



# Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools

June, 2002

Dr. Richard A. McCullough  
Superintendent



The Snoqualmie Valley School District is offering two Summer School Programs:

## EXTENDED LEARNING SUMMER SCHOOL

The Extended Learning Summer School Program provides classes for all grade levels.

The classes are designed as a credit retrieval opportunity for students at the high school level and remediation help for students at the elementary and middle school levels.

High school students qualify for credit retrieval by:

1. Being recommended by classroom teacher **and**
2. Having a final percentage grade between 40% and 60%.

The dates are July 8th -August 1st, Monday through Thursdays. The classes are 2 hours in length. The cost for each 2 hour class is \$190.00.

## WEB ACADEMY

The Web Academy has classes available for grades 6-12.

The Web Academy program is a joint partnership between the Federal Way School District and the Snoqualmie Valley School District. It allows students to take summer classes via the web and earn credits for high school classes.

This program would benefit students who needed to take a full credit class or students who wanted to take additional classes either to get ahead or provide flexibility in their high school schedules.

The cost for the Web Academy classes is \$225.00.

Brochures and registration forms for both of these summer school programs are available at all of the district schools.

If you have any questions or, if you would like us to send you a brochure, call the Instructional Services office at 425-831-8018.



## ***Mark your Calendar . . .***

### **Graduations**

#### **Two Rivers School**

being held at Chief Kanim Middle School  
June 12th - 7:00 PM

#### **Mount Si High School**

being held in the Mount Si gymnasium  
June 14th - 7:30 PM



### **Last Day of Classes**

#### **Kindergarten**

June 20, 2002

#### **Grades 6-11**

June 20, 2002

#### **Grades 1-5**

June 21, 2002



### **Extended Learning Summer School Program**

July 8—August 1  
Monday through Thursday



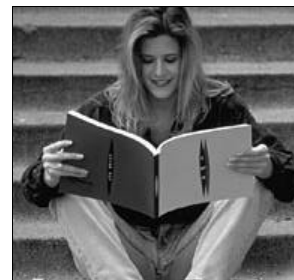
### **First Classes 2002-2003 school year**

**Grades K-12**  
September 4, 2002

**Two Rivers**  
September 9, 2002

## **Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Grades K-12**

Several years ago, the Snoqualmie Valley School District's administrative team, along with many teachers across the district, conducted an audit of teaching materials and student texts. Many materials teachers were using and the student books that went along with the teaching materials were outdated, tattered, and worn. Even more disturbing was that we had some materials that were over 20 years old and in the case of fine arts, no materials were available at all.



As a result of this audit, we developed an adoption cycle based on need and committed resources to update all materials in the upcoming years. The adoption cycle has created a systems approach to reviewing grade level expectations, alignment with state requirements, and equity among programs.

This year, we have had over 50 teachers, parents and students involved in the K-12 language arts adoption that included focus areas in reading, writing, spelling, and literature. Staff members have gone through a meticulous process reviewing materials and resources from over 30 different publishers, sifting out promising materials, field testing and piloting programs, presenting selections to the District curriculum Review Committee and, finally, making recommendations to the School Board. The total price tag for getting resources in the hands of students and teachers for the K-12 language arts adoption is over \$500,000.

### **Adoption Cycle**

- 1999 - Fine Arts
- 2000 - Social Studies
- 2002 - Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Literature)
- 2003 - Health, Fitness, PE, Foreign Language
- 2004 - Math
- 2005 - Science

If you would like more information about the adoption cycle or the adoption process, please don't hesitate to contact the Curriculum Department at 425-831-8018.

## Technology News

Schools throughout the Snoqualmie Valley SD will be receiving "upgrades" to computer labs and classroom computers over the spring and summer. As a result of massive upgrades to computer systems at Group Health Cooperative (GHC), the large medical coop decided to make available to schools about three thousand two-year-old Dell computers. Schools from around the Puget Sound area were eligible to purchase the systems for \$40 each. Jeff Hogan, Director of Instructional Technology for the Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools, recently secured one thousand of the used Dell computers. About five hundred computers should be installed throughout the schools before the end of the school year. The newly acquired computers will replace about seven hundred four-year-old computers in the schools. Another three hundred computers will be used for new programs.

