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Spring 2008

Class of 2008 members begin their journeys

261 class members graduated June 14

Ferndale High School's Class of 2008 began its journey with a graduation ceremony held June 14 at Civic Stadium in Bellingham.

A total of 261 class members graduated with 58 of those as honor graduates (3.5 grade point average or above). Twenty-one seniors were recognized as outstanding in their departments.

Class valedictorians are Irina Filimonova and Jill Hammack, salutatorian is Sandeep Gill, and class speakers are Ryan Brown, Chelsie Clark and Mary Grace Bandolon.

Filimonova will attend Whatcom Community College and Western Washington University with plans to major in early childhood education or health care.

Hammack will attend Corban College to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Gill plans to attend the University of California Santa Cruz in the fall pursuing a degree that will allow her to enter the field of social work.

Brown will enter Bellingham Technical College to become an instrument technician.

Clark plans to attend Eastern Washington University this fall enrolling in the dental hygiene program.

Bandolon will attend Western Washington University and plans to go into the field of education.

See pages 4-6 for more graduate information



Pictured l to r: Speaker Mary Grace Bandolon, Salutatorian Sandeep Gill, Speaker Ryan Brown, Valedictorian Jill Hammack and Valedictorian Irina Filimonova



Pictured l to r: Teacher Jerry Finkbonner and Chris Huber, Record-Journal Education Reporter

Finkbonner honored with Golden Apple Award

Eagleridge Elementary School Sixth Grade Teacher Jerry Finkbonner has been honored with the Golden Apple Award. Finkbonner has taught third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students during his 30 years with the district.

Finkbonner was selected based on his career-long commitment to the district and to promoting students enrichment for diversity.

Annually, the Record-Journal recognizes outstanding teachers who have made a difference in the educational and greater community.

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Principal Iwasaki accepts position with Meridian School District

Windward High School Principal and Teacher Jill Iwasaki will leave the district at the end of the 2007-08 school year. Iwasaki has been with the district since 1989.

Iwasaki has accepted the assistant principalship of Meridian High School. Congratulations, Jill, and all the best to you!

Teachers receive national certification



Pictured (l to r): Teacher on Special Assignment Ann Fulton; ConocoPhillips Regional Director of Communications & Public Affairs Jeff Callender; award recipients Sarah Wickham, Chris Perkins, Erin Riggins, Adam Goldstein; and Executive Director for Instructional Services Jim Gibson (not pictured Chelle Dunham)

Teachers Sarah Wickham (Skyline Elementary School), Erin Riggins (Ferndale High School), Adam Goldstein (Windward High School), Chelle Dunham (Vista Middle School) and Chris Perkins (Clearview High School) received their national board

certificates.

The five were honored at the school board meeting held May 30 with leucite awards. ConocoPhillips Regional Director Jeff Callender presented each teacher with a \$500 check to be used to purchase materials for their classrooms.

National Board for Professional Teacher Standards' program is a voluntary system for certifying teachers who meet high and rigorous standards.

Since 1987 more than 55,000 teachers have achieved National Board Certification.

Energy Education Program produces savings in first five months of operation

As a way of dealing with increasing energy costs, Ferndale School District last fall entered into a four-year contract with Energy Education, Inc. to help coordinate efforts to reduce the district's nearly \$1 million annual energy budget.

One of the keys of the program is to hire a part-time *Energy Manager* who works to implement the EEI program on a day-to-day basis. Tony Torretta, FHS agriculture science teacher, was hired in October to serve in this role. Torretta's main function is to implement the structures and polices developed by EEI. Torretta went through a rigorous three month training program with EEI to learn the steps of the EEI program and to help the district account for its energy use. The energy manager then works to increase accountability,

works cooperatively with the maintenance department, and provides education and energy management on a school-by-school basis since each of the district's buildings has differing levels of efficiency.

