



Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools

February, 2004

Dr. Richard A. McCullough
Superintendent

Snoqualmie Valley School District— Bond Projects

The New Year is full of excitement and activity surrounding all of the bond projects. Continuing from our last update each project continues developing a project personality, associated schedule, budget, and plan for successful completion.

Fall City Elementary Gymnasium Floor Replacement project has received new ceiling paint and a successful lowest responsible bid for the gym floor hardwood is pending Board approval. This project remains the first to



Perspective Drawing of Elementary School #5

be completed in the summer of 2004.

The new fast track **Elementary School #5** had its fourth public meeting on January 15th. A great deal of valuable citizen participation and input has been received at all of the public meetings. The project is on schedule to obtain the building permit by May 1, 2004, ground breaking in June, 2004 and the opening in the Fall of 2005.

The **Mount Si High School Gymnasium/Field Expansion** and modernization project now has information from our first public meeting, initial floodway research, and meetings with the City of Snoqualmie. We are now preparing documents that accommodate the proper design and numerous requirements for non-impact of projects in floodways. Once this information is digested it will be shared at our next public meeting scheduled for February 25, 2004 at Mount Si High School, 6:30-8:30 PM. The work continues to be defined in conjunction with physical education, athletics, and community use needs during construction. This project is scheduled for completion in September 2005.

Chief Kanim Middle School Gymnasium Expansion has just undergone its preliminary review with the King County

Department of Development and Environmental Services. Preliminary design accommodating the fundamental needs of this project also requires scheduling to accommodate physical education, athletics, and community use needs in order to be ready for use in September 2005.

In the interest of accommodating complex sensitive area and land use requirements, the new **Middle School #3** has begun its site development planning phase. The information being gathered during this process will provide the information necessary to begin preliminary public meetings for discussion and input later this year. That input will provide the design requirements necessary for occupancy by students in September 2007.

The approximately twenty-five miles of **District-Wide Fiber Optic Infrastructure** connecting all existing and new schools for high-speed electronic communications is in the preliminary phases of design. Project completion is scheduled for existing school connections and elementary #5 in September 2005 and the new middle school in 2007.

One additional project promised and delivered is the project status update area on our website www.snoqualmie.k12.wa.us. On the home page there is a link, **School Bond Projects**, where you are able to

Public Meeting Mount Si High School Gymnasium/Field Expansion Projects February 25, 2004 - 6:30-8:30 PM

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Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools Budget Prioritization Process - Redistributing the Dollars

The Snoqualmie Valley School District is in the process of gathering information regarding budget priorities from District staff, parents and community members.

Why is this Budget Prioritization Process needed at this time?

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, when the fifth elementary school opens, the district will need to find at least \$700,000 of savings from other areas within the general fund budget each year to operate the new elementary school. Likewise, the new middle school will cost the district over \$1 million annually to operate when it opens in September 2007.

For 2003-2004, the district's general fund budget amounts to approximately \$32.6 million. Currently, the district expects to pay \$26.4 million (81% of total general fund expenditures) for salaries, benefits and payroll taxes for 614 part-time and full-time employees this year. Based upon currently available information regarding no new money available from the state, the district may need to trim spending in other areas of the budget in order to support raises for employees in 2004-05 and 2005-06. Each 1% salary increase would cost about \$264,000.

Even though very few school districts in the state receive enough state funding to fully support their pupil transportation programs, our district spends almost \$600,000 more to transport students than it receives from the state.

What process is being employed to decide how to prioritize the redistribution of district funds?

A School Board work session took place to establish criteria and identify funding needs

In an effort to involve the community, public financial forums were held on January 27 and February 5, 2004. Each forum presented a financial overview to community members. Attendees were then asked to complete a survey to identify areas of the budget where spending should be increased as well as areas of the budget where less could be spent in order to pay for the increases.

A District Prioritization of Needs survey will be made available to District staff, parents and community members as a means to gather information. Please take a moment to take the survey on Page 3 or, it is also available on our website at www.snoqualmie.k12.wa.us

The Board's decision will come after all input is considered during a future Board meeting

How can I get additional information?

