

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Toucan Flyer



January/February 2017



Dear Woodside Families:

Happy February! The month of Valentine's Day, American Heart month, Black History month, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, President's Day, Groundhog's Day, National Random Acts of Kindness month, the Grammy Awards, the Academy Awards, and even a Super Bowl. If you need a reason to celebrate something, February has you covered.

In past articles, I've provided information on academic topics in the Toucan Flyer. This month it occurred to me that you might also be interested in what goes on at recess.

Every day after lunch our students go outside for a twenty-minute recess. If it's raining the children are in our large covered play area, if the weather is extremely severe we have an inside recess plan. In addition, each grade level has their own 10-minute recess.

Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Schuldt and Mrs. Ouderkirk are the playground supervisors and they have the responsibility of ensuring our students stay safe during recess. They also try to make sure the children enjoy themselves and that the game rules are being followed fairly. They wear orange vests so the children can quickly find them, and carry two-way radios so they can communicate with each other and with the office.

Mrs. Jensen, our counselor and Mrs. Moskat, Woodside's vice principal have created books detailing how students should safely use the playground equipment and behave during recess. The classroom teachers used the books to teach appropriate recess behavior at the beginning of the year.

During recess children climb on the large playground toys. They check out balls and organize themselves into teams to play games such as basketball and soccer. Some students spend the time talking with friends, and others walk or run on the field for exercise. To ensure that students know what and how to play during the recess period, we involve all K-5 students in a playground training during the first part of the school year.

The overwhelming majority of our students do an excellent job of following the rules and play safely each and every day. However, if there is a problem, students are first asked to stop the inappropriate behavior and are reminded of the rules. If the behavior continues they are given a consequence, such as a time out, which might mean walking at a supervisor's side, or standing on the wall for a while. Additional instances of inappropriate behavior may result in the student being sent inside to

relearn the appropriate rules and procedures, and/or be given other consequences. Of course, egregious behavior of any kind results in an immediate office referral.

When a student is referred to me, the first thing I do is investigate. I ask each student individually to tell me what happened and I speak to witnesses. Through the years, I've found almost every student to be honest, understanding of the behavioral expectations and the reasons for them.

At Woodside we are fortunate to have a safe and civil playground. Thank you for sending us such well-behaved children! If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to call the school at (425) 385-7800.

Warm regards,

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs, *Woodside Principal*
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The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

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Stay Safe, Own Your Own Actions, Always be a Leader, Respect Others and Yourself! S.O.A.R!

From Your Assistant Principal...



Dear Woodside Families,

In July of 2016, the State of Washington changed the school attendance law for elementary students. This law has impacted our students and families at Woodside because the new law addresses both excused and unexcused absences. The changes include:

- Students who have 5 or more excused absences in a month, or 10 or more excused absences in a year will be required to schedule a meeting or phone conference with the school to discuss attendance barriers and any necessary support.
- Exceptions to this new requirement are if a family provides prior written notice of absence or a note from a doctor.

This new law means that if your student has 5 more excused absences in a month you will be invited to meet or talk on the phone with staff here at Woodside. If you would like to learn about this new law, you can read more at: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=28A.225.018> .

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Thank you for your support,

Marguerite M. Moskat, *Assistant Principal*
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WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To report your child's absence from school:

24 hr phone line: 425.385.7805

Email: Woodsideattendance@everettsd.org

For absences due to vacations, please complete a Planned Absence Form. Forms are available in the office or on our school website.



