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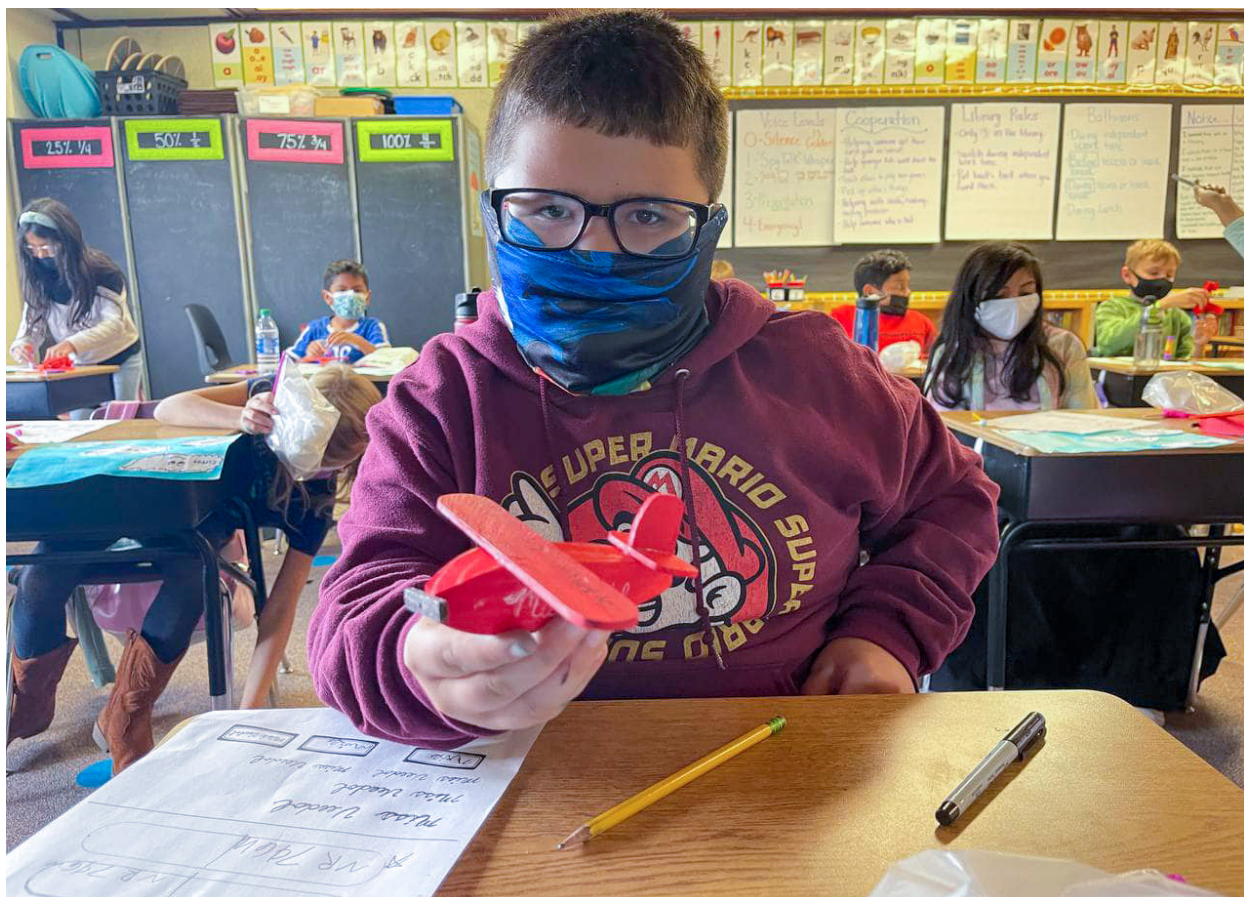


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Retired Teachers Present Pangborn to 3rd Graders

By DOMINICK BONNY



Cruz, a third grade student at Kenroy Elementary, shows off the glider plane he built as part of the hands-on, STEAM lesson celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Miss Veedol flight.

