



# Heatherwood Hawk

Heatherwood PTA Newsletter

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## Calendar

October 20-24	Spride Week
October 24	Picture Make-Up Day
October 24	Social 2:45 pm—4:00 pm
November 3-7	Portfolio—Reflections
November 10	Veteran's Day Assembly
November 10	PTA Meeting 7:00 pm, Library
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 13	Portfolio—day 1
November 18	Portfolio—day 2
November 20	Portfolio—day 3

Please continue to check the calendar on our school website for upcoming school events:  
<http://cms.everett.k12.wa.us/Heatherwood>



Hello to all our Heatherwood Hawk Fans! There always seems to be something going on at Heatherwood.

From our outstanding student academics and athletics to sensational teachers, staff and coaches. The students are engaging in after school clubs and activities and getting to attend fun and inspirational assemblies. Our school is full of so much talent from Art, Bands, and Choirs. Topping it off is the leadership of the ASB officers and students; Heatherwood really has SPIRIT and Heart!

We would like to thank everyone for their support of this year's magazine drive. Unfortunately, sales have gone down each year and this year we had to make some budget cuts. We will be keeping programs that benefit our students the most, but we will not be able to provide as many teacher grants as we have in the past. Perhaps this is a sign of the times?

This is our first "green" issue this year and we hope you enjoy getting this in an e-mail format. We value your feedback, ideas, and comments throughout the year and we hope you keep in touch so we can address your needs. This issue is full of exciting events and opportunities, and we hope to see you at the Everett School Board New

Heatherwood Middle School  
1419 Trillium Blvd. SE  
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Superintendent Search Forum here at Heatherwood on October 30, 7:30-8:30am.

It all adds up. I recently read that Microsoft pays organizations \$17 an hour when their employees volunteer. Not bad, right? If each of our students had someone volunteer one hour of their time during the school year, we would raise over \$14,000! When you put a price on a volunteer, you can see how valuable they are. How about you? Have you found something to participate in at Heatherwood? Are you still wondering where you can help? In Middle School parent participation can dramatically decrease, but in fact it really is when our kids need us the most. So, even though you may have your student begging you not to volunteer, chances are when you do they won't even realize you're there. Getting involved has helped me feel more connected and much better informed to what is happening at school. Contact our Heatherwood Volunteer Coordinator to see how you can help, even if it is for one hour this year doing a lunch walkabout. I encourage you all to give it a try; it's worth it!

Respectfully,

Christa Pederson  
Heatherwood PTA President

"Make sure to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>"

President: Christa Pederson  
Editors: Linda Eaton & Kathy Thompson

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

I included information in the recent *Hawk Talk* newsletter about the Principal Chats that John Balmer and I are holding this year. The first one is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:45 P.M.. These sessions are an opportunity to visit informally with both administration and other parents about myriad topics related to education and Heatherwood. A sign in the office will note the specific location, and the full schedule of these events will be posted on the web site. You are invited to drop by for just one session or all.

Goal-setting conferences are not too far away (week of December 8<sup>th</sup>), and your children will be preparing for them during the various portfolio sessions in November, as they reflect on their work in each class thus far and set goals to carry them throughout the year. We strive to make these conferences, and the work leading up to them, rewarding and productive for all involved. This conference format puts responsibility on the student as he or she shares with parents. We look forward to having you here for this special event.

Thank you again for sharing your children with us each day.

*Janet Gillingham*

Principal, Heatherwood Middle School

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## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our annual magazine fundraising drive has come to a close and with the current tough economic times we also saw a significant drop in the amount of money we were able to raise. We did manage to reach 60% of our fundraising goal; however, we will have to make some cuts this year in our budget. We want to thank all the students and parents who supported our magazine drive!! Without your efforts we would not be able to support programs and purchase equipment/materials for the enrichment of all students at Heatherwood. Our top selling classroom was Mr. Allen's 8<sup>th</sup> grade block class, followed by Ms. Lillibridge's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Lifetime Fitness class, and then Ms. Kero's 6<sup>th</sup> grade block class. Congratulations on a job well-done!!