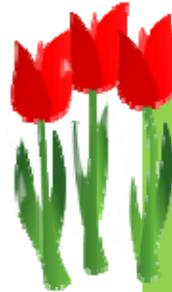
**Tip: Cut out this business card and put it on your fridge for quick reference. Or save this information in your contacts!*

Calendar

February



- 16th Choir Concert 1:45 and 7:00 pm
- 20th – 21st No school, Mid Winter Break
- 23rd Stem Fair 6-7
- 24th Popcorn Friday/Mustache Day
- 27th PTA Meeting 7pm



April

- 3rd-7th Spring Break
- 14th Variety Show Tryouts 1:30 – 4:00
- 17th PTA Meeting 7pm
- 27th 1st Grade concert 7pm
- 21st Variety Show Rehearsal 1:30-3:30
- 28th Popcorn Friday/Twin Day
- 28th Variety Show Rehearsal 1:30-3:30
- 28th – 30th State PTA Convention, SeaTac Hilton

March



- 9th Multicultural Night 6-7:30:00
- 20th PTA meeting 7pm
- 23rd 4th Grade Concert Washington: Our Evergreen State 1:45 and 7:00 pm
- 24th Early Release (2 ½ hours)
- 27th – 31st Conference Week (early release 2 ½ hours)
- 31st Popcorn Friday/Book Character Day

**Please note that dates are subject to change*



Lost and Found!

Please check our lost and found if you are at school, or ask your student to. We are overflowing!

Lost and Found is in the cafeteria.

Music With Mrs. Hill.....

What's happening in music this January and February?

To start the New Year we have been learning different dances from around the world in music class to share at Multicultural Night. It has been so much fun discussing various cultures, dances, music, and traditions as we practiced! Here are the dances and times that we are looking forward to sharing with you at Multicultural Night on Thursday, March 9th:

- K (6:10-6:20PM): Shoemaker Dance from Denmark
- 1st (6:20-6:30PM): Hukilau from Hawaii
- 2nd (6:30-6:45PM): Raas stick dance from India
- 3rd (6:55-7:10PM): Kunghsi-ni from China
(for the Chinese New Year)
- 5th (7:10-7:25PM): 'T Smidje European Circle Dance



In 5th Grade we have been working on identifying and performing time signatures as we learn how beats are grouped in music. Later this month we will begin studying instruments of the orchestra and instrument families (woodwind, brass, strings, and percussion) as we discuss what instruments are available to play in 6th grade next year.

4th Grade has been preparing for their *Washington; The Evergreen State* Concert, which will be on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00PM! As the students have been rehearsing the concert songs, they are not only learning about Washington History through music, but also developing and practicing important 4th grade musical concepts and skills including: recorder playing, two-part singing, dynamics, musical form, and the importance and meaning of song lyrics.

3rd Graders have been reading music from the staff using absolute pitch names A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The letters that go with the lines on the staff are E, G, B, D, and F (**E**very **G**ood **B**oy **D**oes **F**ine). The letters that go with the spaces are F, A, C, and E (**F**ACE). Reading music from the staff is an important musical skill that we will be using next month when we begin recorders!

2nd Grade has been working on reading, writing, and performing la-sol-mi patterns on the music staff. Later this month we will begin studying *Peter and the Wolf* as we learn about instrument families (woodwind, brass, strings, and percussion) and individual instruments.

The 1st Graders are practicing reading, writing, and performing sol and mi patterns on the music staff. Ask your child to sing a song using *sol-mi*, or if they can write a pattern for you on the music staff using *sol-mi*. The 1st graders also began working on reading, writing, and performing our new rhythms ta and ti-ti.

The Kindergarteners are working on keeping a steady beat as they continue to learn new songs and singing games. As you listen to music in the car or at home, ask your kindergartner to find the beat!

To help reinforce music at home, please always encourage your child to show you new or favorite songs from music class! The more each student practices at home, the more progress they will make in music class!

Recorders begin in MARCH for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders!

In 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, we begin playing recorders in March. A note will be sent home this month explaining when the students need to start bringing their recorders to music class, or how a recorder can be purchased if your child does not already own one. If you are not able to purchase a recorder, school recorders are available for use during music class. Learning recorder is an important part of the music curriculum since it reinforces all of our musical skills and concepts, while also preparing students for further musical study in band or orchestra!

Congratulations Snohomish Honor Choir Members!