Eastmont Smiles



During the last week of September, retired educators and volunteers visited every third-grade classroom in the Eastmont School District to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon's historic first non-stop trans-Pacific flight. In 1931, the two men took off from a beach near Misawa, Japan in a modified Bellanca Skyrocket named "Miss Veedol" and 41 hours later successfully crash-landed in a field in East Wenatchee.

It was an achievement that made global news and rivaled Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic in 1927. It was the beginning of the golden age of aviation, and it made the two men internationally famous and brought a lot of attention to little old East Wenatchee.

Retired principal and teacher Sue Kane was among the volunteers who dressed up in period costumes and visited classrooms from Rock Island Elementary to Cascade.

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Kane, dressed as Amelia Earhart, complete with aviator cap, goggles, scarf and leather jacket, was buoyant to be back in the classroom.

"We are here because it's the 90th anniversary of the Pangborn landing," Kane said. "We're here to celebrate that and let the kids know about that. And we tried to incorporate STEAM in that."

STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The presentations were interactive and each volunteer, with the help of the teachers and para pros, led the third-graders in constructing their own Miss Veedol model gliders, which they then took outside and flew.

Kane and the other volunteers split up the students into pairs and had them fly their Miss Veedol gliders and then



Sue Kane, dressed as Amelia Earhart, teaches third graders at Kenroy Elementary about the Miss Veedol flight.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: DAVE YANCEY

If you're an Eastmont staff member and have had a technology problem you couldn't solve, you've likely talked to Dave Yancey. As our Helpdesk and Network Assistant, Dave is the most recent addition to our district-wide information technology team.

Dave was born in Seattle but raised between Wenatchee, where his father was an elementary school teacher, and Moses Lake, where his father became a school principal.

In 1980, Dave joined the U.S. Army immediately out of high school. During his four year enlistment, he earned his sergeant stripes and then reenlisted as a mobile mainframe datacenter computer technician for another 8 years.

Settling back into civilian life in Wenatchee, he spent a little under a year in retail computer support and then was hired by the Wenatchee School District as a network specialist, where he rose through the ranks into administration.

He was actually planning on retiring at 55 years old and doing contract support work, but "life changes under our feet



Dave Yancey served 12 years in the US Army, including 8 years as a mobile computer technician.

and I ended up staying a few more years," Dave said.

However, he badly wanted to get back into a "hands-on" technical support role again, and just as he began his job search,

Eastmont posted an opening for his current role.

"While we do similar things in technology on both sides of the river, Eastmont uses different tools to accomplish incredible things for classroom, staff, and business support and I was thrilled to be able to work under great leadership as I merged



Dave at Leavenworth Zip Lines with his wife, Cindy.

what I knew from a technology support role since 1984 and applied that with Eastmont's system and technical processes," Dave said.

Dave continues to be impressed with how many areas the IT team supports. He says it's an honor to work with such knowledgeable people, and the district leadership provides a great foundation of trust. "Administration and staff alike are what make Eastmont a great place to be," he said.

Dave has been involved in technology support for a long time, but learning is a never-ending part of the process. "Being part of our instructional support allows me to interact with so many great people in our schools and offices... it is truly a community-first district."

measure their flight distance with a measuring tape.

The program was not only facilitated by retired educators, but it was also completely funded by their association. It's called the Chelan Douglas School Retirees' Association and in addition to supporting retired educators, the group provides substantial scholarships to future teachers, awards classroom grants to active teachers in local schools, and fosters volunteer activities with Washington's school children.

Kane said that the association usually does one big program like this per year in Eastmont schools, but missed out on that opportunity last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and all the shutdowns.

That's why she and the other volunteers were so excited to get into the classrooms this year.

"All the teachers know how important the future is and it's our way to give back to the kids and the community and we know that these teachers have been having quite a year," Kane said. "And so we just want everyone to appreciate them and we want to do everything we can for the kids."

If you would like to learn more about Pangborn and Herndon's historic trans-Pacific flight, you can take a virtual tour of the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center's exhibit at wenatcheevalleymuseum.org/2020/virtual-tour-pangborn-exhibit.