If you have any questions or need additional information, call the District Office at 425-831-8000.

The results of the forums and surveys will be important in providing fiscal guidance for the Snoqualmie Valley School District over the next two years, whether or not new money becomes available from the State of Washington.

Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools Board of Directors

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School Board meetings are held on Thursdays. Dates of upcoming meetings are listed below. These meetings are held at 7:30 PM in the Administration Office Boardroom. The address is 8001 Silva Ave. S.E. in Snoqualmie. The public is encouraged to attend. Agendas for Board meetings are generally available online the Monday prior to a meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates:

February 12, 2004; February 26, 2004
March 4, 2004; March 18, 2004; April 8, 2004

Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools - Prioritization of Needs Survey

Please select all that apply:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent of elementary student(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent of secondary student(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent of both elementary and secondary student(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Community member
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificated employee (teacher, administrator)
<input type="checkbox"/> Classified employee (secretary, food services, para-educator, transportation, maintenance) |
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Ranked Priorities	Ranked Satisfaction	Priority Item Resource	From the 22 priority items, please make a check mark in the boxes below to indicate your <u>5 least</u> priority items
From the 22 priority items listed below, please list and rank your priorities between and 1 and 10 with 1 being your highest priority. (Please write responses in box at left of each item)	High (H) Medium (M) Low (L)	Increased (+) Decreased (-) Maintained (=)	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Costs for Elementary School # 5	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Staff Compensation			<input type="checkbox"/>
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate Reserve Funds			<input type="checkbox"/>
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Class Size			<input type="checkbox"/>
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Training, Preparation, and Support			<input type="checkbox"/>
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Updated Textbooks and Learning Resources			<input type="checkbox"/>
g. <input type="checkbox"/> School Building Administration			<input type="checkbox"/>
h. <input type="checkbox"/> Core Classes – Basic Education (math, science, reading, writing, social studies, physical education, etc)			<input type="checkbox"/>
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Classes (art, choir, band, drama, dance, etc)			<input type="checkbox"/>
j. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Classes (world languages, technology, vocational)			<input type="checkbox"/>
k. <input type="checkbox"/> Classes for Students Struggling with Learning			<input type="checkbox"/>
l. <input type="checkbox"/> Classes for Highly Capable Students			<input type="checkbox"/>
m. <input type="checkbox"/> School Improvement Efforts			<input type="checkbox"/>
n. <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance and Counseling			<input type="checkbox"/>
o. <input type="checkbox"/> Building Security and Student Safety			<input type="checkbox"/>
p. <input type="checkbox"/> Student Activities and Athletics			<input type="checkbox"/>
q. <input type="checkbox"/> District Administration			<input type="checkbox"/>
r. <input type="checkbox"/> Home to School Transportation			<input type="checkbox"/>
s. <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation of Students for Activities/Athletics			<input type="checkbox"/>
t. <input type="checkbox"/> Preventive Maintenance of Facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
u. <input type="checkbox"/> School Library Services/Learning Resources			<input type="checkbox"/>
v. <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Technology			<input type="checkbox"/>

★ **Deadline for completing survey is: March 1, 2004** You can return your completed survey by:

1. Sending to your student's school office
2. Via US Mail to Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools, P.O. Box 400, Snoqualmie, WA 98065
3. Via FAX at 425-831-8040
4. Survey can also be completed online at www.snoqualmie.k12.wa.us.

Snoqualmie Elementary School

As we pass the midway point of the 2003-2004 school year, we take great satisfaction in the progress of our learners and the accomplishments of our staff. Our Learning Improvement Team and staff continue to focus on goals in math, consistency in instruction, integrating thinking skills, and differentiating the curriculum. Snoqualmie Elementary School continues to be a great building in which to work and learn.

The majority of our teachers have been trained in teaching Thinking Skills and several staff members recently attended the follow-up classes in designing units. In addition, a Thinking Skills study group will be meeting every month until the end of the year. Our literacy committee is focusing on how we can incorporate them in our teaching. We are setting up a folder on the web where teachers can access Thinking Skills' lessons for K-5.