Sixteen 3/4 split, 4th, and 5th grade choir members were selected to be a part of the Snohomish Honor Choir: Alexandra Balan, Anton Nelson, Austyn Davis, Cade Stephens, Charlie Warner, Eden Ngo, Gavin Bineau, Icess Prieto, Imogen MacIntosh, Jamie Konen, Kendall Shank, Larysa Bocanegra, Macahila Hinnenkamp, Sadie Kreutz, Tristan LePage, and Wendy Delgado. The students will spend the next two months working hard to prepare their music. The concert will be Monday, April 17th at 7:00PM at the Everett Civic Auditorium. We would love to see you there!

Upcoming Music Events:

Choir Concert

Thursday, February 16th 1:45PM and 7:00PM

Choir final rehearsal/breakfast party!

Tuesday, February 28th 7:10AM-8:10AM

4th Grade Concert: Washington; The Evergreen State

Thursday, March 23rd 1:45PM and 7:00PM

Snohomish Honor Choir (Select 3/4 split, 4th, and 5th grade choir students)

Monday, April 17th 7:00PM at the Everett Civic Auditorium

1st Grade Concert: Old McDonald Had a Farm

Thursday, April 27th 1:45PM and 7:00PM

3/4 Split and 3rd Grade Recorder Concert

Thursday, May 25th 1:45PM and 7:00PM



To keep up to date on music events and concerts make sure to regularly check the music website!

<http://www.everettsd.org/woe-thill>

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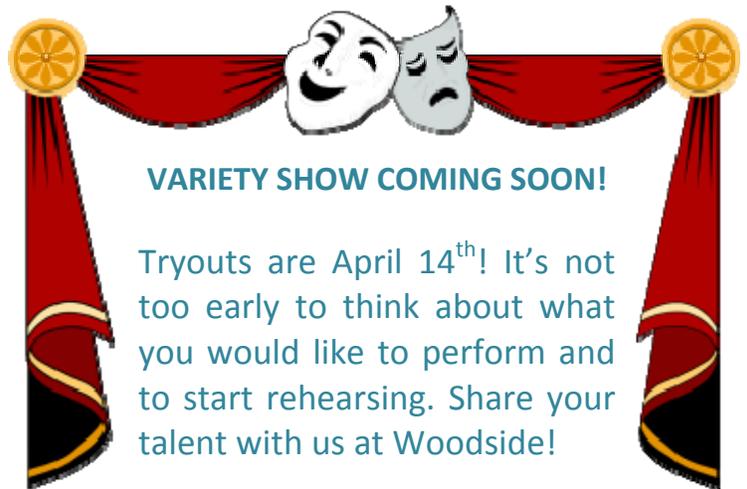
From Your PTA!!



We are looking for someone to fill the positions of **PTA President** and **Book Fair Chair** next year. Both positions are great for two people to share, also! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at info@woodsidepta.com.



Upcoming March Contest! Students will be working to collect Box Tops for the month of March. The class from each grade level that collects the most Box Tops will receive a prize. Help your students by saving those Box Tops! The money from Box Tops goes right back into the school! You will receive more information soon that will come home with your student. Let's show some Woodside spirit!



VARIETY SHOW COMING SOON!

Tryouts are April 14th! It's not too early to think about what you would like to perform and to start rehearsing. Share your talent with us at Woodside!

Who's Reading



Woodside Elementary will be running a 2017 Reading-Raiser from March 6th to March 31st. A Reading-Raiser is like a jog-a-thon, except your child will be reading books instead of running laps, and earning pledges based on how much they read. Everything is tracked online, which makes inviting sponsors and logging your reading much easier! Keep an eye out for your students login information to come home in the next couple of weeks!

WOODSIDE PTA FUNDRAISING

There are many ways you can help the Woodside PTA raise money, and we appreciate every amount! If you have any questions, please email info@woodsidepta.com. Please feel free to share this information with your family and friends!



www.BTFE.com

Earn box tops for Woodside by shopping at your favorite stores, or even by playing games!

