

### Superintendent's Message

This school year deserves some special recognition and celebration as we say goodbye to 2013-14 and welcome summer.

We celebrate Beacon and Simpson schools for their academic achievements and congratulate the administration and staff for their continued determination to succeed and become schools of distinction and excellence. We say goodbye to the old grandstand and celebrate the new one. We will create new memories that will continue the traditions of Montesano High School.

We celebrate the students of Montesano who continue to make me proud and I am honored to be their superintendent. Our students deserve special recognition for their successes, whether it be academically, in sports, clubs or the arts. Their commitment to success is evident on and off campus as they strive to achieve their goals and learn the true meaning of "Monte Pride". We celebrate the class of 2014 and wish them success as they begin their next adventure in the life beyond high school. We welcome and celebrate the upcoming Simpson students who will soon begin their new adventure into high school and learn what it means to be a "Monte Grad". Lastly, we give special recognition to the many donations received this year from community members, alumni, community organizations, businesses and foundations. Without your support our district would not have the many great opportunities we can offer our students. Whether it's new technology, new band equipment, swim lessons, an afterschool program or funds for the turf project, your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and truly demonstrates what an amazing community we live in.

*Thank you!*



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## Jr/Sr High School Celebrates...

As we close another year at Montesano Jr/Sr High School, I would like to take a minute to congratulate the 122<sup>nd</sup> graduating class from Montesano. We are so proud of all you have accomplished in your time at Monte. We look forward to hearing back from you as you leave our halls for new and exciting adventures. As we celebrated graduation, we reflect and think fondly of your years of hard work and dedication. Thank You to all the family and friends of this year's seniors. It is your support throughout the years that have allowed these seniors to become who they are.

I would also like to take a minute to thank all the students, teachers, coaches, advisors, and community members for their involvement and support for all our students this year. It has been another successful year at Montesano. Special congratulations to our State champion boys and girls powerlifting and drill teams. Other State qualifiers include boys and girls track, tennis, fastpitch, math team, knowledge bowl, and girls basketball. Also congratulations to League champions volleyball, and undefeated regular season girls basketball.

No recap would be complete without mentioning our award winning band program in both junior high and high school. They completed another successful season of solo and ensemble.

### **A few dates to remember as we close out the year:**

June 13<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 12:20 PM

June 16<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 10:40 AM

June 30<sup>th</sup> High School Office Closes for summer

## 2013-2014 Exchange Students...

Montesano Jr/Sr High School was fortunate to have seven foreign exchange students enrolled this school year as part of the junior and senior classes. Students, staff, and the community have given these students a warm welcome, lifetime memories and opportunities to enrich their lives back in their home countries. These students participated in many sports and extra-curricular activities to include Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis, Drama, Choir, Afterschool Program, Knowledge Bowl, Leadership and FoodBowl. They will forever be 'bulldogs'.

**Paulina;** Germany, **Elina;** Russia, **Gheorghe;** Moldova, **Emir;** Kyrgyzstan,  
**Dinara,** Kazakhstan, **Dasha;** Kyrgyzstan, **Max;** Tajikistan



## Skyward Student...

This year Monte parents, staff and students took advantage of the new student system in Skyward, an online password protected web-based program that rolled out this year. Parents have immediate access to their student's information from grades, and teacher assignments to food service, to make payments to their accounts or make purchases. Teachers can communicate directly to parents and/or students through skyward, to update grades, announce activities or student assignments. Students have the ability to see their profile, check out their grades and see their assignments. We celebrate this addition to the existing school wide system which has provided us new and innovative ways to use technology which gives our Monte parents, staff and students immediate access to their student's information. *Thank you Skyward!*

## Finance Office Celebrates...

### **Audit**

Another clean audit! The State Auditor's Office conducted our annual Financial and Accountability Audit as well as the Federal Single Audit. The Federal Single Audit focused on food service this year. We are happy to report that both audits were clean, with no findings or management letters. Kudos to our staff for striving to always be in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

### **Skyward Online Payments**

The Montesano School District has collected over \$90,000. in online payments this school year. We strive to have systems in place that are user friendly to staff and families. This new online payment system allows families to make payments for food service, fees, PE Uniforms, Traffic Safety, etc. We celebrate this new system and the features that make these transactions easier on families!

### **2014-2015 Budget**

This year's budget will be adopted at the July school board meeting. The district has been successful this year in maintaining a healthy fund balance to allow staffing levels to remain the same, maintain special programs and increase additional services to students.