The EEI program, based out of Wichita Falls, Texas, is a comprehensive people-driven energy conservation program and does not require additional equipment or an increase in the energy budget. The program's success hinges on the development of an *energy ethic* within the district. Another major part of the EEI program is that there is no sacrifice in terms of student or staff comfort and there is strict adherence to the three "Ss" of the EEI program — students, security and safety. The program instead targets the areas and times in district schools that are unoccupied and thus reduces the

power and heat to those unoccupied areas. For example, teachers turn lights off when no one is using the room and use more natural light. In addition, the custodial staff only light/heat the areas of the buildings they need while working. During extended shutdown periods such as winter break, spring break and long weekends, the schools make sure to literally shut down everything possible.

The district's overall goal is to reduce its energy expenditures by 25% or \$250,000. From January to April of this year, the Energy Education Program has helped reduce the district's energy expenditures by more than \$78,000.

Ferndale is one of five districts in Washington that has implemented an energy conservation program through EEI.

For details about state assessment information visit the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction web site at www.k12.wa.us

For more information about Boys' and Girls' State contact: The American Legion Kulshan Post 154, Ferndale Mr. Richard Hartley, Evergreen Boys' & Girls' State Coordinator 360/384-7474 or visit the national legion website at: www.legion-aux.org

Ninety-six percent of seniors pass WASL

Of this year's Ferndale High School seniors, 96.2 percent have met a new, more rigorous state graduation requirement by demonstrating they have solid reading and writing skills. This level of attainment means the Class of 2008 and the educators who support them have made an incredible start. The Ferndale community has every reason to celebrate along with the Class of 2008.

Individual results for 9th, 10th and 11th graders who took the WASL this spring will be released June 16. Results for students in grades three through eight will be available later this summer.

The Class of 2008 is the first class that completed four requirements to graduate:

1. Passed state standards-based assessments (typically the WASL) or legislatively approved alternatives
2. Completed a High School and Beyond Plan
3. Completed a Culminating Project and
4. Earned sufficient credits (19 are required by the state, but

30 are required by Ferndale).

Ferndale School District maintains all records on student credits, projects and plans, and will not report final graduation data on the class of 2008 to the state until later this year. Evidence suggests that lack of credits, not the WASL, will be the biggest reason why some 12th graders may not graduate.

Many options exist for students not graduating this spring, whether they lack credits or need to demonstrate their reading and writing skills.

Because the school year technically ends August 31, 12th graders can still take the August WASL and graduate in their senior year. If they have taken the WASL at least once, they also may use an alternative option, such as SAT scores, to demonstrate their reading and/or writing skills. Beyond that, students have three free options:

1. Stay in high school
2. Enroll in a high school completion program on a community college campus
3. Continue in Running Start (a program that allows

eligible 11th and 12th grade students to take college classes tuition free and accrue both high school and college credits for those classes).

Ferndale High School provides an extensive amount of support available to students who have fallen behind and need more time. The crucial element is gaining the skills and knowledge to make sure that students are ready for what comes next.

The school district is proud that over 96 % of FHS seniors met the requirement, which consists of passing the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) or completing one of several alternatives. Ferndale's educators have made sure every student is well prepared for college, careers and citizenship, and these results show that hard work has paid off. Based on this year's results, we know that the students leaving our high school have the reading and writing skills they need to succeed in their lives, no matter what paths they choose.

Boys' & Girls' State teaches leadership Ferndale High sends four reps to Evergreen

Ferndale High School students Rachel Cascio, Holly Hobart, Conan Hirsch and Philip Lange will attend Evergreen Boys' and Girls' State this year at Central Washington University.

Boys' and Girls' State are sponsored nationwide by the American Legion and Auxiliary. It offers youth, who have completed their junior year of high school, training in practical citizenship, leadership, and to instill a working knowledge of the structure and operation of state government.

Student delegates participate

in classroom instruction and functional activities (learning by doing).

As an added bonus the University of Colorado system offers four elective, transferable college credits to high school students who successfully complete their week of instruction.

Ferndale's program is funded by the Ferndale American Legion Auxiliary. Expenses of lodging, meals and transportation are paid by the legion.