Once you create your account and select Woodside as your school, click on the 'Earn' link to explore the many ways you can earn. You can also clip the box tops coupons off of products you buy in the store and send them in. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to Woodside.



Register eligible cards with the eScrip program, and select merchants will contribute with each purchase! Participants include Safeway, Bartell's, and many others.



Matching Donations – Many local employers (including Microsoft and Boeing) will match your volunteer time with Cash paid to the PTA.

Check with your employer to see if this benefit is offered.



Get milk and dairy products delivered right to your door, and help Woodside in the process! Sign up for new service, and mention Woodside Elementary as your referrer and PTA as your promo code, and Smith Brothers will donate \$20 to PTA.



Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Woodside, and all of your future purchases will result in a donation to our school.



Start all your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com, and .5% of all your purchases will be donated to Woodside. To sign up, search for Woodside PTA Everett Council 7 3 57 to select as your Charitable Organization while registering.

Clip and collect Tyson Project A+ labels from Tyson packages – Tyson will pay Woodside 24 cents for each one!



Join Red Robin Royalty and help our school earn some cheddar! Members get a free birthday burger, every 10th item free, and more!



Visit redrobin.com/betterschools for more information.

Mrs. Jensen's Counselor's Corner...

Toucans Practice Kindness

Woodside Toucans are learning about empathy, problem-solving, and practicing kindness toward others. In January, students and staff participated in the Great Kindness Challenge where they worked on a list of acts of kindness. Did you notice a difference at home? Intermediate students are practicing kindness in their classrooms by being "bucket fillers", building a "kindness chain", and being reading buddies of younger students. Many primary students are learning how to solve problems with their friends using Kelso's Conflict Resolution wheel and Second Step strategies. Students have another opportunity to practice kindness on Valentine's Day this year by remembering to include all classmates in their well wishes. I hope we can continue to make Woodside a kind place to spend our days.



Mrs. Anne Jensen
Woodside School Counselor

(The following article was written by: Kayla Marston, M.Ed., Elm Street School Counselor)

Teaching Kindness Reduces Bullying

Instead of teaching children what NOT to do, teaching them what they CAN do is important to create change. Teaching and encouraging kindness is related to many of the following positive outcomes:

- Happy children! There is a natural good feeling that results when we do an act of kindness, even if it's small. Happy and compassionate children do not have a need to bully others.
- Higher self-esteem. The "helper's high" that comes from endorphins in our brains when we do something kind increases our sense of belonging. Children will feel like they can have a true impact on their environment.
- More friends. Feeling like they are accepted and liked by peers is usually very important to children of all ages. Kindness increases our connections with other people on a deeper level.
- Improved academic success. The feel-good effects of being kind help increase children's concentration and memory, which greatly impacts learning.
- Better mental health. Acts of kindness increase serotonin levels, the natural brain chemical that improves mood. Have a consistently unhappy child? Encourage them to look outside themselves and be kind to someone else.

For more information about why kindness is important, check out this article:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-kindness-essential-reduce-bullying-lisa-currie>

In the Computer Lab...

Here's a snapshot of what students are doing in the computer lab in February/March:

Kindergarten: February in the computer lab focuses on kindness, friendship, and feelings. This prepares them for digital citizenship and cyberbullying lessons they will learn about in the older grades. Plus, research indicates that students in Kindergarten who show empathy and kindness are more likely to become adults who are happier and experience greater job success later on in life! Students will also continue with computer lessons that teach various mouse skills, clicking and dragging, and early keyboarding.

1st Grade: Students are starting the keyboarding program Type to Learn 4. They have access to it at home. If you would like to download the program onto your PC or Mac, please go to the bottom of the Woodside homepage for instructions. The most important thing they need to learn to do at the beginning is learn to place their hands at "home row". Ask your child to show you!

2nd Grade: Students have been accessing Google Classroom and learning how to use Google Docs. They will begin a word processing/writing unit called TechnoStories to write stories using Google Docs and learn how to edit their documents. They will also be accessing online activities about balance and motion to support the science unit they are studying in their regular classroom.

