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A MESSAGE FROM THE AESD PRESIDENT



The leaves are starting to turn color and all the students are back in school, which must mean it is election season – and

we surely have enough chatter from all of the media available. It is going to be a year of change in our state as we are going to elect a new Governor. But, no matter who is elected, we as ESD Board members must reach out and educate the new Governor and staff on the best kept secret in education. That, of course, is the work of our nine ESDs and our state AESD Network.

I was just reflecting on our June AESD Board meeting and was struck by the benefit of all of the services we provide to the 295 school districts in our state and how it saves them both money and the time of trying to do it themselves. We just had our AESD retreat and had some discussion groups on areas of concern to not only us, but K-12, in general. Four areas of discussion were:

1. McCleary decision and implications for ESDs/AESD. What is our path forward?
2. Charter initiative and how it will affect all of us if it passes.
3. How can we as an AESD Network continue to build and further our relationship with WASA, WSSDA and the executive and legislative branch leaders? What will our presence be in the upcoming Legislative Session?
4. Potential of new ESD services and initiatives.

I will give you a summary of the discussion in our next newsletter.

I would like to take a moment and give you some reflection from our 50th anniversary trip to Europe

and our visit to Normandy. When I saw what was sacrificed by so many and the difficulties they went through to overcome so many challenges and win freedom for our way of life, it was emotional and made me so proud to be an American. I believe in my heart even with all of the challenges we have as a country, we still have the best Education and enjoy Freedom like no one else.

I'm looking forward to our year ahead – I believe it has never looked brighter.

~Merle Kirkley, AESD President
NWESD 189



Top: Merle Kirkley directs the October 10 AESD meeting. Bottom picture: Superintendent John Welch, Puget Sound ESD; Superintendent Bill Keim, ESD 113; ESD 123 Board member Brad Gingerich; Executive Director Jonnelle Adams, WSSDA.

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ESD 105 and North Central ESD joint recipients of grant

ESD 105 and North Central ESD 171 were selected as co-recipients of a \$25,000 grant from Washington STEM in August that will support the launch of an early learning project for children and families from Native American communities in central Washington.

The new project called "Ready, Set, STEM!" is a joint venture between ESD 105 and North Central ESD 171. This program will work with teachers to create interactive STEM kits that families will be able to use to boost their children's knowledge through easily followed hands-on learning experiences.

STEM kits will be distributed for use in the Yakama Nation in ESD 105 and in the Colville Federated Tribes in ESD 171. The project will target up to 80 Native American preschool students, with a long-term goal to create a model for preparing students from other high-needs populations across the state to be prepared for success in their education when they enter kindergarten. The kits will be used in and around preschool-age children's homes to provide experiences in discovery, inquiry, and problem solving.

~David Goehner, ESD 105

2013 AESD Conference Partnerships: Doing More, Together

Superintendent Bill Keim and ESD 113 staff are excited to welcome you to Tumwater for the 2013 AESD Conference. Some highlights include:

- Keynote by Ron Fielder, former CEO of Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- State Superintendent Randy Dorn, speaking on the OSPI/ESD partnership
- Closing keynote by Dr. Gene Sharratt, sharing his ideas about partnership and encouraging ESDs to stretch our concept of the ESD mission to include a wide variety of stakeholders.

2013 AESD Conference scheduled at ESD 113 in Olympia



For conference information see www.aesd-wa.org or www.esd113.org.

THURSDAY, April 11, 2013

- ESD Superintendents & Assistant Superintendents Meeting
- AESD Board Meeting
- Conference Registration - Sign In
- President's Reception
- Banquet
- Social

FRIDAY, April 12, 2013

- Breakfast
- Opening Session & Keynote
- Morning Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- Luncheon
- Afternoon Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- Area Partnership Site Visitations
- Dinner on your own

SATURDAY, April 13, 2013

- Coffee
- AESD Business Meeting & Awards
- Brunch
- AESA Report
- Closing Keynote
- Call to 2014 Conference



Photo by Steve Witter, NEWESD 101

Students in NEWESD 101's YouthBuild and AmeriCorps programs observe the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance by describing the myriad ways the 9/11 tragedy has inspired them to give back to the community.

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NEWESD 101

A day of service and remembrance

Students in NEWESD 101's YouthBuild and AmeriCorps programs observed the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance in an active and productive way.

More than three dozen young people participated in a host of activities that began with an inspirational address from Spokane Valley Deputy Fire Chief Andy Hail (see picture on opposite page).

Dignitaries on hand also included Debbie Schuffenhauer, executive director of the Washington Commission for National and Community Service.