Pictured l to r: Conan Hirsch, Philip Lange, Rachel Cascio and Holly Hobart

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AAMOT, DALE EDWIN
ABADMONTESDEOCA, XITLALLI
ABALO, ARIANNA MARIE
AHO, CLAYTON ALLEN
ALLEN, TYLER ANTHONY
ALLEN, WARREN DANIEL
ANDRUSHENKO, TATIYANA KONSTANT
ARESTAD, CASSANDRA KAY*
ASBURY, JESSICA LEE
AYERS, KENNETH RYAN*
BALLEW, CHEYENE ADAM
BANDOLON, MARY GRACE*
BARRICK, JESSICA RENEE
BEHM, FELICIA AMELIA
BELLWARE, JORDAN
BELOUS, ALEKSANDR*
BELOUS, VLADISLAV*
BEZONA, ARI HENRY
BIRD, GARY WAYNE*
BLOMQUIST, TAYLOR LEE*
BOUCHARD, ZACHARY MICHAEL
BOWD, LAUREN DONNA
BOWEN, STEPHANIE ALICE
BRADY, AMY KATHRYN
BROWN, RYAN ADAM
BULGER, KATELYN JANAYE
BUNGER, JESSE LEE
BURROUS, JORDAN BEAU
BUTTON, JESSIE LYNN*
CARR, JORDAN MATHEW
CARTER, EDWARD LOUIS
CHINN, STEPHANIE LI STROM
CHRISTIE, ANNA ELIZABETH*
CICCHITTI, SARAH JOY
CLARK, BRETT A
CLARK, CHELSIE NIKELLE*
CLEES, DEANN CHRISTINE
COOPER, ALISON DIANE*
COX, MEGAN ANNE*
CRANE, EVAN KALER
CRIM, TAYLOR ROSS
DAVISON, BRIAN CHRISTOPHER
DELGADO, MATTHEW KRISTOPHER
DENNEY, ANGELA RUTH

DEPTUCH, APRIL LYNN
DERHGAWEN, ANJELIKA SUE
DERKACH, ANDRIS VLADIMIROVICH
DERKACH, MARINA VLADIMIROVNA*
DOESBURG, ELSEBETH
DONALDSON, SARAH KATHERINE*
DOUGLAS, JUSTIN ALEXANDER
DRAFS, LANCE A
EASTMAN, MELISSA SUE
EDSON, ELLIOTT KEITH
EGGERT, AMANDA MICHELE
ENGLESBERG, AMY MORSE*
ERICKSON, KAYLAN CLARE
FAIX, NICHOLAS DYLAN
FILIMONOVA, IRINA V*
FINCH, RICHARD LAMAN
FINKBONNER, JASON MATTHEW*
FLANAGAN, ADAM JOHN
FOSLIEN, SHAUN DANIEL
FOX, BENJAMIN DAVID
FRAY, MAURA ELIZABETH
GAIR, TRISTAN MICHAEL*
GAMMONSREESE, DANIEL FLYNN
GARDINER, EMMA
GARRISON, ALICIA DOMONIQUE
GASCON, LESLIE JOYE*
GILL, SANDEEP KAUR*
GREEN, CHANTEL ELIZABETH
GREEN, MELANIE RAE
GRIMSTAD, MICHAEL ALLEN*
GRISHCHUK, ALEX P
GUSTAFSON, JORDYN LEIGH*
HAMILTON, HAROLD SAMUEL
HAMMACK, JILL MARIE*
HANES, TREVER JAMES
HANSEN, KYLE DOUGLAS
HANSON, CABOT ALLEN*
HANSON, JEFFREY HOWARD
HANSON, TYLER DEAN
HARBINE, KYLE KEVIN*
HARLESS, CASSANDRA LEANNE
HART, SHELBY BROOKE*
HATTERY, ROBYN DESIREE
HAYNIE, MAGHAN LEE