And you can learn more about the Chelan Douglas Retirees' Association at chelan-douglas-sra.org.

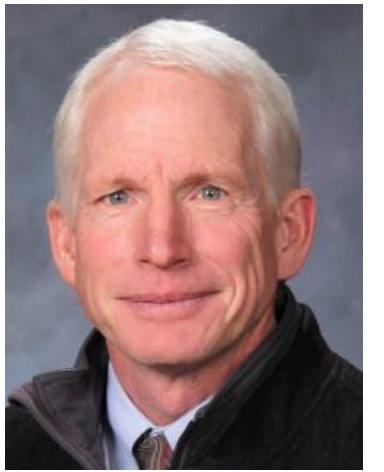
Watch a video of Sue Kane's presentation: cutt.ly/90thpangborn



Superintendent's Message: A Call to Service

Eastmont is working hard to operate at the best possible level given the circumstances. Since March of 2020, our employees have navigated one challenging and difficult transition to the next. In addition to the regular activities required to maintain a safe, orderly, and productive school environment, our employees are now ensuring that the many COVID mandates related to masking, distancing, isolating, quarantining, testing, and vaccinations are in place for us to continue operations.

During World War I, World War II, and the Great Depression, US citizens were required to ration fuel, metals, and work or serve in assignments they had never before considered as we rallied as a country. Today, Eastmont's call for those willing to serve their community is to become a bus driver, substitute paraeducator, or substitute teacher. You could be a substitute for part of the day, one day a week, three days a week, or whatever works for you. Working in this capacity is an excellent way to support our young people, our families, community, and our future.



Sincerely,

Garn Christensen
Garn Christensen, Superintendent

Safety in a Pandemic

The requirements to operate safe schools with COVID in our community continue to be updated by the Washington State Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Industries as conditions change. As a public school district, we are obligated to follow these requirements. If there are options for implementation, we examine what works best for our unique situation as a district and community, get guidance from our local public health officer, and then update our daily practices and expectations. We communicate current required safeguards in a weekly electronic bulletin. To receive these updates, and future emergency messages, please visit the Parents & Community page of our

website and click on the red Emergency Text Messaging System link.

We are very aware there are those that prefer to not mask, distance, and are declining the vaccination. Yet to remain open and eligible to provide basic Preschool-12th grade instruction, athletics, and extracurricular activities, we ask for your compliance with our requirements whenever you are on our campuses or at our events. Failure to do this may result in cancellation of games and events, school closures, loss of revenue, L & I fines, or litigation for non-compliance given we are a public entity. Please know that when the opportunity is available to return to pre-pandemic operations, Eastmont will do this as quickly and as safely as possible.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Superintendent Search

The process to select my replacement when I retire at the end of this school year is well underway. The Board of Directors is working with the school superintendent search firm, Northwest Leadership Associates, to develop the profile for who they hope to recruit and serve the District and community for many years. Check the Eastmont website under the superintendent search link for more information.

Finances

Our legislators and Board of Directors worked hard to maintain school funding similar to what we had pre-pandemic as we return to more normal operations. Between our state funding, special federal allocations, and local levy, Eastmont will be able to meet our strategic plan goal of maintaining fiscal health through 2021-22 and ideally into the future.

Reconfiguration and Attendance Area Revisions

Hundreds of students and staff moved over the summer as we transitioned from K-4 elementary schools to K-6 elementary schools and from one junior high to two grade 7-9 junior high schools. This process will be completed with the start of the 2022-23 school year. All forecasts continue to show this configuration of students in our schools will provide growth capacity at all levels for the next 10 years for Eastmont. Please direct any questions to Executive Director Spencer Taylor by email at taylor@s@eastmont206.org or call him at 509.884.7169.

Construction Update

Construction is completed with the 20 classrooms, four cafeterias, and three kitchens in use and the new restrooms and concessions at the high school are ready for use once baseball starts. As with other construction projects, our levy and grant-funded projects came in on budget, close to schedule even with the pandemic delays, and we were able to do the projects identified in our November 2016 capital levy.

