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Superintendent Message

Why do our kids take the assessment that they do?

Dear Friends!
Since 1993 and the passage of House Bill 1209

built. In 1997 the first Washington Assessment of Student Learning (We now know this simply as WASL) was established.

This assessment is very different from the one that you and I took when we were in school. The assessment that we took was multiple choice and contained questions below grade level, at grade level and above grade level. We then were given a score based upon how students across the United States scored. If you look back in your memory box, you will see your score given as a percentile. For example you might have scored at the 70th percentile on your 4th grade assessment. This meant that you scored better than 70% of the students in 4th grade across the United States. The tests were designed and scored so that half of the districts always scored below the 50th percentile. A good district score would be one that was above the 50th percentile. This meant your district score was better than the majority of district scores across the nation. This is called a "norm-reference test."

The WASL is a "standards-based assessment." This means that expectations or standards are set for each grade level. It is a goal that all students will reach these standards. As a parent, we want the scores from this assessment to come back and say that our child has "met" standard. We want our district scores to reach as close to 100% as possible.

Our state legislature has made "meeting the standard" on the

reading and writing portions of the WASL a graduation requirement beginning with this year's seniors. Last week our high school students completed the reading and writing sections of this year's assessment. We expect our results from these assessments in June. In June 2007, our 10th grade reading score was 87.8 and our writing score was 92.9.

While our state was working on changing standards for students in the state of Washington, our national government made some changes on their own. In 2001, the No Child Left Behind Act was passed. It was signed into legislation as the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act in January 2002. This act charged each state with designing their own assessment system for grades 3-8 and grade 10 in reading and math. Our state chose to create WASL-like assessments in each of these grade levels. As a school district we report if our students have made "adequate yearly progress." This is a federal requirement that we report to the state of Washington. Each of the 50 states are required to do this. These assessments for grades 3-8 and grade 10 (math and science) will be given during the third week in April.

I often hear confusion between what is a state law or a federal law. As you can see, our current assessment system is a little of both. My hope is the above paragraphs provided clarity around the assessments we give our students.

In partnership with you, Mike

Kindergarten Registration

The Enumclaw School District will hold its 2008 Kindergarten registration and orientations in April as follows:

Black Diamond Kindergarten Orientation
360.802.7573.....April 3.....6:30 p.m.

Byron Kibler Kindergarten Orientation
360.802.7263.....April 15.....6:30 p.m.

Southwood Kindergarten Orientation
360.802.7373.....April 24.....6:30 p.m.

Sunrise Kindergarten Orientation
360.802.7425.....April 24.....6:30 p.m.

Westwood Kindergarten Orientation
360.802.7620.....April 17 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The kindergarten program in the Enumclaw School District is a full-day Program, five days per week. For further information about registration or orientation, please contact your neighborhood school.

- Children must be five years old on or before August 31.
- A parent must present a child's birth certificate at registration.
- Washington State immunization requirements must be met.
- Proof of residence must be provided.

WASL Schedule

GRADE	SUBJECTS TESTED	REQUIRED OPTIONAL	TESTING WINDOW	SCHEDULE
3rd	Math/Reading	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
4th	Math/Reading/Writing	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
5th	Math/Reading/Science	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
6th	Math/Reading	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
7th	Math/Reading/Writing	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
8th	Math/Reading/Science	Required	April 14-May 2	School Sets Schedule
9th	Reading/Writing	Optional	March 10-13	State Daily Schedule
	Math/Science	Optional	April 15-18	State Daily Schedule
10th	Reading/Writing	Required	March 10-13	State Daily Schedule
	Math/Science	Required	April 15-18	State Daily Schedule
11th	Reading/Writing	Required - if not passed	March 10-13	State Daily Schedule
	Math/Science	Required - if not passed	April 15-18	State Daily Schedule
12th	Reading/Writing	Required - if not passed	March 10-13	State Daily Schedule
	Math/Science	Required - if not passed	April 15-18	State Daily Schedule

Tips for Student Success



Washington State PTA TIPS for STUDENT SUCCESS

How can you help your child succeed on the WASL? (Washington Assessment of Student Learning)

• Be sure your child is at school every day. Good attendance is needed to do well in school – and to do well on tests. Be sure your child arrives

at school on time, well rested, and well nourished.

• Take an interest in your child's school work. When children and parents talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.

• Provide a healthy and stress-free environment for your child. Don't give your child unnecessary stress by overemphasizing the test.

• Give your child verbal encouragement. Help boost your child's self esteem. Provide emotional support, especially during critical testing periods.

• Make a quiet place at home for your child to study, read, and do homework assignments. Monitor and limit your

child's television viewing and video game playing.

• Work on reading with your child at home. Good reading skills are important to success in school and to doing well on tests. Set a good example as a reader – read every day at home even if it is a magazine or newspaper.

• Ask your child's teacher and principal about grade level expectations for your child. Ask how you can help your child learn at home.

• Ask your child's teacher about the tests your child takes. Ask about the subjects, knowledge and skills that are tested – and how the test results will be used to help your child be successful.

WASL Information

Last week high school students across our state were involved in taking the reading and writing sections of the state-mandated Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). Next month, all of our 3rd-8th grade students will participate in this grade level WASL testing. In addition, during this same time our high school students will be involved in WASL math and science testing.

In the near future, each school in our district will send home information about the specific days your child will be involved in WASL testing.

Calendar of Events

March, 2008

- 20 - 22 High School Musical Superman - Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 K-12 Early Release Day
- 25 Kibler K-5 Open House, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Families invited!
- 26 Late Arrival For High School
- 26 Green River Music Region Band Contest - Wind Ensemble at Kentwood High School
- 27 - 29 High School Musical Superman - Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 EHS Art Show, EHS Library, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 28 EHS Art Show, EHS Library, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April, 2008

- 3 Black Diamond Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 School Board Workshop, District Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - 11 Spring Break!
- 11 District Office Closed!
- 15 Kibler Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - 18 High School WASL Testing - Math & Science
- 17 Westwood Kindergarten Orientation, 2:00 and 6:30 p.m.
- 17 EMS/TMMS 5th Grade Information Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 School Board Meeting, District Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Sunrise & Southwood Kindergarten Orientations, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 - 26 State Solo/Ensemble Contest, Ellensburg

*WASL Testing Window For Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Is April 14 through May 2

Superman: The Musical

ENUMCLAW HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS... SUPERMAN: THE MUSICAL

Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams
Book by David Newman & Robert Benton

The comic book comes to life! Watch Superman battle a mad scientist and a bunch of Canadian gangsters. Can he defeat them? Can he protect his secret identity? Will Lois Lane get her Superman? Add a couple of rival reporters from the Daily Planet and it's sure to be a wild time in Metropolis! You'll believe a man can fly!

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 7:30 pm
\$10 General Admission
\$6 Students w/ASB and Senior Citizens

Enumclaw School District

Day of Outreach

May 17, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

IMAGINE hundreds of Enumclaw School District supporters canvassing major neighborhoods in Enumclaw and Black Diamond

IMAGINE tables with information about the Enumclaw School District set up in front of major businesses

IMAGINE a stage set up in downtown Enumclaw with a schedule of student performers

IMAGINE the smell of popcorn wafting up and down Cole Street

IMAGINE Enumclaw School District busses strategically parked in major parking lots covered with posters created by students

IMAGINE this occurring on the SAME DAY ...

Day Of Outreach!

Join Enumclaw School District staff, parents and community members in canvassing major neighborhoods in Enumclaw and Black Diamond.

Let's spread the news of the great work happening in our school district!

If you would like to volunteer on this Day of Outreach, please contact:

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