Students at Snoqualmie Elementary have brought renewed energy and commitment to our 2003-2004 Student Council. Elections for school officers and classroom representatives coincided with November Elections. Students made posters and delivered campaign speeches to the student body prior to Election Day and now the Student Council meets weekly with teacher advisors to address the needs and interests of their classmates.



The Motivation Committee is organizing a *diversity celebration*. Every two weeks, staff will focus on some of the concepts which foster a sense of unity and community: respect, responsibility, trust, honesty, etc. Staff are coming together to share resources and will soon showcase student work. We are planning a culminating activity this spring to celebrate our successes!

Upcoming Important Dates

February, 2004

February 13 - Early Release Grades K-8 -
No PM Kindergarten

February 16 - President's Day - No School

February 17-20 - Mid-Winter Break - No School

March, 2004

March 1 - Prioritization of Needs Survey Deadline

March 1-26 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) -
Grades 3, 5, 6 & 8

March 11 - Kindergarten Registration-
Fall City Elementary

March 15 - Early Release Grades K-5 -
No PM Kindergarten - No Preschool

March 16-19 - Parent Conferences Grades K-5 -
No AM or PM Kindergarten - Early Release Grades 1-5

March 18-19 - Late Arrival Grades 6-12

March 30 - Kindergarten Registration-Opstad Elementary

March 31 - Kindergarten Registration -
North Bend Elementary and Snoqualmie Elementary

April 2004

April 12-16 - Spring Break - No School

April 19-May 7 - Washington Assessment of Student
Learning (WASL) - Grades 4, 5, 7, 8 & 10

Iowa Test of Education Development (ITED) - Grade 9

Information on "Mad Cow" Disease

The Snoqualmie Valley School District Food Services Department has been working hard to assure parents that the food prepared and served in our district's schools is safe for their children.

Our food supply comes from the USDA commodities program. Commodity programs are held to a higher standard than what is in place for your local grocer. The USDA has assured us that the food supply to school districts is safe.

In addition to contacting the USDA our Food Services director contacted our:

- ◆ National contracted beef/beef product suppliers
- ◆ Local/regional beef/beef product suppliers in the West and Pacific Northwest states
- ◆ Primary distributors, US Foodservice and Food Service of America

We received confirmation and assurances that their beef products are in no way associated with BSE (Mad Cow Disease) or with any of the four suppliers called into question.

The health and safety of your children is always our highest priority. We will continue to ensure proactive safety measures by purchasing products from reputable suppliers.

For more information you can visit our website at www.snoqualmie.k12.wa.us or contact Pat Reilly, Food Services Director, at 425-831-8009

Snoqualmie Middle School

We are excited about the continuous learning progress at Snoqualmie Middle School. Students have demonstrated significant gains in reading, writing and math from our Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) results. We recognized sixty seven students that passed every part of the 2003 WASL during our last recognition assembly. As a school we have established reading, writing, and math goals after careful analysis of results from the WASL and Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS).

Areas for our focus include:

- **Reading comprehension that helps students think critically**
- **Math computation and problem solving application**
- **Logical organizational writing**

SMS students are also learning to be thoughtful about their behavior. Each month we target students of the month that demonstrate behavior traits like empathy, responsibility, originality, and deliberativeness. Each month we teach a new behavior and recognize students that meet this standard.

Recently we experienced a powerful multi-media assembly about the "Heart of a Champion," and all staff and students participated in a three hour small group discussion and learning activities around the attributes of a real champion. We analyzed respect, perseverance, humility and integrity. Slogans, skits, poems, drawings and goals were established for learning how these behaviors can look at SMS. Students throughout the school are following up with this activity by recognizing their peers and staff for their champion behaviors!

Students at SMS are always motivated with the before and after school opportunities! Jazz Band in the early morning to the variety of sports offerings, homework club, art and drama keep students engaged in our middle school. As a school we are on a mission to stay fit with our new fitness equipment from a grant provided to our school. Students are learning cardio training with the new fitness equipment. The SMS Fitness Center is awesome and is teaching life fitness skills to students and staff! We are all getting in shape!