We would also like to recognize our fabulous volunteers for their time and energy during our campaign. Hats off to Edie Beyer, Heather Solverson, Gina Weathersby, Shonda Reinnika, Deborah Hansen, Kim Keene, Laura Follis, Lisa Steckler, Jenny Yim-Nordquist, Lori Jacobsen, Michelle Dineen, Rachelle Gehrig, Jackie Arnett, Shannon Corbett, Jamie Purnell, Vicci Olling, Kelli Bradley, Leah Plaisance, Heather Brown, Debra Meyer, and Tay Sadjadpour!

For those of you who ordered magazines, books, or CDs, you should be receiving your items within the next 8-10 weeks (hopefully, much sooner!). If for any reason there is a problem with your order, please contact the fundraising company, QSP/Reader's Digest directly at 1-800-678-2673.

Ways and Means Committee

Brenda Buell, Ronda Lone, and Linda Pazevic

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## Introducing a New National PTA partner program: All Pro Dad

The PTA is proud to work with All Pro Dad as part of its MORE initiative to get dads more involved in schools, in PTAs and in the lives of their children. Learn more about All Pro Dad at [www.AllProDad.com](http://www.AllProDad.com). Everything a PTA needs to start and run a monthly dads and kids breakfast is provided at no cost. We look forward to working with you to increase male involvement and advocate a father's #1 job – being a great dad. If you would like to get this program going with the Heatherwood PTA. Please contact Christa Pederson at [christapederson@comcast.net](mailto:christapederson@comcast.net).

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## CONCESSIONS AT THE SOCIAL

The first social of the year is quickly approaching: Friday, the 24th of October. With all of the dancing and socializing, you are bound to work up a thirst and perhaps an appetite for something to munch on. Concessions will be sold, **but please remember that exact change is needed!** Everything sold will be priced at either 25 cents or 50 cents. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HEATHERWOOD

Now that we are back into a routine at school, a few chances to get involved have come about. We have two volunteer opportunities for parents from teachers:

\*Mrs. Tullar (6th grade block and Read 180) is looking for a few parents to assist in her 7th period reading support class. This is a reading support program and she would like to have a few parents come in for a short term to help in working one on one with various students as they learn the curriculum. If you are interested in assisting Mrs. Tullar it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact her directly at [stullar@everettsd.org](mailto:stullar@everettsd.org) or 385-6448 or Aline Bensen at [abensen@everettsd.org](mailto:abensen@everettsd.org) or 425-385-6416.

\*Ms. Allnoch (LRC-Library) has a very busy time in the morning before school with students checking books in and out. She would be interested in having parents come in and lend a helping hand during this time. It would be from 7:45-8:15 for checking books and shelving books. She could also use help during the day for shelving books. Please contact Ms. Allnoch at [tallnoch@everettsd.org](mailto:tallnoch@everettsd.org) or 385-6309 or Aline Bensen at [abensen@everettsd.org](mailto:abensen@everettsd.org) or 425-385-6416.

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## HONOR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ms. Sharon Fabrizio and Ms. Elona Loewen have graciously offered to oversee a newly formed club at Heatherwood, **Honor Club**, which stands for: Hawks Open to New Opportunities and Responsibilities.

The club is service centered and will work to make a difference in our school and in our community. Student members will collect donations of non-perishable food items and clothing (sizes from infant to 18 as well as hangers) in order to set up a food bank and clothing area at Heatherwood to help students and families here at our school, as well as other schools in the area.

The club will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, and students are encouraged to join. **Donations will be accepted any-time, throughout the year!**

For more information, please email either Ms. Fabrizio at [sfabrizio@everettsd.org](mailto:sfabrizio@everettsd.org) or Ms. Loewen at [eloewen@everettsd.org](mailto:eloewen@everettsd.org). **Thanks for anything you can contribute.**

**If every student brought 1 can, once a week, for one month, it would equal 3,000 cans of food!**

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## PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member of the PTA, you are eligible to take advantage of some great benefits. To learn of these benefits, please visit the Heatherwood PTA website at [www.heatherwoodpta.org](http://www.heatherwoodpta.org). In addition, the Washington State PTA is pleased to announce that its premier parent involvement magazine, *The Child Advocate*, will now be available online as a membership benefit of the PTA at [http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/child\\_advocate.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/child_advocate.htm). The magazine will be issued monthly and will contain the same great articles with helpful parent tips that the magazine is known for during the past 16 years.