HEMPLE, MEGAN NOEL
HERNANDEZ, DANIEL EDMUNDO
HERNANDEZ, JOCSAN ISAI
HICKS, CRYSTAL ROSE
HILL, BRYNN MICHELLE*
HOELZLE, ANDREW MICHAEL*
HONRUD, JENNIFER MARIE
HUNT, AMANDA JANE*
HUSTOFT, OLIVIA JOY
IVY, KAILEY ANNE
JAMES, AMALIA LADEAN
JEFFERS, SHAYLA
JOHNSON, EVAN ALAN
KASKO, VADIM YAKOVICH*
KAYS, ERIN MARIE
KAZANTSEVA, ANNA SERGEEVNA
KELSEY, ALYSA M*
KELTON, ASHLEY CHANEL*
KENNEDY, AMY MARIE
KICEINA, ANNA BRYN
KIM, VIKTORIYA*
KIRSCHERMAN, DEANA MARIE
KOEHN, CODY LEE*
KOPIS, RANDY WILLIAM
KRANZ, HANNAH ROSE
KUKSENKO, VLADIMIR YURYEVICH
LAFEEN, JESSICA LYNN
LAMBERT, BRANDON ADLORE
LANE, ALYSSA IRENEE
LARRABEE, JUSTIN WILLIAM
LAUX, SAMANTHA ERIN
LERVIK, DAVID MICHAEL
LINDBORG, KYNA MICHELLE
LINDSAY, BRITTANY DAWN
LINN, DUNCAN STEWART*
LITOVCHENKO, DASHA*
LITOVCHENKO, IRINA M*
LOCKER, ALYSSA MARIA
LONG, BRYAN ALEXANDER
LONG, MARISSA JOY*
LOOMER, ALEXIS NICOLE*
LOUDON, JESSA BRIANNE*
LYKINS, MICHAEL BRUCE
MADER, KEITH AR

Class Motto—*A journey of one thou*

Class of 2008 Graduates

MALLAHAN, JAKE MICHAEL
MALLARD, MOSIE LEE
MARTIN, JESSICA ELIZABETH
MARTINELL, RACHEL ALIDA LUCIA*
MARTINEZ, LEIDIS LAURA
MARTINEZ, TESSA ANN*
MAXWELL, ALEXIS ORMISTON
MAYOCK, GARRETT PAUL
MCCLOY, MADDIE MALORI
MCKAY, KYLE DOUGLAS
MCLEAN, ASHLEY NICOLE
MEJORADO, MELISSA SUE
MELCHER, COLE EUGENE
MELCHER, CRUZ MICHAEL
MILLER, MICHAEL LEE
MILLER, NICHOLE KRISTINE
MONTGOMERY, KATIE ANNABEL*
MORELL, PAUL THOMAS
MORELLO, JOSEPH EDWARD
MORENO, JOSEPH DANTE
MORENO, ZACHARY TYLER
MORVEE, JASON PATRICK
MUDER, CHASE WILLIAM
MUSTAPPA, TYLER JEFFREY
NELSON, BENJAMIN HOWARD
NELSON, CARL RICHARD
NEWMAN, CARLEIGH ASHTON
NICOLAAS, GARY STEVEN
NOLTE, CODY MICHAEL
OBRIEN, ANGELA JOYCE
OCONNOR, FRANCIS LEO
PARKER, LINDSEY NICOLE*
PARTINGTON, ELIZABETH MARGARET*
PATTERSON, MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER
PEARSON, PAIGE MARIE
PENNY, MEGHAN DAWN
PETERSON, KEVIN BRADLEY
PETTY, SEBASTIAN YAO
PHAIR, BOBBI JEAN
PIERRE, ALISHA ANETTE
PLATA, KYLE JOHN
POTTER, DEBBIE LIANE
PUGMIRE, BRIAN JAMES*
PURTEE, BJ