We must thank Eastmont Facility Director Seann Tanner for helping to make this happen. Weekly, if not daily, he has visited every construction site to ensure projects were being completed to the quality expected and to avoid safety issues, as students are also attending on the campuses under construction. His entire facility and maintenance team

helped out throughout the process with moving classrooms and equipment and working through the unexpected.

Our plans are underway for Phase II of construction to finish the modernization of Cascade Elementary, Lee Elementary, Kenroy Elementary, Rock Island Elementary, upgrade some of our athletic facilities, and construct a new transportation center. This process starts with a technical review of all Eastmont facilities to determine both immediate (5 - 10 years) and long term (10 - 30 years) needs. This work is funded from a state grant that has been allocated to hire school architects, engineers, and planners who are experts in this area. Once finished, a report will go to the Board of Directors with recommendations regarding possible future projects.

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Follow Eastmont Schools on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for breaking news and updates from around the district. Search and find Eastmont profiles using the usernames on each platform.



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EASTMONT CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

Social distancing requirements meant our Veterans Day activities were modified this year, but all of the schools, from elementary through high school, came up with creative ways to honor those who served.

Elementary Schools

From writing thank you letters and art projects to singing outside, Eastmont elementary schools showed their appreciation for veterans. Students also learned about the importance of Veterans Day and the American flag through classroom exercises.



Grant Elementary



Cascade Elementary



Lee Elementary



Rock Island Elementary



Junior High Schools

Eastmont Junior High students presented a slideshow honoring veterans. The Sterling Junior High choir class sang around the flagpole outside and social studies classes taught a Veterans Day lesson.

History of Veteran's Day

November 11th protect the US have freedom. World War I w...

 Alex Folden	 Rusty Whitehall	 Jim Shreable	 Matthew Nikolas
 William O'Applegarth	 Anthony Reyes-Rodriguez	 Wendell Blanchfield	 Aron Rasmussen

High School

Eastmont High held a virtual assembly on November 10. Students attended from their classrooms to keep social distancing in place.

The band and choir performed live from the gym and the performance was broadcast to the classrooms via Google Meet.

In addition to the musical performances, the student senate class, taught by Laurie Butterfield, working in conjunction with the broadcast media class, taught by



Veteran's Day
Steve & Lilliana



Jason Worsham, created a 48-minute television show. The students held one-on-one interviews with local veterans, including some who are Eastmont School District staff members.

The students produced the entire program, including directing, operating cameras, and running the tricaster production system that combined individual camera angles and a virtual background into a composite image.

View the high school's Veterans Day video at: cutt.ly/ehsvetvideo



EASTMONT FAMILY VETERANS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Many of our Eastmont staff and their families have served in the armed forces. We've listed them here. A big THANK YOU to all of them for their service to our community and our country!

- Amy Lytle & Angie McGinnis: Father - Army
- Angie Alto: Husband: Marine Corps; Brother-in-Law - Army; Nephews - Army (active); Nephew - Marine Corps (active)
- Beth Neff: Father - Army; Son-in-Law - Air Force
- Bethany Wisemore: Husband - Marine Corps
- Bob Gallaher: Self - Army & WA National Guard
- Brandi White: Father - Air Force; Grandfather - Air Force
- Brandy Fields: Father - Army; Uncle - Army; Grandfathers - 4 who served

- Caitlin Walters: Son - Air Force (Eastmont grad); Mother - Air Force; Father - Navy; Grandmother - Army; Grandfather - Navy; Grandfather - Army Air Corps; Uncle - Navy; Cousin - Navy
- Carol Mooney: Father - Marine Corps
- Christy Binge: Mother - Army
- Danielle Pieczynski: Husband - Navy
- Dave Yancey: Self - Army
- Dawn Turner: Father - Navy
- Evelyn Rojas: Son - Marine Corps (active) (Eastmont grad)
- Gail Komm: Father - Air Force; Father-in-Law - Army (WWII)
- Garn Christensen: Father - Army (active); Grandfather - Navy; Brother - Army