We will continue to pay attention to our school belief statement:

"Every student can learn, and every student will learn, when presented with the right opportunity to do so. It is the purpose of the school to provide Learning opportunities for each student each day!"

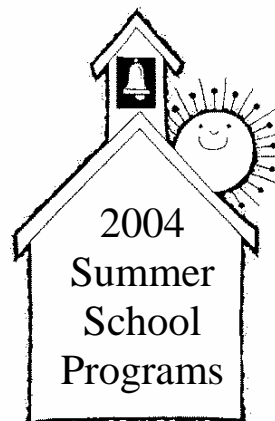
School Calendar Changes

The school calendar has been extended to make up for the 2 days that school's were closed due to the December wind storm and also the 2 days that school's were closed for the January snow storm.

- ★ **The last day for students in Grades 6-12 will now be June 24, 2004**
- ★ **The last day for students in Grades K-5 will now be June 25, 2004**

Graduation dates for seniors have not been changed. Seniors will be making up for the lost days by doing community service or college/career visitations.

Please mark your calendars!



Information regarding the Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools 2004 Summer School Programs will be available at all district schools in April.

**Questions?
Call 425-831-8018**

Snoqualmie Valley School District - Graduation Requirements

In 2000, the Washington State Board of Education adopted new state minimum high school graduation requirements. The requirements are the result of almost two years of study performed by the State Board, focusing on aligning minimum graduation requirements with Washington State's education reform.

The graduating class of 2008 (current 8th grade students) will need to meet these new graduation requirements:

- **22 credits from High School**
- **Must pass the 10th grade WASL to receive a Certificate of Mastery needed for graduation**
- **Must create and present a culminating project to graduate—Mount Si will be using an electronic portfolio system for this requirement**
- **Must have a Five Year Education Plan (High School plus year following graduation) - Mount Si will be using an electronic portfolio system for this requirement.**



For more information please contact the Instructional Services Office at 425-831-8018 or the Mount Si High School Counseling Office at 425-831-8150

Websites: www.snoqualmie.k12.wa.us (Parents and Community Link) or www.mountsihighschool.com

Spring Testing Schedule

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)

From **March 1 through 26** students in **grades 3, 5, 6 and 8** are tested with the **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills** (ITBS).

Students are tested in reading, mathematics, language, social studies, and science. The tests require students to read critically and with understanding, to compute with accuracy, to solve mathematical problems, and to demonstrate their knowledge of important ideas, principles and procedures.

Students in **grades 3 and 5** will participate in the **Cognitive Abilities Test** (CogAT). Scores from this test are used as part of the determining process of our Highly Capable program.

Each building will coordinate a schedule for the tests designed to maximize student performance and minimize the disruption of the school day.

For further information you may contact:

- ◆ Your building principal
- ◆ Kathy Lohman, Student Services Director at 425-831-8015
- ◆ Scott Poirier, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services at 425-831-8018

Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)

From **April 19 through May 7th** students are tested with the state-level **Washington Assessment of Student Learning** (WASL). This is a statewide test that is conducted to measure Washington students' level of proficiency in the Essential Academic Learning Requirements. They require students to complete short-answer questions, compare and contrast information from multiple tests, draft short essays, and answer multiple-choice questions.

Students in **grades 4, 7, and 10** are tested in mathematics, reading, writing and listening. Students in **grades 5, 8, and 10** will be participating in a WASL science test.

Iowa Test of Education Development (ITED)

April 19 through May 7 will be the window for the state assessment of **grade 9**. The test used is the **Iowa Test of Education Development** (ITED).

The students are tested in reading, mathematics, social studies, science, and language arts. The tests require students to read critically and with understanding, to compute with accuracy, to solve mathematical problems, and to demonstrate their knowledge of important ideas, principles and procedures.



Fall 2004 Kindergarten Registration Schedule

Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools will be accepting registration for students entering Kindergarten in September, 2004.