## Simpson Afterschool Program Celebrates...

The Simpson After School Program (SASP) has closed out its 10<sup>th</sup> year in the district, successfully providing a safe and enriching environment for Montesano's 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students after school hours Monday-Thursday.

This year we had three separate sessions with an average of 100 students signing up. With the support of Team Leaders (paid HS & College students), Yvette Entus (our Academic Coach) and community volunteers, participating students got assistance in homework, reading support and got to do some really fun activities too.

We closed out the year with a fun party that included two bouncy houses, 500 water balloons and lots of laughter.



We at the SASP are looking forward to the 2014-15 school year and so grateful for the positive growth of the 2013-14 year.

Students and Parents, watch for next school year's registration packets coming this fall!



## FREE Summer Meals and Snacks for Kids

Free Summer Food Program Available in Grays Harbor. The Summer Meals Program feeds kids and teens 18 years and under. Sites are located at schools, parks and community centers. Visit the links below to find a location.

The Family Food Hotline at 1-888-4-FOOD-WA. Calling this number will give families the location, meal times, and contact information for summer meals based on their full address, city, and/or zip code.

- The Parent Help website at [www.ParentHelp123.org](http://www.ParentHelp123.org). This website is easy for families to use as they can easily access summer meal locations by entering their zip code.
- Text, FoodWA, to 877-877. Users will receive a return text with the three closest summer food site locations based on the zip code provided.

**Montesano School Wide Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast Program** is available during the school year to qualified applicants. It's easy to apply! Families have access to applications via our website or visit your school office for more information. Free and Reduced Programs are federally funded and provide meals for students at a reduced cost or free based on eligibility. More qualified applicants provide additional federal funding that helps your schools! Watch for information during open registration in the fall! Call 249.3942 for additional information.

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## Early Childhood Intervention Programs...

**The Montesano School District** provides early intervention services beginning at birth up to the age of 5 for children who can be identified as having developmental delays or have a medical condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay.

**The free services** assist your child in five developmental areas:

- **Physical** (ability to move, see and hear)
- **Cognitive** (ability to learn and understand)
- **Communication** (ability to understand language and express needs)
- **Social or emotional** (ability to play and relate with others)
- **Adaptive** (ability to dress, eat, and take care of oneself)



**Staff providing services** include early intervention specialists, physical therapists, speech therapists and occupational therapists.



**Services for children from birth to third birthday** are provided by home or childcare visitors, depending on where children spend the majority of their time.

**Qualifying children aged 3** are serviced in a two day a week preschool class. Transportation is provided. Placement can occur throughout the school year.

**Qualifying children aged 4** are serviced in either a two or four day a week preschool class, depending on needs. Transportation is provided. Placement can occur throughout the school year.

**Appointments for screening** can be made at any time during the school year.

**If you have any concerns** about your child or want to see how they are developing compared to children of the same age, please call Karen at 249.2114 to set up a screening.

**Montesano School District** believes in early intervention and is committed to doing what is best for all children and supporting families in meeting the needs of all students.

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## Staff End of Year Celebration...

Staff enjoyed a celebration in honor of their fellow co-workers who are retiring or resigning from the school district. Jeanine Frafjord, paraeducator began her employment in 1982 and Dan Scott started in 1980, working in maintenance and as a building custodian. Sheri Kelly will also be leaving the district. Sheri has been a bus driver for over ten years with the district. We wish them success, happiness and relaxation in their future plans!

Additional staff resignations include Troy Lee, Transportation Supervisor, Jerry Perry, Custodian at the high school and Jeff Lenherr, Girls Soccer Coach. We wish them success in their future endeavors and appreciate their dedication and committment to our district.

### Summer **NOTES:**

#### **School Offices - Summer Schedule**

Beacon School closes June 20 and re-opens August 20th.

Simpson School closes June 19 and re-opens August 20th.

Jr/Sr High School closes June 30th and re-opens August 18th.



#### **Request for High School Transcripts:**

The counseling center will be closed during the summer and requests for official transcripts may be requested by email to: [nfurtwangler@monteschools.org](mailto:nfurtwangler@monteschools.org).

#### **District Office Summer Hours:**

District Office staff will be available during the summer to assist you! We will be open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you need to visit with us at a different time, please call us at 360.249.3942.

#### **Fall Elementary Open Houses:**

Beacon School and Simpson School: August 28th, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

#### **Skyward Notices/Emails/District Website:**

Parents, Students and Staff! Watch for messages, elerts, emails and updated information from a variety of our communication sources. You may receive information on student registration, class schedules, calendar updates or back to school activities.

**Have a great summer break and we'll see you in the fall!**