The upgrade couldn't have come at a better time, as a new web-based Student Information System will be rolled out to schools in December and the requirements for the system would have been a challenge for

the older computers. The computers being replaced were also becoming expensive to maintain and were too slow for running new software. The

GHC computers will now make it easier for the district to continue to deploy new educational software.

The process of installing nearly one thousand computers is a daunting task, but the district's Computer Techs have eagerly accepted the challenge. Mount Si High School students, under the supervision of computer teacher Rod Thompson, are providing assistance to the Computer Techs on the project. It is a great opportunity for MSHS technology students to be involved in a large scale rollout of computer systems.



### Snoqualmie Valley Public Schools Board of Directors

*Rudy Edwards, President*

*Dave Reed, Vice President*

*Becky Jorgensen*

*Rick Krona*

*Kristy Sullivan*

### 2002 American School Board Journal's Magna Award Winner

### 2000 Washington State School Board of the Year

School Board meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. 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:

June 13th ; June 27th ; July 11th ; August 29th

### Magna Award Winner!

The Snoqualmie Valley School District's efforts to improve student learning were recently recognized by the American School Board Journal. Each year the Journal gives 25 school districts nationwide the Magna Award for programs that advance student learning and encourage community involvement in schools.

Independent judges looked for programs that were:

- \* Developed or actively supported by the school board
- \* The result of appropriate board involvement
- \* Important in promoting the district's mission and advancing student learning
- \* Innovative and creative in purpose
- \* Capable of being replicated by other school boards with similar conditions and resources
- \* The result of collaboration between the school board and others
- \* Successful in view of the program's primary objectives

The district was recognized for its School Improvement Process, a web-based tool that allows school administrators to develop learning plans based on an array of data such as the Washington Assessment of Student Learning Scores.

## Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) 2002

The ITBS test scores were recently released. The district's third, fifth, sixth and eighth graders continue to do well on the test. Nearly all of the scores showed improvement from the previous year with only a few scores showing either no change or a slight dip.

When the scores are received, the district compares them to previous year's scores to look at the overall trend. Although the district has been seeing the trend moving upward, there is still room for growth.

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 principles and procedures.

	Reading		Math		Language Arts	
	<i>District</i>	<i>National Average</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>National Average</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>National Average</i>
Grade 3	69	50	79	50	66	50
Grade 5	61	50	61	50	55	50
Grade 6	66	50	64	50	63	50
Grade 8	62	50	63	50	60	50

### Snoqualmie Valley Junior Orchestra

The Snoqualmie Valley Junior Orchestra will begin it's second season in the fall of 2002.

The orchestra is sponsored by the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Hub in cooperation with the Snoqualmie Valley School District.

The program is for students in grades 2 or older. Students play at all levels on string instruments. They are taught by a professional violist.

Rehearsals are held at North Bend Elementary before and after school hours. Monthly tuition fees cover a minimum of 1.5 hours of weekly instruction and 3 scheduled performances.

Registration forms may be obtained at the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Hub, all district schools, and at the district office.

For more information call K. Dahlberg at 425-888-0931.



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## Elementary Highly Capable News

### 5th Graders Honored at the University of Washington John Hopkins Talent Search

These students received nationally ranked superior scores on the John Hopkins Talent Search exam in reading, math, or both academic areas. Superior scores qualify them to participate in programs offered through the University of Washington and John Hopkins University.

Matt Herman	Fall City Elementary
Brian Johnson	Snoqualmie Elementary
Landon Wilson	Opstad Elementary
Alexis Aydelotte	Opstad Elementary

### Highly Capable Program

#### Fifth Grade Quizmo Math Challenge

#### Team Members:

<b><u>SES</u></b>	<b><u>OES</u></b>
Brian Johnson	Landon Wilson
Sara Caldwell	Kirsten Wunder
Leigh MaCaulay	Emily Woolley
Cheyenne Fredrichs	Cody Graham

#### **NBE**

Jeff Adams  
Sean Byrnes  
Alex Chamj  
Cody Tipton

#### **FCE**

Aaron Poirier  
Avery Hamann  
Leigh Wunderlin  
Bradley Quenneville

The fifth grade teams were balanced between mental mathematicians and word problem wizards. Competition included single elimination rounds and a final Championship round.