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## Washington Cultural Exchange Now Accepting Registration for 2009 Summer Trip

The Washington Cultural Exchange is now planning their annual Summer trip into the People' Republic of China for local 8th grade students. This year's group will include a boy's basketball team, a girls basketball team and a student travel group.

In order to prepare for this trip the Washington Cultural Exchange will hold a series of informative meetings about China. Each month a different theme or city will be explored to understand and appreciate the culture and the history of the Chinese people. Cities like Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Xi'an and Beijing will be discussed. Exciting historical sites like the Terra Cotta Warriors, the famous shopping markets of southern China and the Great Wall of China will also be explored. Please feel welcome to join us in a relaxed atmosphere with your friends to learn more about this fascinating culture.

All meetings are free of charge and open to all current 8th grade students and their families. These meetings will be held on Sunday evenings at the Silverlake Alfy's located near the Everett Skate Deck and just north of Costco on Sunday evenings from 7:00PM - 8:00PM. The meeting dates for this year are: 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, and 4/19. For more information please visit our website at [www.wcetrip.com](http://www.wcetrip.com) or contact Ed Lundberg at [edlundberg@comcast.net](mailto:edlundberg@comcast.net).

Washington Cultural Exchange ([www.wce.org](http://www.wce.org)) was organized in 1986 as an educational and cultural program to increase cultural awareness and appreciation. Washington Cultural Exchange is a Non-Profit Corporation (Washington State UBI #601 717 455) with a Federal Non-Profit 501C3 (Number 91-1391851).

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### WOW! HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR REFLECTIONS ARTS ENTRY?

Do you have a passion for Choreography/Dance, Film/Video, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts? Make sure to enter this year's Reflections program and "WOW" us with your entries. Finished entries should be turned into the main office at school, on or before, **November 26th, by 2:45 p.m.** Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form which includes the student's name, grade (or first period) teacher's name, and parent's or guardian's signature. Be sure you have read the rules and comply with them, so that your entry is not disqualified. Entry forms are available on our PTA website.

#### 2008-09 Student Entry Form

[http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/Forms08/WA\\_ReflectionsStudentEntry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/Forms08/WA_ReflectionsStudentEntry_Form.pdf)

#### Reflections Theme Search 2010-11 Contest Form

[http://wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/Forms08/ThemeSearch10-11\\_WA\\_Form.pdf](http://wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/Forms08/ThemeSearch10-11_WA_Form.pdf)

#### Click here to visit the 2007-2008 Reflections Gallery

<http://wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/GALLERY2008/index.html>

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Much appreciation to the volunteers who fill in the needs at Heatherwood and make our school a great place for students, staff and community!

- Thank-you Shannon Corbett and Jackie Haynes for setting up the Magazine Drive Display case. Your helping hands made the workload lighter.
  - A round of applause to Brenda Buell, Linda Pazevic, Rhonda Lone and all volunteers for supporting our magazine drive. Your time and efforts are appreciated!
  - Thank you to our executive committee for meeting and making review of our budget needs and coming together to make the necessary recommendations to the board.
  - A wheelbarrow full of thanks to Tay Sadjapour, Emily Waite and Christa Pederson for sprucing up and weeding the outdoor staff area.
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## STAR ATTRACTIONS

### SEPTEMBER - PURPOSE

Aaron Roe, Andrew Ransom, Brian Hughes, Brittini Burgess, Erica Sharpe, Francesca Cook, Guo Yang, Jordan Bond, Lianne Chang, Mitchell Morrison, Payton Locknane, Riley Waite, Scott McGinnis, Tian Westland, and Victoria Nishimoto

Students were selected by their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher and will be honored at the Star Attractions reception on October 14. Each student receives a certificate and a small prize. Highlighted characteristics for the upcoming months are: October – Integrity, November - Problem-solving, December - Caring.

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### CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION – OCTOBER 11, 2008

Thanks to the following students for their participation in Campus Beautification on October 11<sup>th</sup>. These students spent the morning pulling weeds, raking leaves, and picking up garbage. The campus looks great!

