

**EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
200 LYNCH STREET
EATONVILLE, WA 98328**



Summer Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Krestin Bahr

Date: August 1, 2014

Greetings ESB!! I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful weather this summer although as I write this I am looking at looming thunderclouds over Mt. Rainier. We had a wonderful vacation although driving from WA to MN seemed a bit longer than when I was younger. Sharing time with family was priceless. I have been back for a week and it has been a nice slow but fun week for students in Eatonville.

1. Communication

Listed below are all of the staff hired so far this year for next school year 2014-15.

(Names redacted)

Listed below is a memo sent to all administrators this week as we will need to fill approx... 3 positions (two at CC and one at EES due to a resignation of [name redacted] in K). We will be meeting next week to review our staffing and our class size to ensure that we are not overstaffed. This is a good problem to have as our enrollment seems to have met the size limit for CC at 198 (from 115 at school end). We will not be taking any transfer students, only students who live in the catchment area will be able to enroll.

In an effort to be transparent with our activity around staffing, this memo is to inform you that as of this morning we have pulled back and removed all open teaching positions from our web site. At this time we will only accept applications for the purpose of building a pool of candidates for teaching positions within our district.

It is important to know and understand that there is a strong possibility we may need to transfer current teachers based on our enrollment numbers and class sizes. All decisions around transferring teachers will be based on the EEA collective bargaining agreement language of "last one hired, first to be transferred" if they hold the appropriate certificate and endorsements.

A meeting is being scheduled for next week to discuss the district's staffing needs. For this meeting you will want to bring your enrollment numbers per grade/class as well as your current teacher assignments.

2. Fiscal Responsibility

(Names redacted) have been attending the state business manager conference this week. He has been instrumental this summer and I look forward to (name redacted) growth into this position.

3. Construction and Grounds

Memo from (name redacted):

The new school year is almost upon us and the Eatonville School District Facilities and Maintenance department has been hard at work preparing and improving the schools for the upcoming school year. In addition to our usual summer duties we have done a number of projects that will improve our schools and enhance our students' experience. These projects are;

- Eatonville High School
 - New state of the art weight room.
 - New science lab
 - New computers in the computer lab
- Eatonville Middle School
 - New metal siding
 - New exterior paint
 - New heating and cooling units in the commons area
 - New computer lab
 - New fast pitch / play field
 - New reader board
- Eatonville Elementary
 - New playground equipment
 - New outdoor basketball hoop (provided by EES Booster Club)
 - New play field
 - New reader board
- Weyerhaeuser Elementary
 - New sprinklers in the front lawns
 - New play field
 - New reader board
- Columbia Crest STEM School
 - New classroom tables and chairs.
 - New reader board

As you can see it has been a busy summer and we are looking forward to our students and our community enjoying these improvements.

3. Academic Success

Welcome Back Day: We have been working to finalize this day agenda and it looks like a great event. We would like to have a Board Director at our Welcome Back to School day on August 26, 2014 for the kick-off and to hand out the longevity awards in the morning. Please let me know if one or two of you are able to attend as this is an important event.

Attached is an article from the TNT regarding STEM. The CC article made the front page of the TNT

two weeks ago. We are working to have materials highlighting all of our schools and the great things that are happening in Eatonville Schools. I spoke at the New Superintendent's Meeting at WASA last week. There were many comments from WASA about the great reputation Eatonville Schools has with the HS graduation rate very high, School of Distinction and the great work the Principals talked about at the Washington State Leadership Academy conference in late June in Spokane!!

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/07/19/3295021/learning-grows-via-stem-in-ashford.html>

Summer School started this week. It runs ten days: Mon-Fri. this week and next! This is the first time ESD has run a summer school. The high school students are serving as volunteer camp counselors for community service credit. The students are placed in Cabins of Grades 1-8 mixed and rotate through activities such as Robotics, Computers, Reading, Math, Music, PE. Art and Science. I have attached some photos for your enjoyment. We have 180 students and today they went swimming!! Several parents questioned why students weren't just doing math. The concept of play with academics embedded into the activities is a well-known learning strategy. Children learn better when they are doing things (projects) and moving, discussing ideas and solutions with other children. Come to think of it, I think I do as well!! If you have some time next week, feel free to come by to see.

In addition, we have high school students at the Bethel skill center. I have been hearing that they are having a great time!

Enjoy the first of August! We have one more week of semi-quiet before we begin to get very busy.

Dates to Know:

August 11-12 Administrator Retreat at WES

Aug. 21 Special Ed Retreat

Aug. 22 Secretaries meeting

Aug. 25 New Teacher Day: DO.

Aug. 26-27 Eatonville Teacher Institute and Welcome Back Event (Aug. 26 7:30am.-9:00am.)

Aug. 28 Individual Building Days

Aug. 29 Transportation In-Service

School Starts September 3, 2014!!

Photos:

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Thank you for your support of Eatonville kids!

See you soon,

Sincerely, Krestin (See we really are enjoying the summer!!)