- Gary Millard: Father - Navy
- Hannah Bryant: Father - Marine Corps; Papa - Army
- Heather Stiver: Husband - Navy
- Jackie Babst: Husband - Army
- Jacqui Malone: Son - Air Force; Husband - Air Force
- Jamea Connor: Husband - Army
- Jamie Gross: Father - Marines (retired Eastmont employee)
- Jason Sims: Self - Army
- Jennifer Ray: Son - Army
- Jim Gorman: Self - Navy
- Joanne Johanson: Father - Navy; Mother - Air Force; Brother - Army (Eastmont grad)
- Katie Tucker: Husband - Army
- Kaycie Anderson: Husband - Navy

- Kelly Williams: Father - Air Force
- Kim Spradlin: Father - Marines (Vietnam)
- Kristen Cox: Father-in-Law - Navy
- Kristi Mathena: Husband - Navy
- Lori Davis: Son - Army (Eastmont grad)
- Lynann DeJarnett: Father - Air Force
- Mark Wavra: Father - Army; Grandfather - Navy; Brother - Navy; Brother-in-Law - Navy; Son - Army National Guard
- Mary Thompson: Father - Marine Corps; Brother - Army
- May Trotter: Husband - Navy
- Melissa Taylor: Son - Marine Corps
- Nan Cuevas: Father - Army
- Nanci Kurz: Father - Air Force

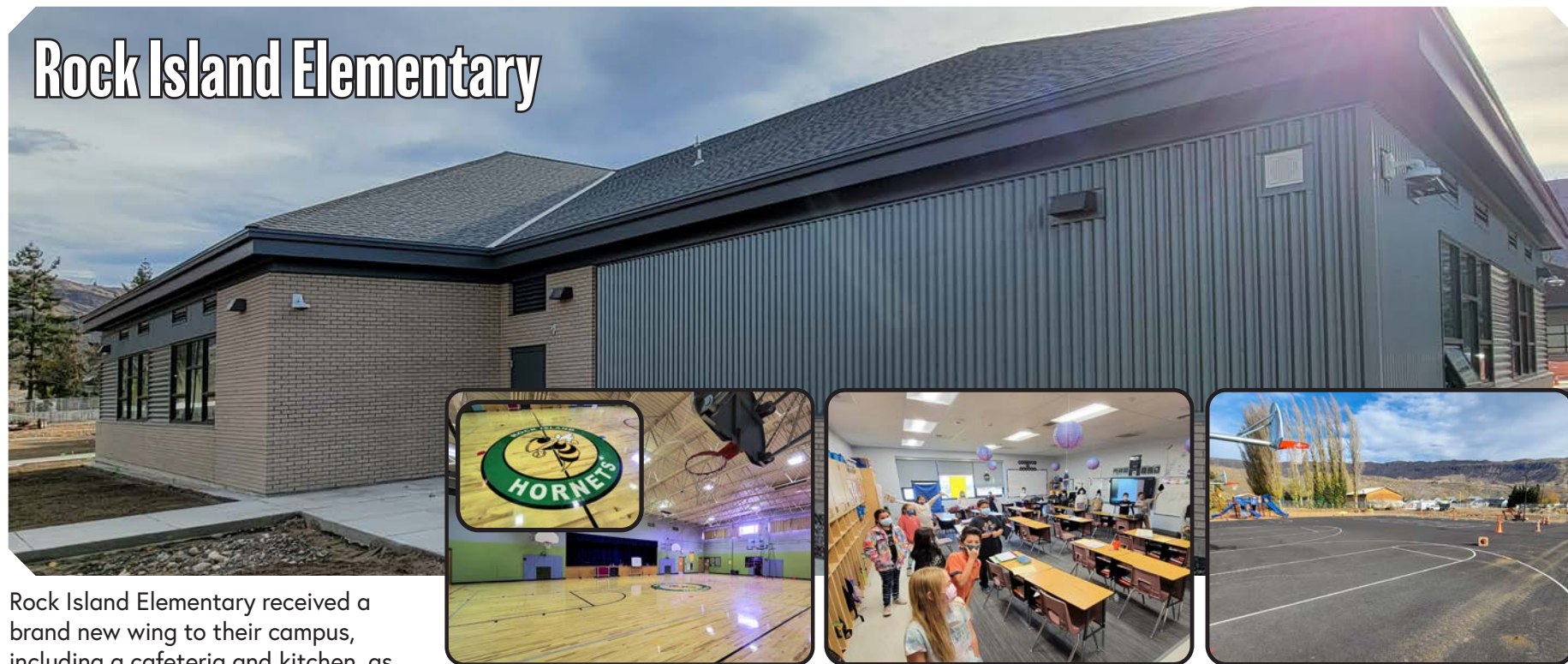
- Pam Jacobus: 3 Sons (all are active duty): Navy, Marine Corps, Army
- Robert Martinez: Son - Army
- Sandra Schmidt: Self - Navy
- Sara Pritchard: Son - WA National Guard
- Spencer Taylor: Twin Brothers - Both Army (active)
- Steve Hewitt: Father - Coast Guard
- Steve Thibault: Father - Marine Corps; Son - Navy
- Teresa Burns: Son - Army
- Tina Gorman: Husband - Navy (Eastmont employee)
- Veronique Paquette: Son-in-Law - Marine Corps (Eastmont grad)



