



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

STRATEGIC PLAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our strategic plan for 2007-2011.

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

6:30 p.m. in the Jemtegaard Middle School Commons.

Dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a short program at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to community members and staff who generated goals and ideas reflected in the strategic plan for 2007-2011.

The strategic plan is available online at www.washougal.k12.wa.us/districtinfo/strategicplan.htm.

School Board ponders key projects recommended by facilities committee

The Washougal School Board is currently considering recommendations presented by the Facilities Committee. The work of the committee represents data from enrollment growth and the state's required facilities study which was completed in fall 2007. Recommendations presented to the board include:

- » A new K-8 school to relieve overcrowding at elementary schools and replace Jemtegaard Middle School with a larger and more suitable facility.
- » Covered play areas at all elementaries.
- » Air quality systems at Cape Horn-Skye, Canyon Creek, Gause and Hathaway.
- » More storage space in schools.
- » New gym floor at Washougal High School.
- » Fishback Stadium remodel to add seating, rest rooms, concessions, team game rooms, crowd's nest, and weight room expansion.
- » Maintenance/warehouse expansion.

The committee took into consideration factors such as enrollment projections, community concerns, opportunities to access state funding, the need for a new elementary to eliminate portables, and ways to maximize district property.

Superintendent Baldwin extends her appreciation to the facilities committee for bringing the voice of the community to this important process.



COMMUNITY INVITED TO TOUR SCHOOLS

When was the last time you visited our schools? Don't miss this opportunity to get a first hand look at the great things happening in Washougal schools. Join us for one or all of our upcoming school tours. Visit classrooms, see our programs, talk to teachers and students. Transportation between schools will be provided and lunch will be served.

March 18 Washougal High School, Excelsior High School, Gause Elementary School
Meet at the Washougal School District Office, 4855 Evergreen Way, at 8:00 a.m.

April 8 Cape Horn-Skye and Canyon Creek
Meet at Cape Horn-Skye, 9731 Washougal River Road, at 9:00 a.m.

May 6 Hathaway, Jemtegaard Middle School
Meet at the Washougal School District Office, 4855 Evergreen Way, at 8:00 a.m.

Call now to reserve your space! Contact Cassi Marshall, (360) 954-3005.

WHS student appointed to West Point

KYLE SCHLAUCH RECEIVES APPOINTMENT FROM CONGRESSMAN BRIAN BAIRD

Washougal High School senior Kyle Schlauch has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Kyle is the son of Deana and Ron Schlauch. Ron is a teacher at Jemtegaard Middle School.

"Kyle is an outstanding member of the Washougal High School student body," said Principal Gerry Stavney. "Not only is he strong in academics, he is also an ASB officer and a role model for other students. In the State Wrestling Championships, Kyle took fourth place in his weight division. Students and staff of the school are proud of Kyle."

Kyle will report for training just two weeks after graduation in June.

"Kyle is an amazing person. He is talented academically and athletically," said WHS teacher and wrestling coach John Carver. "Kyle has wrestled for Washougal since his seventh grade year. He has trained diligently, and he always displays the

highest level of sportsmanship and character. Just as it was awesome watching him climb onto the state platform and receive his state wrestling medal, it is even more impressive for all of us, his wrestling coaches, to see him earn his appointment to West Point."

Former graduates of West Point include leaders such as Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, George S. Patton, Omar Bradley, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, and Norman Schwarzkopf.



Kyle Schlauch

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 STRIDE RUN

The 2008 Student Stride for Education is set for Saturday, May 17 at WHS. This is the fifth year of this fun family event, which is a fundraiser for the Washougal Schools Foundation.

The event includes an all-student fun run and adult 5K run/walk held at the Washougal High School stadium and the adjoining fields.

Students, from Kindergarten to middle school, run in heats by grade level in distances of .5 miles to 2 miles. Although non-competitive, the run is timed so runners can see how they performed personally. Pre-K kids can participate in the Dash for free.

Registration is \$10. After the first two family members, each additional participant is just \$8.

Participants receive: commemorative t-shirt; Stride medallion; commemorative wristband; finish line refreshments; timed results published in the Post Record newspaper.

Look for registration forms at Washougal schools after mid-March or enroll online at www.washougalschoolsfoundation.org

For more information, contact René Carroll, (360) 607-5990.

Below: Students enjoying a past Stride event.



Calendar adjustments and new parent conference dates

Due to the need for a snow make-up day on March 27, we have adjusted the school calendar and parent conference dates:

March 20—Regular, full day of school

March 21—Parent Conference day (3-hour early release)

March 24-27—Parent Conference days (3-hour early release)

March 28—First day of spring break

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