

Honoring the Past

Snoqualmie Valley Schools Honor Local Veterans

At Veterans Day assemblies, students and staff take great care and pride to pay tribute to those who have served our country.



Pre-Bargaining Collaboration: Trying a Different Approach this Year

To prepare for upcoming contract negotiations, the bargaining team from the District and the Snoqualmie Valley Education Association (SVEA), which represents certificated staff/teachers, is trying a different approach. The team has invited a mediation consultant from the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) to help train them on a process called Interest Based Bargaining. Since last May, they have spent about 20 hours together on pre-bargaining work that includes training on the process, defining group norms and roles, and determining which districts may be used for comparative research. Bargaining will “officially” begin in February and the teams already have over 60 hours of meetings scheduled this school year, with the hope of reaching agreement on a new contract in a timely manner. The current SVEA contract runs through August 31, 2016.

Unfortunately, inadequate state funding for education continues to create significant challenges for school districts and school employees across the state — as reported extensively in the media last fall. Even as uncertainties around school funding continue at the state level during the current legislative session, Snoqualmie Valley’s bargaining team remains committed to achieving a timely contract settlement.

School Board Urges State Legislators to Fully Fund Public Education



On December 15 and 16, Superintendent Aune and Snoqualmie Valley School Board directors met with state legislators: **Representative Chad Magendanz** and **Senator Mark Mullet** to discuss key education priorities in advance of the 2016 legislative session.

2015-16 Snoqualmie Valley Board of Directors:

- **Marci Busby** *High School Student Representative*
- **Geoff Doy** *Representatives on the Board:*
- **Tavish MacLean**
- **Dan Popp** • **Baly Botten**
- **Carolyn Simpson** • **Adya Kumar**

The public is always welcome to School Board meetings. Meetings are typically held every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Snoqualmie City Hall (38624 SE River Street, Snoqualmie, WA 98065). For more School Board information, visit the District website: www.svsd410.org. Select *District Information* then *School Board* to find: meeting dates, agendas, materials; minutes and podcasts of past meetings; director contact information; and District policies.