



Allen News

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(360) 542-3420

- School Closures and Bus Route Changes
- www.schoolreport.org

Upcoming Events:

- 2-25 2 hour late start
- 2-27 7/8 District Dance @ L U School 4:30-6:30PM
- 3-20 Allen School Variety Show 6:30 in cafeteria

Lost AND FOUND:

Many coats and other items are waiting to be claimed. Labeling personal articles will help us return them to their owners. All lost and found items will be donated on March 20 the end of the 2nd Trimester.

Very Important!

**Late start Wednesday,
February 25, 2009**

Classes start at 11:00AM

All morning buses will operate on regular routes two hours later than normal.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 9th, 2009

Staff Training

NOTES FROM PRINCIPAL PEARSON:

☺ **The make-up days for our recent snow and flood closures will be June 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th.** Consequently, our 8th Grade Promotion date will also be changed. I will notify you of the change as soon as a date has been selected.

☺ Important Upcoming Allen Team Events/Dates:

- Allen Team Auction: Thursday, March 26
- Missoula Children's Theater: April 20-25

***The planning meeting for the Allen Auction has been re-scheduled for Friday, February 20th at 5:30 PM at the Burlington Hagen.**

☺ **Parents of 8th Graders:** The principal and assistant principal from the high school presented information to our 8th grade students this week. Your son/daughter should have notes and future goals to share with you - please take the opportunity to ask them what they learned about the high school from this presentation and what goals they have set for themselves for the remainder of this year and beyond.

☺ **Parents of 7th and 8th Graders:** We recently recognized over half of our middle school students for their achievements in academics, athletics and citizenship. Our middle school staff is very proud of the progress that our students have made over this year - Thank you for supporting them and us! I am also pleased to announce that 42 middle school students earned B's or higher in all of their class this semester! We will honor these students by taking them

ATTENTION ALLEN VIKINGS!! "2009 Variety Show" We will be holding try outs for our Variety show on Wednesday 2-25-09 at 2:30 and 3:30pm in the kitchen. We are excited about the up and coming show which is on Friday March 20th at 6:30pm. We hope to see you Wednesday after school. Students will need to be picked up at school by 3:00pm for K-2nd grades and 4:30pm for 3rd-8th grades. Questions please contact Lesa.

The Board of Directors will be putting a bond measure before the voters for \$39.5 million on March 10th. Our county elections are all by mail. Ballots will be mailed by February 20th. It is important that you vote. The school bond will address acquired property and the following:

High School

- Add 19 classrooms
- Increase lunchroom space to accommodate student numbers
- Address safety issues of visibility and access: reconfigure space
- Reconfigure current lunchroom into lecture hall classrooms and space for performances
- Install security camera system

West View

- Address safety in the drop-off/pick up areas located on the main road
- Modernize 20 classrooms
- Modernize existing space into new classrooms and library
- Address safety of the gym: new gym (Allen School Design)
- Health and safety: new cafeteria and kitchen connected to main building and serves as a multipurpose space (Allen School Design)

Visit our district website www.be.wednet.edu for more information. Please contact Laurel Browning, Superintendent, if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY CORNER:

Late Night Gym with Burlington Parks and Recreation 360-755-9649

OPEN Every Saturday Night from 7pm-11pm, Ages 12 yrs - 12th Grade (bring proof of ID or ASB Card)

This program is FREE. Thanks to our sponsors: the City of Burlington, Burlington Healthy Community Coalition, B-E School District, and B-E Kiwanis. Held at the B-E Field House on Victoria Ave, this program is open to all youth from every town. Supervision provided by Burlington Parks and Recreation Staff.

To learn about additional activities for youth, put on by Skagit County Parks and Recreation, please either phone 360-336-9414, or go <http://www.skagitcounty.net/ParksandRecreation/Documents/misc/eventsguide.pdf>

Teen Spirit

Do you want to learn how to talk to your parents to get what you want? Do you want to try something new and strange and let's just say it...kind of challenging? Do you want to try something you might never have tried before? Come join us for a day of fun and connecting (and a little food).. When you ask? Saturday, February 21st, 2009. 10am - 6:45pm (your parents can come at the end of the day at 5:30 to learn new ways to talk to you too!) Where? We rented space the West View Elementary Gym. Who: Teens 12-18. Why: Why not! Who is hosting? Motivating the Teen Spirit and NWESD 189. For more information or to register call, text or text Cheryl at 360-202-1185 or Cheryl@motivatingtheteenspirit.com

Come join us for "More Ideas On How To Help Your Child With Math At Home" presented by Ruth Parker, Ph.D.