Amira Thongdy, Sarah Ruchty, Samantha Boyle, Sabrina Smith, Sean Brown, Courtney Ann Taylor, Skyler Noble, Matthew Spaw, Jiya Nair Henry, Lee Sawyer, Stibre-Harriss, Justin Cho, Alexandra Souter, Joy Lynn, Zimel Berenshtein, Daniel Higgins-Sanchez, Gabriel Youn, Blake Bell, Madison Ransom, Joakim Soderquist, Noah Parker, Evan Smith, Kysten Funk and Mom and sister, Cassia Ward, Dani Fox, Andrew Hopkins and Mom, Danny Crissinger, Sarah Arpin Sue Lee, and Jonathan Proctor

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### HELPING FAMILIES SAVE FOR COLLEGE

The Guaranteed Education Tuition Program is Washington's 529 prepaid college tuition plan. With GET, you prepay for your child's college tuition today. Your account is guaranteed to keep pace with college tuition and you can use it at nearly any public or private college in the country. Reminder 2008-2009 enrollment is open September 15, 2008 - March 31, 2009. The current unit price is \$76. <http://www.get.wa.gov/>

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### WORLD LANGUAGE SUMMIT

Thursday, November 6, 2008 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
University of Washington HUB Ballroom

Join us for an informative and inspiring day exploring the current status of world language teaching and learning in Washington state. This event is the culmination of two years of work by the [Mapping and Enhancing Language Learning](http://depts.washington.edu/mellwa/) project (<http://depts.washington.edu/mellwa/>) at the University of Washington, which is surveying languages taught in our schools and colleges, analyzing, mapping, and reporting that information, then working with K-12, higher education institutions, and national language leaders to identify ways to enhance the experience and the results.

**Who Should Attend?** Students, teachers, administrators, faculty, community members, business and community leaders, policy makers, and parents – anyone who cares about preparing our students for today's interconnected world.

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### RESTORING MATH EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 PM  
University of Washington Kane Hall – Room 220: Informal discussion to follow event

Where's The Math? is pleased to announce a public forum regarding math education in Washington State. Come join us and learn how K-12 math education changes in our state will affect families, and how to ensure that our children have the best possible opportunities in the future.

The evening program will feature presentations about the history and current trends in mathematics education, plus a panel including WA State Math Panel Members, parents, educators, and legislators to answer your specific questions.

Flyer: <http://www.wheresthemath.com/download/WTM%20Oct27%20Forum%20Flyer.doc>

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## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Practices Start November 3

#### Girl's Volleyball

Coaches: Suzi Lillibridge and Rejia Watson

Nov 19	Gateway @ Heatherwood	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Nov 24	Heatherwood @ Evergreen	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Nov 25	Heatherwood @ Eisenhower	7th grade 6:00	8th grade 4:15
Dec 3	North @ Heatherwood	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Dec 4	Heatherwood @ Gateway	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30
Dec 11	Evergreen @ Heatherwood	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30
Dec 16	Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	7th grade 4:15	8th grade 6:00
Dec 17	Heatherwood @ North	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30

#### Boy's Basketball

Coaches: Ed Lundberg and Luther Weathersby

Nov 19	Heatherwood @ Gateway	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Nov 24	Evergreen @ Heatherwood	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Nov 25	Eisenhower @ Heatherwood	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Dec 3	Heatherwood @ North	7th grade 5:30	8th grade 3:45
Dec 4	Gateway @ Heatherwood	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30
Dec 11	Heatherwood @ Evergreen	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30
Dec 16	Heatherwood @ Eisenhower	7th grade 3:45	8th grade 5:30

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### ICE - 'IN CASE OF EMERGENCY'

*We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.*

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations.

As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.' For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number.

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## EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON – PTA MEMBERS, WE HAVE A CRISIS

The Washington State Legislature has formed a Task Force to develop a new system for the delivery and funding of K-12 education in this state. Despite changes in expectations, the model for education funding has not been changed for 30 years. Washington State PTA and many other organizations throughout the state are deeply concerned about the crisis in K-12 education funding in our state. In fact WSPTA is working on these concerns this year – now! It is our #1 PTA Legislative Priority.

*Is there a crisis?* Some facts to consider . . . .