Later, the students recorded a series of video statements describing the myriad ways the 9/11 tragedy has inspired them to give back to the community.

While some were too young to have vivid memories of the 2001 terrorist attacks, all embraced the national significance and lasting impact on their own generation. The day of service continued with the students conducting volunteer projects for non-profit organizations across Spokane.

~Steve Witter, Communications/Development
NEWESD 101



Students share inspiration received from September 11 during interviews.



ESD 105

ESD 105 regional educators honored

ESD 105 is still abuzz with the validation of the academic efforts in our region that came courtesy of some very big recognition that came to two of our region's educators in September.

First, Toppenish High School principal Trevor Greene was announced as the 2013 National High School Principal of the Year on September 6 by MetLife and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Since becoming principal in 2008, Greene has helped transform the



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academic and personal climate at the school, which has a student body made up of 95% minorities and nearly 100% on free or reduced-price lunch. He has promoted a wide slate of highly popular engineering and biomedical courses at the school, helped implement daily teacher-mentor daily advisory periods for students, and introduced a program to the school that recognizes students for their positive contributions to the school – all of which have boosted graduation and college advancement rates at Toppenish. Greene is also the first person from the entire Northwest to receive one of the NASSP's national awards that were introduced in 1993.

Less than two weeks later, Zillah High School science teacher Jeff Charbonneau was announced as the 2013 Washington State Teacher of the Year (see picture on page 6). Charbonneau has been an innovator in boosting science programs for his students during his 11 years teaching at the same high school he once attended. He created the popular Zillah Robot Challenge in 2008 that has so far involved participation by 850 students from 43 schools, co-founded a school hiking and ecology program in 2002, and has attained adjunct faculty agreements that allow students in his high-rigor science classes to earn college credits through Central Washington University, Yakima Valley Community College, and Eastern Washington University.

Worth noting: The 2013 Washington State Teacher of the Year and the 2013 Washington State/National High School Principal of the Year are working in schools that are less than nine miles from each other.

~David Goehner, ESD 105
Public Information Officer



ESD 112



New ESD 112 program provides online training for parents

ESD 112 has launched a new program designed especially for parents of children from birth through high school. Parent U is a web-based program that connects parents with experts who can provide guidance and resources they need to help their children grow, learn and flourish.

In November, Parent U is partnering with the U.S. Attorney's office, the Vancouver Police Department and other key experts to educate parents and their children about Internet Safety

Parents in communities throughout SW Washington will join Jenny Durkan, U.S. Attorney for Western Washington, as she presents information on the topic of Keeping Our Children Safe. Attendees will gain insights into Internet Safety, and will learn important tips on keeping their children safe from online predators and harmful activity.

~Lori Simpson, ESD 112
Deputy Director/Public Info Co-op



ESD 113

Interactive Web-based Instruction Brings Traffic Safety Program to Districts across the State

An innovative distance learning program is allowing small and remote schools to offer traffic safety education (TSE). Without this service many students would have to travel up to 140 miles round trip to receive the instruction needed to obtain their driver's license.

More than 30 districts throughout Washington State contract with ESD 113 for TSE services. Ten of them have used ESD 113's K20 Interactive Video Traffic Safety Education Program. It's a quality, cost-effective way to help students navigate this significant rite of passage.

How it Works

Ospi requires traffic safety programs to have the capability for students to ask the instructor questions...and vice versa. The

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K20 video technology allows this to occur

The system is voice activated. When someone is talking at a particular site, all others are able to hear and view the person/s talking. The classroom instruction is broadcast by a certificated instructor from ESD 113 in Tumwater.

ESD 113, or a contracting school district, provides a classroom monitor to assist with keeping students on task, behavior management, parent contacts, scheduling drives and a variety of paperwork and record keeping. The program's success requires each site to have up-to-date technology and a high degree of commitment from high school principals and administrators.

"A certificated Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) instructor, provided by ESD 113, coordinates the driving at each site. ESD 113 or the district provides the vehicle for the driving portion," says Jack Blain, ESD 113's Traffic Safety Education Program Coordinator.

Nationally Recognized

Nationally recognized teacher Gerald Apple is key in the instruction and coordination. A TSE teacher for 41 years, he was recently honored by the National Road Safety Foundation with the 2012 Teacher Excellence Award.

Apple, who is actively involved in a plethora of traffic safety education activities, has great success with students. Additionally his interactive web-based parent night program is used as a model for teachers in a variety of disciplines.