### The Championship Team- Fall City Elementary Congratulations!

## Kindergarten Registration

**If you have not signed up your child for kindergarten yet, it's not too late!**

**Children must be 5 years old by August 31, 2002.**

**Original birth certificate and immunization records are needed for registration.**

**Call your local school for more information.**



## Food Services News

### Food Service/Nutrition Committee

We still need dynamic volunteers for this committee, which will help determine how the food service department develops plans for the future. I'd love to hear from some of you who have children with medical concerns which make school lunch difficult or who are interested in seeing us explore new paths. September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM will be our first meeting of the new school year.



### Point of Sale System

The new electronic register system has been operating for a number of weeks at both Snoqualmie Middle School and Mount Si. (Chief Kanim and Opstad Elementary have been using it for some time.) Next year we'll be using the 6-digit student number to identify all kids at schools using the system. They won't need to memorize these, however; their student i.d. cards have a bar code on the back that can be swiped through the keypad.

This system allows us to pull up student histories, so that we can always let you know when money you sent for meals was credited and how many breakfasts and/or lunches your child has taken. *Please remember – unless you indicate on your check that you want funds restricted only to meal use, they may also be accessed for a la carte purchases.* We will "flag" all accounts in red to signal the cashier if you do not want your child to purchase a la carte items with the money you put on account. Funds sent can be used for either breakfast or lunch meals. There is one central account for each child, not individual "tickets", so any amount you want to send is fine. It need not be divisible by the meal price. Funds can also be placed on account for children on reduced price meals to pay for the portion that is not subsidized.

### Surveys

Two surveys have been sent out since the last newsletter. The students at Snoqualmie Middle School petitioned to have their beloved round pizza returned to the menu. It had been removed because the cost had risen too high to serve it daily. The kids were given five options and they chose to have this pizza once a week and a range of items as substitutes on the other days. Budget saved-tummies happy.

## Amazing Art Project Comes to Life at Chief Kanim

Over the past two years, Jim Ullman's art students have done some wonderful art projects to add color and expression to Chief Kanim's halls and library.

Jim's most recent endeavor will take about three years to complete and involve hundreds and hundreds of students over that time period. His vision is to create a huge mural to hang over the school commons stage spelling out 'CHIEF KANIM MIDDLE SCHOOL'.

To make this a reality, Jim has applied for and received monies through grants. The mural will be made of up of hundreds of clay glazed figure heads in our school colors. The back drop for this mural will be put into place over the Memorial Day weekend. When completed it will truly become a focal piece for our school's common area.



## Snoqualmie Middle School

The end of a school year found several Snoqualmie Middle School groups performing and/or competing.

### – Band & Choir Competitions

SMS's 8th grade band competed in a league competition in Issaquah, with 8 middle schools being represented. Students were evaluated on their sight-reading abilities to actual elements of performance. SMS earned the top score of 1 for their outstanding abilities. SMS's multi-grade choir competed at Tolt Middle School with 8 other schools being represented. They also earned the highest score of 1 for their performance. Congratulations to Dean Snavelly, Bank\ d Director, and Kim Snavelly, Choir Director, and all of the students who performed.



### – Math Team

SMS's Math Team competed in a large meet in Blaine, Washington. Over 3000 students competed in areas of mental math, team problem solving, geometry, probability, statistics and individual competitions. According to Coach George Warren, SMS's students did an excellent job!

### – Knowledge Bowl

SMS was awarded First Place for the 2002 nine-school League Championship. This was after they had already won the four-school Regional Championship. SMS fields both the youngest and the largest team in the league. All participants compete in the tournaments with students rotating in for the 8-9 rounds so everyone gets a chance in the hot seat. Congratulations Knowledge Bowl participants!

### – Writers Recognized

Under the guidance and encouragement of Ms. Connie Logan, 7th grade writing teacher, three SMS students were recognized for their writing abilities. Kathryn McFarland is a finalist in a Seattle Mariner's writing competition. If selected as the winner, Kathryn's father could throw out the first pitch at an upcoming Mariner's game. Patrick McElroy has been recognized as one of the top 10 poets in the Western United States. His poem, as well as a poem submitted by Michael Smart, will be published by Creative Communications in an upcoming book of poetry.



