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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Washougal School District Patron,



IT HAS BEEN difficult preparing to write my final message to the community as the superintendent of the Washougal School District. I will be retiring from public education at the end of the school year. Where do I start to thank the citizens of Washougal for their support of our students and their education? From the early days of my tenure the community has shared guidance and feedback, leading to a mission and vision for the district that has driven our work. With a sense of urgency, the Washougal staff has focused not only on the academic growth and achievement of each student, but also on nurturing the talents, dreams and maturity of each child.

I have had the opportunity to meet several times with Washougal's new, incoming superintendent, Mike Stromme. He will begin his work in the district on July 1. We are working together closely to assure that the transition of district leadership is done thoughtfully and with attention to the needs of our students, staff and parents. While the media releases have done a good job of outlining his extensive experience and deep knowledge of K-12 education, my time with Superintendent Stromme has revealed his commitment to children and the energy that he has to support the on-going success that has been so much a part of the work going on in the Washougal community.

I will be stepping down as superintendent of the district at the end of June but my heart will remain with the talented children, the fine staff, and involved citizens of this community. You have challenged me to bring my best to this work and you have supported me every step of

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Summer learning and fun for families

SEVERAL learning programs are planned for the Hathaway School campus this summer. High School credit recovery courses for students in grades 9–12 are offered along with summer school classes for students entering kindergarten–3rd grade Monday–Thursday July 7–August 13.

Visiting Events

Enrichment opportunities are scheduled for students and the public FREE of charge. They include Storyteller Will Hornyak, Jugglemania, Reptile Man, OMSI Science Festival, and Oregon Children's Theatre. Performance times are available on the district website, www.washougal.k12.wa.us.

Summer Breakfast and Lunch

Free breakfast and lunch will be offered through the Federal Summer Food Program for all community children 1–18 years of age in the Hathaway cafeteria. Breakfast will be served Monday–Thursday 8:10–8:40 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Counseling Services

Summer counseling services will be available

through SeaMar Community Health Centers. Call 360-566-4432 for more info.

Camps and Credit Recovery

Washougal Community Education and Recreation will offer Summer Camps for students ages 4–10. Offerings include: Super Hero Camp, LEGOtastic, Crazy Contraptions, Silly Concoctions, Mathematicians, Volleyball, Flag Football, Dance, Performing Arts, Safe Sitter, Tae Kwon Do, Paddle Board, and more! Register online: www.washougal.k12.wa.us/wcer.

Credit Recovery for high school students is available Monday–Thursday June 23–August 13, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Thank You Volunteers!

Volunteers are an important part of our summer school program. Over 60 community members helped with student activities last summer. We welcome your support with small group instruction, breakfast and lunch buddies, and lunchtime activities such as sports, art, and crafts. To volunteer, please contact Lisa Young at 954-3895 or lisa.young@washougal.k12.wa.us.

Boles joins WSD as Assistant Superintendent

DR. PATRICIA "PATSY" BOLES has been hired as the district's Assistant Superintendent. Boles previously worked for the Ridgefield School District and brings to the position a unique combination of experiences that include accountability for all instructional services, state and federal programs, building level administrator supervision, special education, district technology, CTE programs and human resources. She has been a middle school principal, and elementary principal, K-12 special education director and an elementary teacher.

Superintendent Dawn Tarzian explained the importance of a strong leader to fill this role for the district. "With the increased responsibilities placed on the superintendent through the capital bond construction work that has begun, the support of an assistant superintendent will allow for this time

consuming project to go on without undermining the work to support improved student learning for all children."

"I am excited Dr. Boles will be joining the Washougal School District team," said incoming Superintendent Dr. Mike Stromme. "She comes with a rich background in teaching and learning and administrative leadership. Dr. Boles is a respected educator who has much to offer our students, families and staff."

"This is an exciting time for the Washougal School District and I am thrilled to be joining Dr. Stromme and the rest of Washougal's dynamic leadership team," said Boles.



BRAG BULLETIN

We're so proud of our students' and staff members' achievements!

Middle school teachers recognized for teamwork

CONGRATULATIONS to the Canyon Creek Middle School Language Arts PLC Team on being named Outstanding Educator Team of the Year by the Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce at a special event on June 3.