PROJECTS COMPLETE: SEE THEM IN USE!

Aside from some minor landscaping delays, our current round of renovation and expansion projects is complete! Here are some photos of the new facilities in use by Eastmont students and staff.

Rock Island Elementary



Rock Island Elementary received a brand new wing to their campus, including a cafeteria and kitchen, as well as 6 new classrooms. The floor of the existing gym was refinished, complete with a beautiful new Hornets emblem at center court. Expanded and improved playground equipment was also installed, as well as a multi-use asphalt play area that doubles as parking overflow for special events.

Cascade Elementary



includes additional classrooms and bathrooms. The existing building received a new roof as part of the upgrade project.

The foodservice staff is excited to work in the brand new commercial kitchen and cafeteria built at Cascade Elementary. The new wing also

Kenroy Elementary



The new Kenroy cafeteria provides students with more than just a place to eat breakfast and lunch. This new space is a great place for grade-level assemblies, staff meetings, physical therapy, and our Friday "caught ya" drawings. Having another place to gather has freed up the gym for our P.E. classes. This large area is a great space to be able to spread out and still get together for events.

Grubb, Former Students Featured in NY Times

By DOMINICK BONNY

Eastmont Junior High School teacher Tammy Grubb is dedicated to educating her students about 9/11 and its impact on Americans across the continent.

On that fateful day 20 years ago, like the rest of the country, Grubb watched in horror as the terrorist attack played out on live television. Grubb, like the rest of the country, was struggling to process what was happening. Her junior high schoolers were also struggling to process the horrific tragedy. So she gave them an assignment – write a poem about it.

What her students wrote is a literary time capsule of sorts, and it's still a part of how they, now adults, think about and remember that day. It's a story that Serge Schmenann, the New York Times reporter who wrote the lead article on 9/11, came back to when he was writing an editorial looking back at that fateful day 20 years later.

"I went back to Ms. Grubb, now approaching retirement, to help me find some of her former students in Wenatchee, a small city on the Columbia River that calls itself the 'apple capital of the world,'" he wrote in the article. "I wanted to get their sense of the world that took shape after the trauma they recorded as 14-year-olds."

Sasha Sleiman, now an East Wenatchee city councilor, was one of Grubb's students. Sleiman said Grubb helped foster a curiosity for life through literature for her and she was intrigued and a bit nervous when she learned a writer from the New York Times wanted to know more.

Mrs. Grubb said it was "surreal" to have the Times reach out about the assignment she gave so long ago. "To get pulled back into those days and words after 20 years... I wasn't surprised by the shared responses of my students as they looked back. They were and are a thoughtful group, trying to understand the flood of emotion, fear, etc. that they saw swirling around them."

As to why she gave her students the assignment that day, Grubb said she thinks it's important to keep historical events alive.