When Courses Are Offered

Annually 2-3 complete TSE programs are offered, including a summer one when demand warrants. Currently there's a three day a week program from 7- 8:10 am serving students in Lake Chelan, Sprague, Ritzville, Lind, Pe Ell and Onalaska. More than one site can be online at the same time.

Contact Jack Blain at 360.464.6868 for more information.

~Pam Folsom, ESD 113 Communications
SCJ Communication



Gerry Apple Teaching Traffic Safety Education via K20.

Olympic ESD



Katy Absten and Dan King read the inscription on the Patriot Award.

OESD Staff Receives Patriot Award for Support of Military Personnel

Recently the OESD staff was honored in a ceremony and presented with the Patriot Award, awarded by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Issued by the Department of Defense's division of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the award recognizes outstanding employers and employees who make an effort to support their military members by maintaining contact, employee recognition days, published leave policy, military leave benefits and participation in ESGR programs.

Mr. Gordon Jacobson, a 30-year Marine Corp Reservist, presented the award to Katy Absten and Wendy McComb, who accepted the award on behalf of the staff. The Olympic ESD staff was nominated to receive the award by Dan King, Math and Literacy Specialist, who was called to active duty September 1, 2010 and served in Kuwait until September 16, 2011.

With the OESD board members present, Dr. Walt Bigby, Superintendent, and numerous staff members in attendance, Dan King spoke about what and how the ESD had helped him, by sending care packages, letters and cards. In addition to staff members sending messages and prayer, his department helped to fill in for his absence and the organization ensured there was a place for him upon his return from active duty. In speaking about what this meant to him, Dan says, "It meant a great deal. When you're that far from home it means a lot that people are rooting for you and letting you know they care. It really lifts the morale."

The Olympic ESD is glad to have Dan back and appreciates the dedication and sacrifice that others like Dan have given. We continue to keep our service

members in our thoughts and hope that they'll return home safely. The Patriot Award given to the OESD staff has been framed and is currently hung in the Olympic ESD hallway.

~Heather Tonder, OESD 114
Certification Specialist



Dr. Walt Bigby, Mr. Jacobson, Katy Absten, Wendy McComb, Dan King and Dr. Jim Hackstaff pose with the Patriot Award.



ESD 123

ESD 123 receives 21st Century Grant

For nearly a decade, Educational Service District 123 has operated 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLCs) at schools across the region. Cohort 5 of ESD 123's 21st Century program concluded with the end of the 2011-2012 school year, under which six school districts were served. Now as the 2012-2013 school year begins, ESD 123 is pleased to announce the receipt of another five-year 21st Century grant. Provided through the Title IV Part B federal grant, 21st Century programs offer extended school day academic support and enrichment opportunities for students, particularly those who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. Parent education and fostering the sustainability of the programs are also

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essential aspects of the grant.

The newly awarded CCLC grant (Cohort 9) serves three elementary schools in Kennewick School District, along with one elementary in Clarkston School District. The program will run for thirty weeks during the academic year, plus a four-week summer session. The extended day programs operate a minimum of twelve hours per week. Over the years, CCLC programs have provided structured homework assistance, along with varying enrichment activities at each site. Cohort 9 expects to serve some seventy kids at each of the Kennewick sites, and sixty children in Clarkston. Thanks to the academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment activities offered through the 21st Century program, more students throughout the ESD 123 region are making their way toward improved academic achievement.

~Molly Curtiss, ESD 123
Communications & Graphics Coordinator



Puget Sound ESD

Keeping Students Engaged in School: PSESD Hosts Forum on Alternatives to Suspension

Under the leadership of Superintendent John Welch, PSESD kicked off the new school year with a focus on "Ready, Achieve, Succeed," the agency's three Sub-Ends to reach our ultimate goal of "Success for Each Student and Eliminate the Opportunity Gap." To move the agency forward in reaching that goal, Superintendent Welch has assembled a new team of cabinet members and restructured the agency's leadership and departments to align with these three areas.

PSESD had a strong and effective presence at the 2012 AESA Educators' Call to Action Conference in Washington, D.C. from September 12 – 14. The group met with all six of Washington State's congressional delegation to discuss the significant potential impacts of sequestration, push for the reauthorization of ESEA, and make funding for early learning and prevention services a priority. PSESD staff and board members also highlighted the region's partnerships and application for Race to the Top grant money.

With significant partnership from Tacoma Public Schools and Open Education Solutions, an OpenBlend Conference was held September 18 to provide educators with the tools they need to flip their classrooms and blend their schools. Blended learning combines the best of online and onsite learning. OpenBlend included a series of four workshops on implementing Khan Academy in classrooms: a review of top performing elementary and secondary blended schools,

an introduction to the adaptive tools used in top performing schools, information about online learning opportunities in Washington, and a review of credible open education resources.