Team members are: Katherine Baxter, Ashley Johnson, Marsi Kearney, Tiffany McCormick, Rhonda Reeser, and Susan Stevens.

The team was selected from several outstanding Washougal PLC teams for their work to align their instruction and assessment to the new State Learning Standards. Beginning two years ago they committed to a cycle of inquiry regarding their instruction. They meet to collect and analyze data, identify students who have a learning need, assign students to focused instructional groups, work together to design three-week intervention lessons, then collect and analyze data again to repeat the process.

All of this teamwork has lead to increased student learning. At the end of the first year of this process, students' performance on reading assessments increase 12% for students 6-8 who are meeting standard on the MSP.

The Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce made the decision this year to recognize a teacher PLC Team from each district rather than a single teacher to recognize the investment being made by all teachers to work together to support improved student learning and enhanced professional practice.

“SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE”
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the way. Continue to hold your public school system to the highest standard. Continue to invest in Washougal’s children. The staff is capable of preparing our students to step into any future they select, here at home or anywhere in the world their dreams lead them. The children will make you proud. Thank you for the best four years of my career.

Sincerely,
Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent

Thank you, retirees, for your years of service to Washougal!

Carol Baker, Human Resources Assistant

28 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “When I was a secretary at Gause and both of my sons would come to the office during their lunch times and check-in with me and give me a kiss. Judy Eckman, the other secretary, was amazed that my boys would kiss me without worrying what the other students may say.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “Lots of travel (starting with Australia in February), baseball games, and of course volunteering in our schools.”

Laura Bolt, Principal, Hathaway Elementary

42 years in education,

12 years with Washougal

Debbie Buchanan, English Teacher, WHS

44 years in education

40 years in Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “So many they are too numerous to list but two would be: 1) feeling a part of a very special staff, students and community that have become ‘my family, my children and my heart’, and 2) the graduation in hard hats when our school was under construction.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “I will ride every day I want to, and for the first time in 44 years not feel guilty about doing something because I haven’t corrected all the papers in my bag. (It always took me all summer vacation to finish the last comments on my AP summer work).”

Sue Conway, Kindergarten Teacher, Hathaway Elem.

36 years in education,

21 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “My favorite memories are the little ones. I think about the looks on the kids’ faces as they enter into the door of my classroom each day. I see the look of wonder and excitement as they anticipate our day. I will always remember how proud the kids were of something they created or something they did really well. Most vivid in my mind is what a fantastic group of teachers I have had the honor of working with. The teachers in my building truly care about each child and will

do everything they can to help a child experience success. Another favorite memory will be the notes I have received from the parents of the children I have worked with over these years. These heartfelt thank you notes have meant the world to me. A long lasting memory for me will be the remembrances of the progress the kids made over the course of only one year. I will think back to all of their little faces and smile.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “More time with my three granddaughters and one grandson. More football games, more campouts, more sleepovers and more Grandma time will help keep me busy. Mike and I caught the travel bug when we visited Iceland twice in the last couple of years. There are many more places to explore!”

Susie Donnelly, Social Studies/History Teacher, Jemtegaard MS

42 years in education,

23 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “One of my favorites was the amazing closeness we experienced as a staff team and with our students when we had blocked classes.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “NO ASSIGNMENT GRADING!!!! I also plan to hike, kayak, read things not written by or for 12-year-olds, and resume dabbling in poetry writing. Many thanks to all who have impacted my JMS years.”

Malcolm Estes, Teacher, Gause Elem.

34 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “MY favorite memories come from my being allowed to coach at the high school and teach at the grade school. It was always great to see former 5th grade students in a new situation. I got to see their growth from burgeoning pre-teens into awesome young adults. It's been wonderful to see so many young people become successful adults.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “To continue coaching and subbing to stay connected with kids. I also plan to travel and spend time with family and friends. I am hoping to develop new hobbies and continue learning.”

Kathy Evans, Special Ed. Teacher, Hathaway Elem.

20 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY:

“I have many fond memories of wonderful kids, families and staff. No one memory stands out, except maybe the crazy time in ‘Camp Hathaway’ when we were in portables by the high school while our building was remodeled. Freezing cold restrooms seemed designed so we would not linger, like that was a problem!”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “I dream of a trip to New Zealand to visit a college friend, time at our property on Whidbey Island, time with grandkids in Sherman Oaks, CA, daughter at Alta, UT, sister in Bend, OR, and did I mention lots of skiing!”