QU, JOHNSON
QUALEY, SYDNEY MARIE
QUANZ, JORDAN RILEY
QUINTEROAGUILAR, JAMIE
QUIST, MARY JENESSA
RAUCH, TRAVIS TAYLER
REDELINGHUIS, JOLINDIE
REESE, TYLER KALANITOMA
REEVES, APRIL LYNN
REIMER, LAUREN ASHLEY
REISER, JASON LEON
REISER, MONIQUE ANGLIQUE
REYNOLDS, AMANDA LEIGH
RICE, NOLAN STEVEN
RICH, LAURA ELIZABETH
RICHEY, BRIAN DANIEL
ROBINSON, GERATH WAYNE
RODRIGUEZ, ROSALINDA
ROMERO, RENEE NICOLE
ROORDA, MCKENZIE RAE
RUBRIGHT, JUSTIN DANIEL
RUPP, VALERIE AUGUST
RUSSELL, JESSICA RAE
SANDERS, BREANNA LEE
SANDILANDS, RACHEL KARA
SCHOENMAKERS, DAVID J LOUIS
SCINOCCO, MEGAN RANDI
SCOTT, HANNAH ELIZABETH
SEIGMAN, MARCUS DARWIN
SELBY, ASHLEY LYNN
SHANNON, KEEGAN BRIAN
SIGURDSON, KATIE LYNN*
SINGH, INDERPAL
SMALL, CHEYANNE DANIELLE
SMALL, MEGHAN JULIA*
SMITH, MIC
SMITH, SARENA WANDA
SOWERS, BENJAMIN LEE
SPRINGSTEAD, TIFFANY MARIE
STEPRO, MEGAN LEE
STIVERS, TAMALA CORRINE
STOCK, LORISSA NOELLE
STUIT, KENNETH RAY
SUTTON, AMANDA SUE

TATOM, STEPHANIE MARIE
TETREAULT, HANNAH BETH
THAI, MY HOANG
THOMAS, KYLE ZACHARIS
THOMAS, LAUREN SOPHIE
THOMAS, TIMOTHY TYRONE
TILLOTSON, MICHAEL GREGORY
TOBEY, HOLLY CARMEL
TONER, ASHLEY MARIE
TORBERGSON, MICHAEL
TREMBLAY, JON ALLEN*
TREMBLAY, MICHAEL BRENT
TROMBURG, MEAGAN CESILY*
TUTTLE, KAYLA MARIE
UMBAUGH, QUINTON JOHN
USERY, NICOLE ALYSE
VALDEZ, JAZANIA
VANDERYACHT, JORDAN MYKOL*
VANWEERDHUIZEN, JENESSA ANN
VARGASRODRIGUEZ, JESSICA
VELASQUEZ, CRISTINA MEJIA
VENEMA, KAYLA MARIE
VIERA, SARAH ANNJANETTA*
VIETZ, BENNY AARYN
WARBUS, KRISTINA RENEE
WASHINGTON, JAMES CHESTER
WATSON, ELIJAH DREW
WELLSNELSON, SHAUNA MARIE
WESTHOFF, ECHO MICHELLE
WHITEHEAD, WHITNEY TAYLOR JADE
WILLIAMS, LAUREN
WILLIAMS, MARC ALAN
WILLIS, MATTHEW RYAN
WILSON, JAIME RENAE
WOOD, KURTIS EDWARD
WOODWORTH, HANNAH MARIE*
WRIGHT, DEVAN EDWARD
YOUNG, ALEXANDRA MARIE
YOUNG, KATRINA MAUREEN
ZANIN, ANTHONY MICHAEL*
ZOLLNER, THERESA LOUISE

*Honor Graduates

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Class of 2008 Community Scholarship Recipients

