School District were honored for their outstanding contributions to our schools, at the Douglas County Excellence Awards Banquet at Eastmont Junior High Auditorium. Staff recognized were:

Certificated: Matt Davis - Clovis Point Intermediate Harriet Fox -Rock Island Elementary Mayra Navarro - District

Classified:
Lori Bokma - Grant Elementary
Carol Kinkade - Maintenance/Transportation
Natalie Waters - Eastmont High School

The award honors extraordinary educators and is sponsored each year by the North Central Educational Services District along with Waterville, Mansfield and Orondo School Districts.

The recipients were nominated by fellow employees. Please join us in congratulating these six staff members as they are honored for their excellent service and commitment to our students and staff.

Two new National Board Certifications for Eastmont teachers

A National Board Certification is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure. The National Board certifies teachers who successfully complete its rigorous certification process. These two Eastmont educators have earned National Board Certifications recently. Congratulations on your achievements!



Brandon Schmitten -Eastmont High School Nationally Board Certified Math Teacher and EHS Head Baseball Coach



Nathan Sutton - Eastmont JH Social Studies and MS Cross Country Coach

Safety message:

Data driven action plans are a must

By Garn Christensen

At Eastmont Schools, procedures and requirements for safety undergo constant refinement in our efforts to maintain the highest possible student and employee safety. Throughout this process, I encourage employees and parents to maintain perspective when we think about school safety.

The most recent federal School Crime and Safety Report shows crimes from theft to serious violence have declined since 1992. However, our access to live-streaming media around the incidents that do occur is greater than ever before. In addition, a multi-billion dollar industry has emerged since the Columbine tragedy that sells consulting, training and safety information, as well as bulletproof backpacks and Kevlar walls.

A search of statistics shows the longterm average number of student deaths as a result of a school shooting is similar to the number of children mauled to death by dogs. In the risk world, both would be considered low probability, high impact or high consequence events. My goal in sharing this is not to dismiss a school threat. Instead, we will prepare for school emergencies just as we do when we travel by automobile by checking road conditions, wearing a seatbelt, and evaluating the skills of the driver for current conditions.

One new unscheduled safety drill that we did this year was held on April 24th. We invited the East Wenatchee Rotary Club to do door checks at all of our schools. Their goal was to check for locked doors and time how long it took an employee or a student to notice they did not have a visitor's badge and direct them to the office. Imbedded in this drill is a goal of improving situational safety awareness for both students and employees. We appreciate these volunteers and hope they will return again and that next time we are even more secure and faster to respond.

Just a reminder — Any parent, student, or community member can report a safety concern 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 multiple administrators at our district office for review and investigation.

Young Chefs Serve Up Serious Culinary Skills

Six finalists from across the school district wowed judges with their take on "Fiesta Fit"

BY EDITH MOREY

This year's Annual Future Chefs Culinary Competition by Sodexo was held on March 8th at Sterling School. The competition was open to all 3rd and 4th grade students in Eastmont School District.

The idea behind this event is to help educate the kids and get them excited about healthy eating habits. This year's theme was "Fiesta Fit" and the students were invited in February to submit recipes for their favorite healthy Mexican food. These were then narrowed down to 6 finalists who were chosen to prepare their recipes at the competition. The finalists were Olivia Peterson from Grant Elementary, Dalylah Mukai from Rock Island, and from Lee Elementary, Guida Antolini, Gracie Bennett, Alice Nieborsky, and Maria Bahena.

At the competition, the finalists were provided with the ingredients and supplies needed to execute preparation of their recipe. The kids were educated on safe food handling and kitchen physical safety which they were assisted in practicing as they made their recipe.

Afterwards, parents and attendees were invited to sample each dish with the judges. Scores were based on the following criteria: Originality, Kid Friendly, Ease of Preparation, Healthy Attributes, Plate Presentation, and Taste, with additional points being awarded for the use of bonus ingredients.

Students were then recognized and awarded prizes. Guida Antolini placed first, Olivia Peterson second, and Gracie Bennett was third.

As a bonus, Guida Antolini's recipe for Cabbage Salsa has been entered into Sodexo's National Future Chefs Competition.



From left to right: Maria Bahena, Guida Antolini, Gracie Bennett, Alice Nieborsky, Dalylah Mukai and Olivia Peterson.