There is exciting news to share about the Educare Early Learning Program. NBC News highlighted the national early learning model as a case study in their recent series, "Education Nation." With one of the Centers located in Seattle, and managed by the PSESD, the national model is helping local educators close the Opportunity Gap for students. In addition, as the Department of Education celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Arts in Education Grant Programs, PSESD's own Arts Impact was prominently featured in the DOE video and online blog.

~Peter Daniels, PSESD
Communications Manager



North Central ESD

New National Pilot Program: AESA/Great American Financial Resources

Working together with AESA, North Central ESD has formed the first-of-its-kind national partnership with Great American Financial Resources and Plan Member Services. This pilot project will be a model of which many other educational service agencies in Washington State and across the nation may take advantage in the future.

Tapping Great American's highly dedicated team of financial professionals, located across the United States, they are committed to helping individuals plan for a secure financial future. North Central ESD Superintendent Rich McBride noted, "We are delighted to bring a whole new level of financial planning and wealth management to all of our school personnel. And especially pleased to be partnering with Great American Financial Resources, one of our country's strongest and most respected annuity and insurance companies."

As many of us in education are aware, if you have the good fortune to have a six or seven figure portfolio, you have a whole range of wealth and financial managers standing in line offering to manage your portfolio. Never has this same level of Portfolio Management been made available to the administrator, classroom teacher, secretary or bus driver. Finally, they too will now have access to financial planning expertise, tools, advice and resources...true wealth management, if you will, for the rest of us!! We couldn't be more pleased to be involved in this new pilot and look forward to sharing

these opportunities with all of our ESA colleagues in Washington and across the Nation."

Be watching for a break-out session at this year's Annual AESA Conference in Tampa, FL, as well as a break out being planned for our State AESD Conference this spring in Olympia!

~Dr. Rich McBride, Superintendent



North Central ESD Educational Foundation awards teacher grants

The NCESD Educational Foundation, for the third year, is offering an exciting opportunity for teachers in the North Central ESD region. The Foundation's fall campaign will provide resources to supplement the work of teachers through the award of classroom grants. This year the number of grants awarded has nearly doubled the number given the past two years.

A total of 19 teacher classroom grants, \$250 and over, will be presented at a special reception on November 7, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, including LASER, the Olive Garden/Darden Restaurants (to promote post-secondary education), the Woods Family Music and Arts Fund, Wenatchee Valley Clinic, McDonald's and generous community members.



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PreK-3 Alignment

This year we have some great work beginning with Early Learning. Starting this fall, twelve school districts in the Northwest region will be conducting WaKIDS, the Washington Inventory of Developing Skills. WaKIDS is a kindergarten transition process that includes a common kindergarten assessment, individual family meetings and collaboration with community preschool partners. WaKIDS is required of state-funded, full-day kindergarten programs beginning this year but most of these school districts are volunteering as early adopters, building off commitments they've made to strengthen the foundations of children's early education development.

We are also pleased to announce that the NWESD was selected as the host for the 5th annual Starting Strong P-3 Institute in August 2013.

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This conference brings early learning professionals and K-12 educators together to share innovation and increase alignment between systems. Starting Strong will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the school districts and early learning programs in our region that have prioritized early learning.

In the Teaching & Learning department, leadership teams from ten districts are joining the seven which began work in 2010-12 on the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP). By June 2013 almost half of NWESD's Districts will have participated in this project.

Last year, the NW Assessing with Learning Progressions in Science (NW ALPS) math-science partnership helped elementary science teachers understand how to teach the Washington state science standards with science materials in their classrooms. Project teachers deepened their understanding of science content and standards and then used that understanding to create learning progressions and formative assessment for commonly used FOSS and STC elementary science materials. These helpful instructional tools, as well as classroom video and professional development resources, are now available online in the NWESD library <https://library.nwesd.org/nw-alps>.

~Rachael Willett, NWESD 189
Communications Specialist

ESD 105 honors state and regional winners



ESD 105 was fortunate to have not only a recent state winner, but also a national award winner.

Shown top left: Jeffrey Charbonneau, ESD 105 Regional Teacher of the Year, who was recently selected as state Teacher of the Year, with State Superintendent Randy Dorn.



Middle left: ESD 105 Superintendent Steve Myers congratulates Toppenish High School principal Trevor Greene, who was recently honored as 2013 National High School Principal of the Year.