Children must be 5 years old by 8/31/04. The original birth certification and immunization information will be needed with registering.

Here is the registration schedule for our four elementary schools:

Thursday-March 11th

(Note - This is a new date from that listed on District calendar)

Fall City Elementary will be registering students from 1:30-3:00 PM and 6:30-8:00 PM.

Tuesday-March 30th

Opstad Elementary will be registering students from 1:30-3:00 PM and 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday-March 31st

North Bend Elementary and Snoqualmie Elementary will be registering students from 1:30-3:00 PM and 6:30-8:00 PM

Please call your local elementary school or the district office if more information is needed.



Our district's elementary schools have scheduled spring Parent Conferences.

The dates are:

Tuesday, March 16th
to
Friday, March 19th

- * No AM or PM Kindergarten
- * Grades 1-5 will have Early Release
- * AM and PM Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, March 16th, Wednesday, March 17th and Thursday, March 18th.

If you have any questions please contact your student's school.

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Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation

2003-2004 Grant Selections

The Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation approved the 2003-2004 Grant Selection Team's recommendation to award grants proposed by teachers, staff, and parent and student groups in the Snoqualmie Valley School District.

Recipients are: **Chief Kanim Middle School**, Dick Kirby. **Fall City Elementary**, Amy Wright and Cheryl Coleman. **Mount Si High School**, Andrew Rapin, Joe Galagan, Gayle Smith, Adam Rupert, Julie Meador/WIN, Kevin Knowles and Bill Dillon. **North Bend Elementary**, Mary Ann Scappucci, Kay Grady and Anne Melgaard. **Opstad Elementary**, Sharon Miller. **Snoqualmie Elementary**, David O'Keefe, Dana Nohavec and Jim McEldowney. **Snoqualmie Middle School**, Dave Cruz. **Two Rivers**, Elise Cooksley, Jack Webber and Joe Burgener.

The Foundation is an all-volunteer organization separate from the School District and does annual fund raising to pay for projects which directly benefit our students each school year. Contributors to the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation include parents, individuals, business, community groups, corporations, and foundations.

Annual Benefit Breakfast *Designing for a Better Future*

Mark your calendars for March 19th for the third annual benefit breakfast, hosted by the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation.

The event will be held at Mount Si High School at 7:30 AM and will feature great entertainment from our students and an exciting speaker.

Cost is \$40
Reservations can be made by calling 425-888-0335

District Directory

Administrative Office:

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Scott Poirier (425) 831-8018
Student Services, *Kathy Lohman, Director* (425) 831-8015
Business Services, *Ron Ellis, Director* (425) 831-8011
Technology, *Jeff Hogan, Director* (425) 831-8019
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Food Service, *Pat Reilly, Supervisor* (425) 831-8009
Operations, *Carl Larson, Supervisor* (425) 831-8005

High School:

Mount Si High School - Main Office (425) 831-8100
Dave Humphrey, Principal
Greg Hart and Beth Castle, Assistant Principals
Thomas Mosby, Vocational Director
8651 Meadowbrook Way S.E., Snoqualmie, WA 98065
Attendance - (425) 831-8200 Counseling - (425) 831-8150

Alternative School:

Two Rivers School - (425) 888-4394
Tom Athanases, Principal
330 Ballarat Ave. N., North Bend, WA 98045

Elementary Schools:

Fall City Elementary - (425) 831-4000
Don McConkey, Principal
33314 S.E. 42nd, P.O. Box 220, Fall City, WA 98024

North Bend Elementary - (425) 831-8400
Dick Giger, Principal
400 E. 3rd Street., P.O. Box C., North Bend, WA 98045

Opstad Elementary - (425) 831-8300
John Jester, Principal
1345 Stilson Ave. S.E., North Bend, WA 98045

Snoqualmie Elementary - (425) 831-8050
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Snoqualmie Middle School - (425) 831-8450
Ruth Moen, Principal
Vernie Newell, Assistant Principal
9200 Railroad Ave. S.E., Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Chief Kanim Middle School - (425) 831-8225
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