New Wellness Pilot Program Aims To Instill Healthy Habits

by Lisa Dodgen

This year, thanks to Town Auto Group and Toyota, Inc. we are piloting a Wellness Program with our 7th-grade students at Clovis Point and Sterling schools. The Wellness Program's goals are to encourage wellness by removing barriers and improving students access to fitness, outdoor recreation, and lifelong health learning and opportunities. We are partnering with our local businesses to encourage students to Be Kind, Show Respect, Make Good Decisions, and Solve Problems both at school and in the community.

Chris Hall, principal at Sterling School, said "With the kick-off of the PBIS rewards program, students were excited. It created quite a buzz with students trying to accumulate points. The first "cash-in" had numerous students cashing in points for a reward. Since then, I have noticed students becoming more thoughtful about what they would like to do and most have begun to save their points for a much bigger wellness reward."

Bob Celebrezze, principal at Clovis Point, reported: "The Wellness Pilot is in full swing here at Clovis Point as the 240



Watch a video recap of the kickoff event at Clovis Point on our YouTube channel.

Clovis Point 7th graders, the graduating class of 2024, are all sporting new Eastmont t-shirts and understand what it takes to earn incredible prizes. Clovis Point is utilizing our Coyote Code – Make Good Decisions, Show Respect and Solve Problems – as the basis of earning Coyote Cash to purchase amazing community based wellness incentives. Combining our Coyote Code program with Wellness Program healthy incentives is an excellent combination for life-long social and physical well being."

APPLICATION

Focus On: **Transportation**

Thank you, Transportation Department!



Eastmont School District Transportation Department staff members posing for a group photo this spring. Staffed by a dedicated group of about 40 Eastmont employees, they take their duties to safely transport our community's most precious cargo very seriously.

The administrators, bus ramp supervisors, and students at Eastmont Schools would like to give a huge shout-out to our Eastmont bus drivers and the entire transportation department for the amazing job they do getting our students to and from school and activities each and every day! We appreciate their consistency in going above and beyond to support the students they have in their care each morning and afternoon! It is with great sincerity that we say: "Thank you for ALL you do!"

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 or at your student's school. There is no restriction on the number of times that an application can be submitted.



At the end of the school year, any positive balances on student accounts will roll over to the new school year.

Negative balances owed on student meal accounts will be transferred to Eastmont's Student Fee/Fine system. Parents will receive a statement from their school that will display the past due meal balance along with any other fees and/or fines that are due.

If you have any questions about student meal accounts please call the Food Service Office at 509-884-3026.

Eastmont School District is proud to offer **SchoolCafé**, a safe and secure way for parents to make online payments to their student's cafeteria accounts as well as set low balance alerts and review your student's account activity. Parents can create a free account simply by visiting the District's website at www. eastmont206.org and going to the "Food Services" page under "Departments and Programs". Click on the link next to the "SchoolCafe" icon.

This program allows for parents to transfer money between their student's accounts. Parents may also use this program to submit a request for refund.

Focus On: Summer

Read On, Stay Connected with the EASTMONT SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

By Carmen Johnson

The Eastmont Summer Library Program will once again be in full swing this summer! All Eastmont students (and their families) are welcome to attend and have fun reading, creating art projects, using computers, and playing games, all while hanging out with friends. It is a time to stay connected to school and have a great time too. Eastmont students can even check out library books and earn prizes by keeping track of reading time. Free lunch is available at both locations through Small Miracles starting June 25. Contact Carmen Johnson or Carol Mooney at Clovis Point with any questions or to volunteer.

<u>June 18 - August 7</u>

Tuesdays at Clovis Point Intermediate School, 12-2:00 P.M.

Wednesdays at Rock Island Elementary School, 12-2:00 P.M.



Two summer library program patrons play a game at Rock Island Elementary, July 2018.



A Small Miracles volunteer pulling a packed lunch out of a cooler for a youngster at Clovis Point Intermediate last summer.

Learn more on our YouTube channel

The Summer Library Program is the brainchild of Carmen Johnson and Carol Mooney, Eastmont educators who saw a need for local kids to have a place to keep learning throughout the summer. So they wrote grants, got funding for books and games, got the permission of Eastmont administration to use Rock Island and Clovis Point libraries and teamed up with Small Miracles to provide free sack lunches for the children who come. Watch a video about the program by scanning the code with a smartphone or find it on YouTube at https://youtu.be/HEp5bDihlak.







Showing Pride over 90% Attendance at Lee

BY LISA SNYDER

Attendance Counts! Attendance is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently.