3rd Grade: 3rd graders have been engaged in Digital Citizenship lessons about protecting private information and ways to stay safe online. They learned about what makes a strong password and changed their district login ID to a private password. Please have your student share their new password with you! 3rd graders will soon be introduced to PowerPoint to put together a presentation about U.S. Presidents. Embedded in the lessons are presentation and speaking skills.

4th Grade: Mrs. Hill, our fabulous Music teacher, and I have been collaborating on the 4th grade WA State concert. Students have been researching WA industries, tourism, Native American Indian tribes, and colleges and universities. They are taking their research notes and creating brochures using the Microsoft Publisher program! These brochures will be on display during the evening concert. Be sure to look for your child's brochure after the concert on March 23rd!

5th Grade: 5th graders have been learning about how to pause and think when they are online so they can be careful about their digital footprints. Included in the lessons are being careful about personal and private information and digital citizenship, including cyberbullying.

They have also been working on a project to research one innovation or invention that made a significant contribution to society or improved people's lives in some way. Through this project, they are learning online researching skills such as using split screens, keywords to search effectively, citing sources and giving proper credit, and evaluating whether online information is valid and accurate. These will be important skills for them to learn as they look towards middle school success!



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This is a friendly reminder that you are not to leave your car unattended in the pick-up and drop-off lane. This lane is a drive-thru lane. If you need to leave your vehicle, please park in the parking lot or on the main road.

Thank you!

Spring & Summer Registration Opens on Monday, March 6th with Mill Creek Recreation Department. Upcoming classes include: Soccer, Art, Dance, Gymnastics, Babysitting Safety, and many more! Visit www.cityofmillcreek.com/recreation or call 425-551-7254 for the current schedule of classes.



Multicultural Family Night

Thursday, March 9th

6:00-7:30 pm

Woodside Gym & Cafeteria

We would like to invite all families to participate and enjoy an evening of meeting and sharing our community's cultures.

Food, music, hands-on activities, performances, decorations, photo booth, demonstrations, cultural dress, and more.

**Arriba la
Globalización!**



Let's Go Global!

Noche Familiar

Comida, música, manualidades, actuaciones, decoraciones, caseta de fotos, demostraciones, trajes típicos, y mucho más.

Multicultural

Jueves, 9 de marzo

6:00-7:30 pm

Gimnasio y Cafetería Woodside

Invitamos a todas las familias a participar y disfrutar de una noche de reunión y compartir nuestras culturas en la comunidad.

Everett School District News...

Is your family vaccinated against mumps?

The number of mumps cases in Washington state is on the rise. Learn more about mumps and how you can best protect your family from this infectious disease on the Washington State Department of Health website.

If your child isn't current on their MMR immunizations, they may be excluded from school if there is a case of mumps at their school.

To get the vaccine, contact your healthcare provider. Or, call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588 to find other vaccination locations.

Free tax preparation

United Way certified volunteers offer FREE tax preparation at several locations in Everett and throughout Snohomish County for families who made less than \$64,000 in 2016. Call 2-1-1 or visit the United Way website for more information.

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our School Performance Report is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under QuickLinks for a link to OSPI Washington State School Report Card.) At

that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Are you registered to vote?

Students studied Dr. King's legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under QuickLinks on the district website or pick up a paper registration form in your school office.

Kindergarten registration

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2017? Registration for 2017-18 is open.

FREE full-day kindergarten is available at all district elementary schools.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

Happenings Around Woodside...



Congratulations to our Woodside students who participated in Reflections this year! First place winners were **Anton Nelson** (Literature), **Hannah Havens** (Visual Arts) **Julia Manring** (Literature), and **Arden Kaylor** (Visual Arts). Honorable Mention went to **Kendall Shank** (Visual Arts), **Rylee Northall** (Visual Arts), **Suki Kvernenes** (Visual Arts), and **Willem Wolters** (Visual Arts).

In addition, **Hannah Haven's** entry will be moving on to the state competition. Way to go Hannah! (Pictured with her Visual Arts entry.)