Photos by David Goehner, ESD 105



State Superintendent Randy Dorn speaks during the September 17 Washington State Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony held at the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Pictured are Teacher of the Year representatives from each ESD (l-r): Rick Gile, ESD 189, Everett School District; Barbara Quintasket, North Central ESD, Paschal Sherman Indian School; Brian Sites, ESD 123, Richland School District; Darcy Smith, Puget Sound ESD, Highline School District; Richard Newell, ESD 114, Central Kitsap School District; Pamela Valentine, ESD 113, Shelton School District; Erick Saueracker, ESD 112, Vancouver School District; Jeffrey Charbonneau, ESD 105, Zillah School District; Monte Syrie, ESD 101, Cheney School District.

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2012-2013 AESD Executive Board



Meet your 2012-2013 AESD Executive Committee shown (l-r): Gary Coe, ESD 101; Merle Kirkley, ESD 189; Karen Sorger, ESD 114; Larry MacGuffie, North Central ESD; Brad Gingerich, ESD 123; Bill Gant, ESD 105; Dr. Richard Graham, ESD 112; and Howard Coble, ESD 113. Not pictured: Charlie Staadecker, Puget Sound ESD

History of Washington State ESDs



In 1969, Washington State lawmakers shared a singular vision to equalize education. They enacted landmark legislation authorizing Educational Service Districts.

Today, nine ESDs continue to serve over 71,300 square miles of the state of Washington. Each has its own story and identity. All provide the personalized service that has created moment after moment of 40 unforgettable years.

In 2008, ESDs engaged in visionary groundwork to design an even more effective statewide delivery system to serve the next generation of Washington's learners.

The redesign promises expanded partnerships throughout the educational community including early learning, career and technical colleges, universities, and business/industry. Within the ESD system itself, there will be greater emphasis on working across regional boundaries to guarantee greater availability of unique and specialized services requested by districts.

To read more about the history of Washington State ESDs, go to <http://www.aesd-wa.org/> and click on "ESD History."

AESD Executive Board

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AESD Executive Board Annual Meeting/Retreat



Pictured above at the AESD Executive Committee meeting are (l-r) Superintendents Mike Dunn, ESD 101, and Walt Bigby, ESD 114.

Key topics covered during the October 10 Meeting

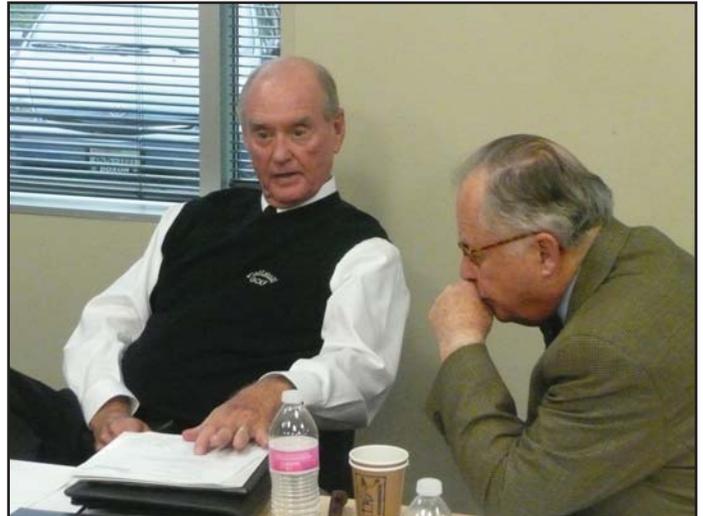
Among items included on the agenda for the October 10, 2012 AESD Executive Board meeting and retreat was review of 2012-13 AESD Goals and Superintendents' Priorities for 2012-13, including:

- Legislative Outreach
- Strengthening of the Network and our collective work together
- Marketing
- Value-added services and support to local districts and the State's educational enterprise
- Relationship-building with the State Board of Education

Discussion groups at the retreat concentrated on the following topics:

- McCleary decision and implications for ESDs/ AESD - our path forward
- Charter initiative and implications for ESDs/ AESD, should it pass
- AESD relationship, moving forward, with WASA, WSSDA and executive and legislative branch leaders - planning for AESD influence on/ presence in Olympia in the 2013 session
- Potential of new services and initiatives

AESD President Merle Kirkley will describe the meeting/retreat in greater detail in the next issue of *AESD Dispatch*.



Board member Bill Gant from ESD 105 (left) shares a thoughtful discussion with AESD Executive Board member Charlie Staadecker from the Puget Sound ESD Board.



AESD Executive Board member Dr. Richard Graham (left) from ESD 112 discusses one of the topics assigned at the AESD Executive Board Annual Retreat with Superintendent Steve Myers from ESD 105.