This year Lee Elementary is tracking attendance in a new, fun, and engaging way. We have a bulletin board to track weekly classroom attendance and total percentage



of student attendance. We are proud to be at almost 90% of students with regular attendance, which is well above the state average. Additionally, we track staff attendance to let students know it is as important for us to be at school as it is for them. Each month we have a Perfect Attendance Party with the Principal for students who have been at school ON TIME, ALL DAY, and EVERYDAY.

To show how important this is to students. In first grade, several students wanted to spend the night at school to make up missed days (first grade logic). Another instance was when a parent called to ask their teacher if they took their student out early would it affect their perfect attendance. When the

teacher replied,
"Yes." The parent
chose not to take
their child out
early. Through this
communication,
it is evident that
students are
talking to their
parents about
attendance

which is helping to transform our attendance rate.

Every month since September we have had at least 150 to over 200 students attend the parties at the end of the month. Students are motivated and wanting to attend school, and most importantly, experience the pride of perfect attendance. Talking to students from Kindergarten to 4th grade about the importance of having perfect attendance, the consensus is, "It is important because you have to be here to learn new things and get good grades and not miss out on important stuff."

District, Financial Services Director commended by State Auditor this May

In a recent letter to the Eastmont School District administration, the state auditor's office commended district management in general, and more specifically, Cindy Ulrich our Executive Director of Financial Services.

State auditor Pat McCarthy wrote:

"The State Auditor's Office recognizes Eastmont School District No. 206's dedication to making government work better. District management consistently demonstrates its commitment to effective risk assessment, compliance with state law and strong internal controls to safeguard public funds.

We see the District's dedication not only during the audit process, but more importantly in how District management performs its daily operations. For example, during a recent audit we learned that Cindy Ulrich, Executive Director of Financial Services,had identified risk in one department. She and her staff took a coaching



State Auditor Pat McCarthy presenting Ulrich her award at the WASBO Conference in May.

and mentoring approach, giving the employees who were struggling the support, training and mentoring they needed to succeed and comply with District policy and applicable regulations."

Congratulations to Cindy for being recognized with the Stewardship Award for dedication and management of public funds!

Important Attendance Area Revisions Coming

BY SPENCER TAYLOR

As our community grows and we shift to K-6 Elementary Schools, our attendance areas for each school will be changing to better accommodate our students across the district. This adjustment in school boundaries will cause many students to be assigned to a different school than the one they had previously attended. The goals of this process are as follows:

- Ensuring equitable state and federal funding by balancing school demographics.
- Maximizing neighborhood walking schools.
- Maximizing bus route efficiencies.
- Minimizing student disruption, though approximately 25% of elementary students will be reassigned to an adjacent school given two additional grades (5th and 6th) are being added to each school.
- Ensuring best use of existing school facilities and minimizing overcrowding at all levels over the next 10 to 15 years.

The new attendance areas will go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year. We anticipate having a community meeting late Fall 2019 to share proposed changes and receive feedback. During the Winter of the 2019-2020 school year, we will then notify all K-6 families of their child's assigned school for the 2020-2021 school year. All choice students will need to re-apply to attend a school outside of their new attendance area and will be evaluated based upon space available.

For more information on reconfiguration including a timeline for implementation, please go to our district webpage: www.eastmont206.org. and select "Reconfiguration and Construction" in the Quick Links section.

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Our schools use the SchoolMessenger system to deliver alerts straight to your device with important information about events, school closures, safety alerts and more.



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Focus On: The Future

KENROY RUNNING CLUB HITTING ITS STRIDE



the number of disciplinary actions at Kenroy in an average

Orientations, Open Houses Coming This August

Eastmont High School:

August 22 - Wildcat Day- Grade 12 - 8:00 - 9:30 am, Grade 11 - 9:45 -11:30 am, Grade 10 - 12:30 - 2:30

Eastmont Junior High:

August 20, 8 - 3:00 pm - Bobcat Back-to-School Day - for 8th and 9th grade students

Cascade Elementary:

August 26, 4:30-6:30pm - Back to School Supply Drop Off/Curriculum Night - August 26th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for your student to see his/her classroom, meet the teacher, and

prepare him/her for the first day of school on August 28th.

Clovis Point: August 21 and 22, 8:00am - 3:00pm - Coyote Days, Open House: September 5, 7 - 8 pm

Grant Elementary: August 26, 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Open House

Lee Elementary: August 26, 5:30 -7:00 pm - Back-to-School Night

Rock Island: August 26, 5:30 - 6:30

Sterling School: August 20 and 21 -Cougar Days

School Calendar

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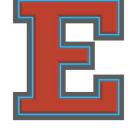
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28 - First day of school



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