### – SMS student competes in National Gymnastics Competition

Kyle Ferguson, an SMS 8th grade student, competed in the National Gymnastic competition. Kyle came in 97th in the country. 800 kids competed in the nation at Kyle's age and level with 208 competing at this event. Kyle's high bar routine was his best event placing him at 57th. Congratulations Kyle!

## Mount Si High School

### *Effective Teacher Award*

Congratulations are in order for Mount Si High School's **Lynn Fallows**. Lynn was recently notified by the Washington State School Retiree's Association (WSSRA) that she has been selected as a winner of the Robert J. Handy Effective Teacher Award. The PEMCO alliance of companies established the award to honor their founder Robert J. Hardy, an educator and visionary. She is one of only eight teachers from eight geographical areas of WSSRA to receive the award.

Ms. Fallows has a unique assignment at Mount Si, teaching both Special Education classes and leadership classes which include the Student Government class. Her excellence as an educator can be seen in the manner in which she develops student character and leadership from the full range of high school students. We are proud of the recognition she has received and so richly deserves.

### *Showcase 2002 – Rave Reviews*

On May 21, Mount Si High School staged **Showcase 2002, Salute the Arts**. This annual event has truly become a community event that has many highlights. First and foremost is the presentation of student accomplishments, in which artwork, students' writing, horticulture projects, choirs, dance teams, and much more are on display to the public. For the first time, the Students' Choice Award was unveiled, and **Rebecca Hartwell** received honors as the student who received the most votes from the student body as having the best piece of work in the entire show.

Secondly, this evening highlights a few alumni of Mount Si High School who have achieved significance for themselves and their communities. Six such individuals were recognized on May 21, and their accomplishments are staggering. **Jack Kelly** ('48) was recognized for his work on hydrofoils with the Boeing Company, and is known as the "Unofficial Fall City Historian". **Curtis Cleven** ('52) is responsible for numerous space ventures including the first mapping of Mars, and the Viking and Mariner explorations. **Fritz Ribary** ('62) is the former mayor of North Bend, and exemplifies the finest in community service. **Hugh Grew** ('71) has won two Emmy Awards for his graphics work during the coverage of the Olympic Games. **Joy Hoffman-Baunsgard** ('85) is known as a premier Northwest photographer, and has won numerous awards in her profession. And finally, **LTJG Michael Peck** ('89) was honored for remarkable achievements in both the U.S. Army and the Coast Guard.

However, another crowning achievement associated with this evening is the involvement of the **Wildcat Inspiration Network (WIN)**. Mount Si's parent booster organization is a remarkable collection of parents with seemingly unbridled energy. The Showcase requires hours upon hours of unselfish staging of students' work, collaboration for the enormity of the show, publicity, awards, etc. Under the leadership of **Julie Meador**, president, with **Cindy Sattler, Kate Day, Nadine Tubbs, Barb Reed, Linda Dow, Aggie Culic, Anthea Hubanks**, and many, many others, this group has again shown the power that parents have in assisting schools toward excellence. **Thank you WIN, for another great year!**

## Two Rivers School

Recently, Two Rivers seniors, Sam Hart and Marjorie VanBuskirk, spent the day at the North Bend Ranger Station with the Snoqualmie Valley School District's School Board President, Rudy Edwards. Vanbuskirk, who is interested in pursuing a career in forest management, and Hart, whose interests lie in law enforcement, met with Edwards as part of Two Rivers' job shadow program. The program gives students the opportunity to experience a typical workday in a chosen profession. Vanbuskirk and Hart used the time to ask questions, meet co-workers and to accompany Edwards on a trip to Snoqualmie Pass to check on boundary lines.



Job shadow experiences like this help Two Rivers students learn more about the academic, technical and personal skills required by particular jobs. The opportunities are varied and included this year: nursing at Group Health, riding in an Issaquah Police Department patrol car, and observing open heart surgery at Saint Joseph Hospital in Tacoma. Through the job shadow program, students develop an understanding of the connection between school, work and their goals for the future.

## *District Directory*

### **Administrative Office:**

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### **Alternative School:**

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**North Bend Elementary -** (425) 831-8400

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