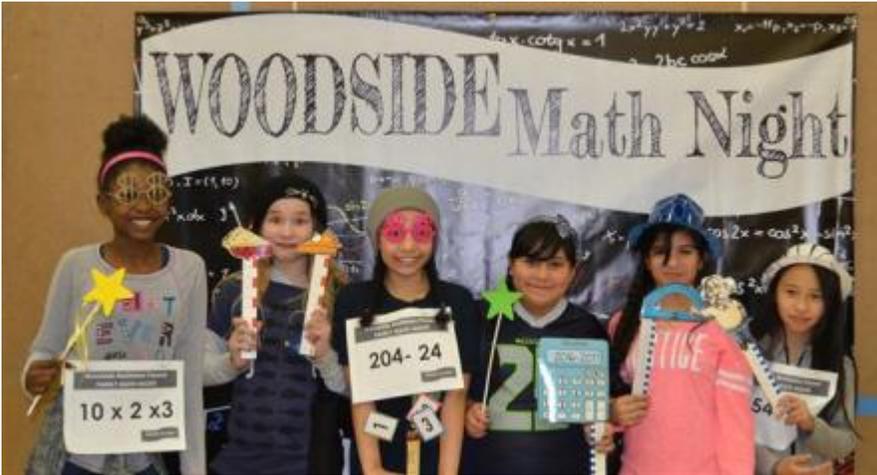
The Woodside STEM Fair

The Woodside STEM Fair is coming Thursday, February 23rd 6:00-7:00. All are invited to see the great investigations our 4th and 5th graders have worked on as well as the class investigations our primary classrooms completed. Two winners will be announced from each 4th and 5th grade classroom to move on to The District Innovation STEM Fair. You won't want to miss it!



The following article is a news release by the Everett School District regarding Woodside's family math night.

Woodside Elementary “mathtastic” family night



Students rolled up their sleeves, lit up their minds at annual Family Math Night “Look, I’m playing Cool Math!” exclaimed a second grade student at Woodside Elementary School during Family Math Night. “Mathtastic!” added a third-grade teacher. About 215 kindergarten through fifth-grade students and their families filled Woodside Elementary’s cafeteria and gym last month in a long-running

tradition at Woodside Elementary where Math is the focus of serious learning and fun. Students hopped from station to station, working on hands-on math activities including:

1. **Estimation Jars** – students logically determined and explained their reasoning when deciding how many small objects were contained in each jar
2. **Giant Dice** – a highly kinesthetic activity that combined math and physical education
3. **Number Talk** – students looked at a developing diagram drawn by a volunteer and explained their reasoning why a particular number came to mind
4. **“Play and Take” math games** – students used decks of playing cards and dice games that fostered a growth mindset in math and computer-based math games.

Students gathered stamps in their “passports” from each activity station, earning a prize for participating at all six. Students and staff were not the only ones having fun at Math Night. “Family Math Night was surprising!” shared Jean Kim, a high school student volunteer at Math Night. “I remember math as being a boring subject when I was a kid, but it was intriguing to watch elementary school students working on math games voluntarily, for their own enjoyment. I signed up to volunteer through my high school honor society, and being there made me realize the real reason to volunteer – one usually comes away with better understanding of the world. Who would have ever thought kids would actually enjoy doing math? The whole thing was pretty amazing.”

Woodside family math night “mathtastic!” Dr. Betty Cobbs, Woodside Elementary School principal, shared, “The success of Family Math Night is a result of leadership, collaboration, creativity and a great deal of work by the teachers of Woodside Elementary. Full credit goes to teachers and the leadership of the building math cadre.” “From witnessing the excellence of Woodside Elementary School’s Family Math Night, it is easy to see why Woodside students score significantly higher than the Washington state average in grade level math assessments,” noted district STEM facilitator, Andy Sevald, who attended the event. “Teacher leadership and administrator support is paying significant dividends in student learning while also proving that math can be fun.”