Molly Hayes, Social Worker, Hathaway Elem.

26 years in education,

23 years with Washougal

Linda Herrmann, English/ Language Arts teacher, Jemtegaard MS

34 years in education,

8 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “I will never forget how fortunate I have been to work in the world of education with the finest people I have ever met. I know I have been blessed.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “To celebrate every day, spend more time with my family, volunteer in my grandkid’s classrooms if they’ll let me, and learn something new!”

Ann Jendro, Secretary, WHS

28 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “I think it would be the satisfaction of truly helping a student, a parent or another staff person to get through a difficult situation or to solve a problem--those are the times you go home feeling like you made a difference that day.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “A little more traveling, being able to visit and spend time with my dad and our kids and grand-kids more often, doing some volunteer work, golfing more, riding my horses more, and taking up some of the hobbies I’ve had to set aside.”

Sandy Ladd, Receptionist, District Office

28 years with Washougal

Bonnie Larkin, Special Ed. Teacher, Gause Elem.

35 years in education,

26 years with Washougal

Kay Ritter, Secretary, WHS

22 years in Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “Working with Chris Wilde when our office was in an old school bus. We made jokes about painting flowers on it and getting a dog statue and chaining it by the door.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “My next journey is enjoying my husband and family, working in the yard, taking little adventures and listening to what God wants me to do.”

Marsha Spencer, CTE Director, WHS

37 years in education,

17 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “The relationships I have made with students and staff. You can’t put a price on that. I have made life long friendships here.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “I will do more traveling (we just booked a cruise to the Southern Caribbean). Also, I have 6 grandchildren so will be more available to spend time with them.”

Kathy Stanton, Librarian, Hathaway Elem.

18 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “I have many favorite memories. From my time at the high school during the remodel, listening to Gordon Washburn run band rehearsal from the library's temporary location on the old cafeteria stage, and Gordon shouting out to his students, ‘You can't notate swing!’...Organizing the planting of the courtyard garden...Forming and leading the Readers' Club, and all of our wonderful field trips to Powell’s...Learning Japanese as the facilitator of a distance learning class, and traveling to Japan as a chaperone for some of our students. From my time at Hathaway; Teaching our students how to find books in a library all by themselves...Starting a Student Library Assistant position for 5th graders...Singing with Kindergarteners...Purchasing books that support teachers in the classroom for the Susan Champion Memorial Fund. And

really, too many other good memories to share. I will take them all with me.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “I plan to sing, read, garden, travel, visit family, and play with my grandson!”

Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent

37 years in education,

4 years with Washougal

Ray Tufts, Teacher, WHS

37 years in education,

17 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “My first favorite memory is the job interview and the phone call offering me the job! My favorite student memories are seeing students light up with joy when their electric guitar worked!”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “To have a custom woodworking business as I will always have the passion to be creative in a wood shop. Boats, rocking chairs, guitars, just too much fun!”

Gordon Washburn, Assistant Principal, WHS

26 years with Washougal

FAVORITE WASHOUGAL MEMORY: “I remember the 6th grade class from my second year of teaching. They were always very close and seemed to really care for each other. As they got older, they only got closer as a group. I had not had a group before, or really since, that got along so well. I took them to Corvallis to a band festival when they were eighth graders, and they spent the entire day making a scrapbook for a girl that had gotten sick and couldn’t go. They were so excited to come to the high school. My memory of them was on graduation night when I came back to the band room and a group of girls were using yard sticks and coat hangers to “sweep” the top of the lights. I asked them what they were doing and they said that they had thrown pennies up on the lights the first day of their freshman year and they had promised each other that everyone would get one on graduation. We got a ladder and retrieved the pennies. At that moment I realized they had taught me that personal connections are the most important job as a teacher.”

RETIREMENT PLANS: “Marilyn and I will be in our ‘87 VW camper with the boat on top, looking for another adventure.”



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Upcoming Washougal School Board Meetings

August 11, District Board Room

August 25, District Board Room

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the District
Board Room, 4855 Evergreen Way, unless
otherwise noted. All are invited!