



DuPont Friday Letter

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Welcome Back to School...

We're in for a treat this week- someone much smarter, funnier and a whole lot nicer is going to pass along some thoughts about the new school year. Kathi Weight, our awesome Superintendent of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 (no, I don't know what happened to Numbers 2 and 3, you should ask her) has gratefully volunteered to pass along some info about schools. As you can clearly see, at a minimum, she is at least a better writer. Without further ado, I'll let Kathi take over...

The Steilacoom Historical School District has had a fantastic start to the 2014-15 school year! I am extremely proud to be a part of this community and consider my role as Superintendent to be a privilege. We welcomed back our 3,007 students and their families with excitement and a strong sense of purpose. Our district community is committed to our students' success, and that dedication is programs and opportunities provided in our outstanding Steilacoom schools.



Steilacoom High School implemented a new welcome program for our 9th graders entitled, "Focus on Freshman Day". Students came back to start their school year one day earlier than all other grades for a fun filled day of activities as an introduction to high school. The 260 incoming 9th graders participated in a "Commitment to Graduate" ceremony while wearing a graduation gown in SHS Sentinel colors. The Focus on Freshman Day will become a tradition for the high school and the program received rave reviews!

Our school district is also excited about our emergency/crisis partnership with Crisis Reality Training. We received a \$191,000 safety grant and we began our school year with professional development for all staff to



Community Announcements & Reminders

<http://www.dupontwa.gov/events.php>

ALERT! Drivers strongly urged to avoid I-5 in Olympia over next two weekends

Sat, Sep 13th - City Wide Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Tues, Sept 16th - City Council Workshop 6pm City Hall

**Wed, Sep 17th – ACE Day 1 hour early release
School Board Meeting 7pm at
Steilacoom High School
510 Chambers, Steilacoom**

Thurs, Sep 18th – Tree Board Meeting 5:30pm City Hall

create a comprehensive emergency coordination plan designed to minimize student risk and improve student safety. Crisis Reality Training is currently assessing each school site and the district will be holding two parent information sessions to discuss why school lockdown training is essential for school safety. Parents will learn tips to assist in discussing this important topic with students and what their role is during a lockdown event. The two safety community forums will be held on October 14th and 21st at 6:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website at www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us.

I look forward to sharing information about our schools with the community throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support!

Did you Know?

The largest high school in America has over 8,000 students. It is Morton High School in Berwyn-Cicero, Illinois. The East Campus has over 6,000 students, and it is a co-op high school.