This is an evening for Burlington-Edison parents, students, educators and community to explore common misconceptions about mathematics education. Ruth Parker will describe ways for parents to help students know their basic facts and examine how to teach the basics while ensuring that children are doing important mathematics. Ruth will also describe specific ways for parents to help support teachers trying to improve their teaching of mathematics.

Date: March 19, 2009

Location: Lucille Umbarger Cafeteria

Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Cookies and Juice will be provided, Spanish interpreters will be on hand to assist. Door prizes! Childcare for K - 3rd grade available. Students 4th grade and older may attend event.

"CALLING ALL KINDERGARTEN AND 1st GRADER GIRLS! We have a brand new Camp Fire club starting up in Burlington. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 6:00pm, at the Burlington Community/ Senior Center. Join us for games, songs, arts & crafts, community service, science, Camp Kirby, and much more! Financial aid is available! Please contact Erin Baldwin at the Camp Fire office: (360) 733-5710 or at home: (360) 755-1361 for further information."

Strengthening Families Program is happening soon! THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT, SIGN UP NOW! This free 7-week family education program helps parents of youth ages 10 to 14 learn how to effectively manage the challenges of parenting adolescents in a positive and supportive manner while teaching teens how to resist peer pressure. Please join us **Tuesday nights from February 10th - March 24th, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm**. There are two sessions available, one session is for English-speaking families and one session is for Spanish-speaking families. Strengthening Families Program is sponsored by the Burlington Healthy Community Coalition with childcare and dinner provided free of charge!

Looking for ways to express your views, be engaged, and participate in change? Activate your voice at the first ever Skagit Summit on Saturday, Feb 28 from 9am-5:30pm for youth **13-18 yrs** hosted in La Conner. FREE Stuff, Meals, and Transportation! Meet and network with local agencies to develop service projects in the community that will benefit YOU! Sponsored by V.O.I.C.E (Voicing Our Ideas Challenging Everyone) a youth leadership group that is on a mission to improve the well being of youth in Skagit County. Pick up your registration form at the Counseling Office or at the Career Center Volunteer Board in the Library. Questions? Contact Lisa Mitchell at United General Hospital 856-7388 or Lisa.Mitchel@unitedgeneral.org.

Sylvan Learning is offering a free refresher workshop entitled, "Forgotten Math for Parents," for parents, grandparents and other members of the extended family wishing to restore their math skills in order to help their children learn. This interactive, 90-minute seminar will help parents and family members gain confidence in assisting their children with their homework by reviewing many of the key math concepts that are introduced in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The event also features light refreshments, a Q&A session and raffles with prizes. The "Forgotten Math for Parents" seminar will be held on **Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 PM at the Mount Vernon Sylvan Learning located behind the Food Pavilion on College Way**. Call 360-416-6973 or email Sylvan221@aol.com to RSVP by Thursday, February 19.

Kindergarten 2009 Registration and Screening - Registration will take place at the District Office (927 E. Fairhaven Ave.) on April 27-29th.

- April 27th (last names beginning A-G) - 12:00-7:00 pm
- April 28th (last names beginning H-Q) - 12:00-7:00 pm
- April 29th (last names beginning R-Z) - 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Please bring the following items to register your child:

1. Birth Certificate (child must be 5 by Aug. 31, 2009)
2. Immunization Records
3. Proof of Residence in the Burlington-Edison School District (a copy of a power bill, phone bill, rental agreement, etc.)
4. Social Security Card (optional)

It is also necessary to bring your child to registration. While you are completing the registration forms, we will be screening your child for Kindergarten Readiness. If you have questions, please call the District Office at 757-3366.

Kindergarten 2009 Information Night (Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten) - BESD will have an informational meeting for parents of students who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall on April 8th, from 6:30-8:00 pm, at Lucille Umbarger School (cafeteria). The focus of this meeting is to provide parents with some general guidance as to Kindergarten readiness. There will be time to ask questions as well.