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| Jamie Vermeulen Memorial | Marissa Long |
| Chelsey Ebert Memorial | Chelsie Clark, Alyssa Locker |
| Karen Wilkerson Memorial/Sodexo | Chantel Green, Tyler Hanson |
| ConocoPhillips/Whatcom Community College Foundation... | Dasha Litovchenko |
| Phyllis and Charles Self/Whatcom Community College Foundation... | Irina Filimonova |
| Tenaska | Amy Englesberg, Cody Nolte, Duncan Linn, Tristan Gair, Hannah Woodworth, Sara Viera, Anna Christie, Jill Hammack, Katie Montgomery, Olivia Hustoft |
| Harley Owners Group-HOG | Andrew Hoelzle |
| Ferndale High School Alumni | Jessie Button, Tristan Gair, Vadim Kasko, Ashley Kelton, Duncan Linn, Alyssa Locker, Katie Montgomery, Lindsey Parker, Meghan Small, Sarah Viera |
| Ferndale Education Association | Vadim Kasko, Katie Montgomery |
| Ferndale Association of Administrative Assistants... | Katie Montgomery, Johnson Qu, Katie Sigurdson |
| Mt. View PTO | Tristan Gair, Paige Pearson |
| Eagleridge PTO | Chelsie Clark, Emma Gardiner, Jordyn Gustafson, Sarah Viera |
| Central PTO | Katie Sigurdson |
| Custer PTO | Katie Montgomery, Johnson Qu, Lauren Reimer, Meagan Tromburg |
| North Bellingham PTO | Anna Christie |
| Skyline PTO | Jessie Button, Olivia Hustoft, Duncan Linn, Anthony Zanin |
| Sally Soderlund Memorial/Christ Lutheran Pre-School... | Duncan Linn, Anthony Zanin, Alyssa Locker |
| Ferndale High School Fine and Performing Arts... | Lauren Bowd, Amy Englesberg |
| Roy Bentley Performing Arts | Paige Pearson |
| Ferndale Band Boosters | Duncan Linn, Keith Mader |
| Jerry Boykin Memorial | Kyle McKay, Paige Pearson |
| Alex P. Trymofiew | Bobbi Phair |
| Thomas Wynn | Alyssa Locker |
| PEO | Ashley Kelton |
| Intalco | Jon Tremblay |
| Dick Rightmire Memorial | Jon Tremblay |
| FFA Boosters | Jon Tremblay, Dale Aamot, Ken Stuite, Felicia Behm, Vadim Kasko |
| Dollars for Scholars | Lauren Bowd, Irina Filimonova, Jason Finkbonner, Emma Gardiner, Shelby Hart, Duncan Linn, Johnson Qu, Sarah Viera |
| Linda and Gerald Parker Foundation | Hannah Woodworth |
| Samuel's Furniture | Olivia Hustoft |
| Record-Journal | Sarah Viera |
| Ferndale Kiwanis Youth | Shelby Hart |
| Earnest Johnson Memorial | Meagan Tromburg |



Class Speaker and Scholarship Recipient Chelsie Clark

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Parent information

School begins September 3

Following are the dates when offices of district schools will close for the summer and reopen for the 2007-08 school year:

Mountain View Elementary
Closes June 26
Reopens August 21

Windward High
Closes June 25
Reopens August 21

North Bellingham Elementary
Closes June 24
Reopens August 20

Clearview High
Closes June 23
Reopens September 3

Skyline Elementary
Closes June 30
Reopens August 21

Horizon Middle
Closes June 30
Reopens August 18

Vista Middle
Closes June 30
Reopens August 18

Ferndale High
Closes June 30
Reopens August 14

Beach Elementary
Closes June 29
Reopens August 26

Central Elementary
Closes June 27
Reopens August 27

Custer Elementary
Closes June 27
Reopens August 27

Eagleridge Elementary
Closes June 30
Reopens August 18

Kindergartners and students new to the district should register for school directly at their neighborhood school. If unsure as to which school your child would attend, please call 360/383-9207 or 383-9236.

A reminder that kindergarten students must be five years old prior to September 1.

District administrative offices will remain open for normal operating hours during the summer, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2008-09 School Year Calendar at a Glance

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| September | 3 | First Day of School |
| November | 27-28 | Thanksgiving Break, No School |
| December/January | 22-2 | Winter Break, No School |
| January | 5 | School Resumes |
| February | 13-16 | Presidents' Day Weekend No School |
| April | 6-10 | Spring Break, No School |
| June | 16 | Last day of school |
| | 17-23 | Snow Make-up Days |

Back-to-School Extravaganza

The Third Back-to-School Extravaganza will be held Thursday, August 28, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at

Vista Middle School. Qualifying families can visit the resource fair to receive school supplies and sign-up for: clothing for children kindergarten through grade five, health

care, dental screenings, English language learner classes and other community services. **For more information please contact the Readiness to Learn Coordinator at 360/383-9424**

Immunizations required for school attendance

To ensure that children are protected against a number of childhood diseases, Washington State law requires that all children admitted to public and