"For events like 9/11, the ripples of that still impact us. The tragedy still resonates with staff, and I think that seeing the adults around them talk about the impact of the day, share the emotional reactions is vital to our 'memory,'" she said. "I read a quote once from June 6, 1944, the D-Day landings, about how sometimes there are events for which history holds its breath. Remembering the huge events and the smaller ripples that come off of them are part of the fabric of who we will be. In our modern world of sound bytes and hit-and-run reporting, we move too quickly to the next shiny thing. Events like 9/11 require us to focus and remember."

If you'd like to read Serge Schmenann's article, visit [nytimes.com/2021/09/09/opinion/911-terrorism-anniversary.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/09/opinion/911-terrorism-anniversary.html)

Kenroy Young Scientists Study Salmon Habitat

By REBECCA CATTIN

As part of Kenroy's Schools for Salmon work with Cascade Fisheries, students in Mrs. Johnson's 5th grade science class began exploring and observing salmon habitat at Porter's Pond in East Wenatchee. Kids are learning about features which make good habitat for young salmon. The young scientists also attempted to find macro invertebrates in the creek... and they found baby salmon and crayfish!!

Mrs. Johnson's second class had their turn to explore and observe at Porter's Pond. Educators from Cascade Fisheries Enhancement Group & Cascadia Conservation District led students in making observations and discoveries. Students found so many types of fungi!



Fifth grade Kenroy science students study baby salmon and macro invertebrates in a creek that feeds into Porter's Pond in East Wenatchee.

Guns & Hoses Donates Coats to Kids

Guns & Hoses is a charity organization made of local police, deputies, firefighters, dispatchers, and paramedics from Chelan and Douglas counties. Earlier this month, officers and deputies passed out new winter coats purchased by Guns & Hoses to local elementary schools, including Clovis Point, Lee and Rock Island.



Lee Elementary



Clovis Point Elementary



Rock Island Elementary

Free Breakfast, Lunch Available to ALL Students

Did you know all students can eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost this year? Yes! That's correct, all student meals are served at no cost during the 2021-22 school year, even if your student has not been approved for free meals.

See our breakfast and lunch menus at eastmont206.org/departments/food-services/index.

We are accepting meal applications to determine student eligibility for other state and federal programs. Applications are available at eastmont206.org or your student's school office.



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Fall Athletics: Success On and Off the Field

BY RUSS ALMAN



Russ Waterman
Athletic Director

As this newsletter goes to print, fall sports are just wrapping up.

Russ Waterman, Eastmont School District athletic director, is pleased to report a successful high school season, both on the field and in the

classroom. The overall GPA for high school athletes this fall was 3.62, an outstanding commitment by both athletes and coaches to balance sports and academics.

Girls swim finished second at districts and sent relay and individual swimmers

and divers to state. Both boys and girls cross country finished fourth at districts and sent three runners to state. Girls volleyball finished second in the district and competed at state. Girls soccer and boys football both finished their regular seasons with wins and earned tickets to the state playoffs.

For the latest sports updates, visit Eastmont Wildcats on Facebook and visit the new Eastmont sports website at eastmontathletics.com.

View Russ Waterman's fall sports wrap-up video at: cutt.ly/emfallsports2021



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Full-Time and Substitute Drivers

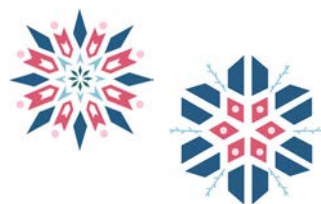
- Pay starts at \$21.67 per hour
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Substitute Bus Drivers

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IT'S SNOWING! WILL SCHOOLS BE CLOSED?



The superintendent and transportation director will make a decision to have school start later or close schools by 6 a.m. or earlier. The decision is usually made the morning of school and not the evening before. This gives local road crews ample opportunity to clear roads and assess road safety. Please note: Conditions vary greatly in Eastmont and what is being experienced on North Sunset Hwy may be very different than Fancher Heights, Rock Island, or over in Wenatchee.

No new information posted indicates schools are running on regular schedule. News of a school delay/closure will be posted immediately once the decision is made through the following channels:

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