- In general, the state funds K-12 education on a per pupil basis. The average per pupil allocation from the state *does not cover the actual cost*.
- The state allocation pays for only 5 class periods per day. Most school districts offer students 6 or 7 periods per day. They pay for those additional periods out of levy and other funds.
- The state legislature has passed a number of mandates, but provided *no additional funding* for school districts to comply. For example, unfunded mandates for a neighboring school district (Northshore) cost that district almost \$17 million or approximately 10% of their \$172.6 million budget.
- When the state's allocation doesn't cover the actual costs, some districts make up the difference with levy funds, foundation funds, or PTA fundraisers. Not all school districts in the state can raise the same amount of funds to make up the difference, so *not all Washington State students are receiving the same basic level of services*.
- Larger class sizes are not just a problem in your school district. Washington State ranks 46th, *fourth worst in class sizes*. (Source: NEA Ranking and estimates)
- The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has currently placed *7 school districts under Binding Conditions* for the 2007-08 school year. This means that these districts could not cover their bills for the year. There have never been this many school districts so close to bankruptcy in the memory of OSPI officials.

Are you concerned? The single most important thing you can do is to get informed and engaged. Start by talking with Everett School District about their concerns (like the costs of unfunded mandates), then help us to spread the word. Our kids are depending on it.

Christa Pederson – Legislation Chair

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## YOUR GRAND OLD FLAG - RETIRE YOUR WORN FLAGS RESPECTFULLY

Do you have a worn, faded, or torn American flag that has served well and don't know what to do with it? Just as the U.S. flag should be treated with respect when it's flying, it should be treated with respect when it's being retired. There is a proper, respectful way of retiring worn flags. Mill Creek's Cub Scout Pack 11 will be collecting old American flags the month of November. There will be a collection box located in the school office.

Once collected, the Cub Scouts will fold them and take them to the Scout District office. A special, respectful ceremony including the Pledge of Allegiance, disassembly and cremation of the flags, Taps, and a silent vigil will be held at Fire Mountain by the Boy Scouts to retire the flags according to protocol.

The American Flag is a great symbol of this country. As you look at flying your American Flag at home (Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is good time), please check that it's in good condition. If it needs replacing, please donate your worn flag to the Cub Scouts of Pack 11 - they will take good care of your Grand OLD Flag. For more information call Lisa Steckler at (425)486-8585.

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## EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD BEGINS SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT

The board of directors of Everett Public Schools begins its search for a new district superintendent this month with a series of public meetings, an online survey, a special e-mail address and a designated phone number, all designed to gather input from the public. The board hopes to have a new superintendent named by early May 2009 and ready to begin work on July 1.

The aggressive timeline begins on Oct. 22 with a PTSA-hosted public meeting in which board members plan to collect opinions about the qualities and attributes this community believes are important for our district leader to have, says Board President Karen Madsen. The PTSA event will be followed the last week of October with two days of meetings at three different times of each day. We know that some people can meet with us in the morning; others are not able to meet until the afternoon, and for some, the best time to meet is after dinner. The meeting dates, times and locations are:

### Wednesday, Oct. 22

7-8 p.m. in the View Ridge Elementary cafeteria, 202 Alder St., Everett

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Administrative Service Center, 4730 Colby Ave., Everett

4-5 p.m. in the Cascade High School library, 801 E. Casino Road, Everett

7-8 p.m. in the Cascade High School library

### Thursday, Oct. 30

7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Heatherwood Middle School library, 1419 Trillium Blvd. SE, Mill Creek

4-5 p.m. in the H.M. Jackson High School library, 1508 136th St. SE, Mill Creek

7-8 p.m. in the H.M. Jackson High School library

We have drafted a list of attributes to begin our discussions at these meetings, said Madsen. We are asking community members, parents, and staff to tell us if these are the right attributes for the superintendent to have to lead this district's efforts to support each student's learning.

Knowing that not everyone will attend a meeting, the board invites the public to comment electronically: The district Web site home page includes a link to an online survey, which will capture public opinion about what is important in a new superintendent, said Madsen. Those who wish to comment with a phone message may do so by calling 425-385-7878 and leaving a message for the board. If e-mail is your preference, we have an address established just for you, noted Madsen. You can comment on the attributes by writing to [SuperintendentSearch@everettsd.org](mailto:SuperintendentSearch@everettsd.org). Only board members will read the e-mails and listen to the phone messages. All comments left on the survey, by e-mail or by phone message will be received and considered by all five board members.

The board estimates that it will save from \$50,000 to \$75,000 by conducting the search themselves rather than hiring an outside consultant. We have a track record of success with an open, community process run by the board, said Board President Karen Madsen. These October meetings, and variety of ways of gathering public comment, are the first steps as we prepare to advertise the position nationally and attract quality applicants.