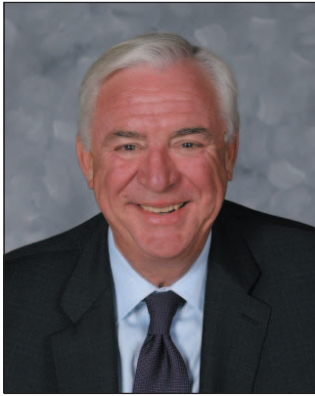
private schools be immunized (or be in the process of receiving immunizations) against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP and DT), polio (OPV or IPV),

measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), and hepatitis B as appropriate. Parents should consult with their family physician.

| GRADE | Varicella (Chicken Pox) | DTaP / Tdap / DT / Td | POLIO (IPV or OPV) | MMR | HEPATITIS B |
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| Kindergarten (ages 4-6) | 2 doses given on or after the 1st birthday OR parent reported history of the disease | 4 doses DTaP if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday | | | |
| Grade 1-2 (ages 6-7) | 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday OR parent reported history of the disease | 3 doses DTaP or DT if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday | 4 doses if all doses are given before the 4th birthday | 2 doses 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday | 3 doses 2nd dose must be given 1-3 months after the 1st dose |
| Grades 3-5 (ages 7-10) | Not Required | | 3 doses if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday | 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days after the 1st dose | 3rd dose must be given at least 2 months after the 2nd dose |
| Grade 6 (ages 11-12) | 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday OR parent reported history of the disease | 3 doses DTaP, DT or Td if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and 1 dose Tdap if student is 11 years old and if it has been at least 5 years since the last DTaP, DT or Td | | | 3rd dose must be given at least 4 months after the 1st dose |
| Grade 7 (ages 12-13) | | | | | |
| Grades 8-11 (ages 13-16) | | | | | |
| Grade 12 (ages 17-18) | Not required | 3 doses DTaP, DT or Td if the last dose is given on or after the 4th birthday Tdap may substitute for 1 of the 3 doses | | | Not required |

For more information about immunizations call Department of Health at 866/397-0337 or visit www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize

Superintendent's message



Dr. Roger Lehnert

Dear Community Member,

The Class of 2008 has graduated and we wish them well and hope they will find success and be contributors to a better world. Washington's Class of 2008 is the first class that had to meet high standards in reading and writing in order to graduate. To their credit, over 90% of our state's graduating seniors passed the Washington Assessment of Student Learning in reading and writing.

A special credit goes to all of our staff who guided and taught them over the years. With shrinking state support,

our teachers and others did a fantastic job of educating students at all levels.

You have read a lot about school districts across our state reducing staff and trimming programs. It is instructive to note that in 1993 we ranked 11th in state funding for education. Today our national rank is 46th. When compared to other states, our average class size ranks about 45th. The state's definition for basic education is 30 years old and many of our funding formulas are 30 years old.

We continue to pay basic education costs out of our local levy dollars which is patently unconstitutional and thus illegal. The under/unfunded mandates continue to be paid by local levy dollars. It should be to no one's surprise that we are on a collision course that has been years in the making.

We have been busy working on school boundaries. Our challenge has been to prepare for future growth and where it will happen. The City of Ferndale has been most helpful

in sharing that information.

Our second challenge has been to reduce the size of most of our schools in a way that reduces transfer students and maintains the integrity of the neighborhood school. Along with that, we wanted to find more permanent spaces for programs which all too often are moved because of lack of space.

Shortly, we will begin to share with you those changes. We believe the impacts will be minimal and make a lot of sense. Obviously, high on our priority list was to reduce the size of some of our very large schools. I believe we did that.

Cascadia is moving along very well. A lot of work is being done inside and once the weather improves a lot of the exterior work will accelerate. The eternal question we face is obvious and is *will we make it on time*. We should have that answer in several weeks time. Continue to watch our website at www.ferndale.wednet.edu. We will also be using other avenues to communicate with you. Your principal also has the

latest updates.

Some reminders are in order. Our kindergarten registrations are about 40 students ahead of last year. If you have not registered your child please be sure to do so. Most elementary offices will be open until June 27.

If you will be moving elsewhere please let the school know. It helps them in transferring records and in creating accurate class lists.

All of us wish you a great summer. Enjoy the time with family. Remember, school starts September 3.

Best wishes and thanks for your support. We deeply appreciate it.

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