



Marysville  
School District

# Connection

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## Join us for a Walk of Strength Oct. 24

Students, staff, first responders and community members are invited to #MPstronger—A Walk of Strength; to be held one year after the tragic shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

Gates will open for the community-led effort at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at M-P, and will include several events, including: a walk around the high school, the planting of 10,000 red and white tulip bulbs, and the opportunity to come together and reflect. No registration is required.



“An unimaginable event occurred in our community last year that changed lives forever,” said Marysville School District Superintendent Dr. Becky Berg. “But it does not define us. Instead, the Marysville and Tulalip communities are defined by our coming together to heal and to chart a course of recovery. We will never forget, but we are united and are working to create a better, more hope-filled future.”

Community members interested in participating in the #MPstronger walk can learn more about the event on the Marysville/Tulalip United website at [www.mtunited.org](http://www.mtunited.org), or on the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarysvilleTulalipUnited](http://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleTulalipUnited).



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# Code.org computer science to be offered to elementary school students

**M**arysville School District is partnering with Code.org to offer computer science instruction to students in elementary school. The courses blend online, self-guided and self-paced tutorials with “unplugged” activities that require no computer at all. By the end of each course, students can create interactive games or stories they can share with anyone.



**Marysville teachers ready to teach Code.org computer science in district elementary schools.**

Each elementary school in the district now has a Code.org specialist, spending about 40 minutes each week with classes primarily in grades 3 through 5. This makes computer science a regular part of the school day.

Paul LaGrange, teacher at Arts and Technology High School, led a series of professional development workshops this summer to help train the new Code.org specialists.

Launched in 2013, Code.org is a non-profit dedicated to expanding access to computer science, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. Its vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science.

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## District receives \$500,000 Math & Science Partnership grant

**T**he Marysville School District has received a three-year \$500,000 Math & Science Partnership (MSP) Grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to support continued work with the Institute for Systems Biology’s Logan Center for Education and UW Engineering.

The funds will allow Marysville’s middle school science teachers and several high school and fifth grade science teachers to participate in workshops and community-based externships to learn about engineering and how engineering connects to the lives of their students.

The Logan Center, which has been a longtime advocate for high-quality science education for all students, has partnered with the Marysville district for several years, but consistent funding has been a challenge. The OSPI award makes it possible for teachers to learn about science and engineering education through workshops, in the field, and to use their classrooms as laboratories to study how they can translate their knowledge into daily practice.

“The most important result of the project will be that hundreds of Marysville students will benefit from teachers who provide authentic engineering experiences in their science instruction,” said Dr. Kyle Kinoshita, Executive Director of Elementary Schools. “This partnership will greatly strengthen college- and career-readiness efforts in our school district.”



**Marysville science teachers study engineering concepts they can take back to their classrooms.**

# Chromebooks to be distributed to students in grades 6 to 12

During October, the district will begin a one-to-one initiative that will put a Chromebook computer in the hands of all students in grades 6 through 12. The devices are funded by a technology levy approved by district voters in 2014.

"We are thrilled about the limitless learning possibilities using Chromebooks," said Marysville School District Superintendent Dr. Becky Berg. "With the support of our Marysville and Tulalip communities, we are investing in the technological tools of today that will help our students become tomorrow's leaders."

The devices, Berg said, will be distributed with hopes of helping the district's students achieve more academically, perform better on standardized tests and be in a better position when it comes to being 21st century learners.

"Technology continues to change rapidly," Berg said. "We are equipping our students to be active, contributing citizens in a digital world."

Preparations for the Chromebook initiative began with last year's upgrade of the district's wireless Internet infrastructure.

MSD partnered with a local Marysville company, Advanced Classroom Technologies, to install more than 60 miles of network cabling. The system went live in February 2015, and now all district facilities also have Wi-Fi available to the community in parking lots during non-school hours.

The shift to one-to-one for Marysville students is significant for teachers and students alike, said Scott Beebe, Chief Technology Officer for the district.

"We have defined a professional course of study for teachers in our district to provide them with the knowledge and skills to take full advantage of connected classrooms."

The first group of teachers began the multi-year training in August. Staff professional development will focus on learning to design lessons that not only empower and engage students in compelling work, but also leverage the power of technology to connect people and ideas.

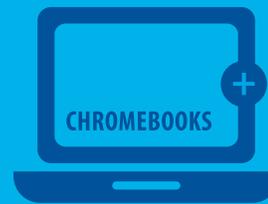
"We're making great progress in many areas in this district, and we are proud of that," Superintendent Berg said. "We'll make needed adjustments along the way, but this initiative is another major step in making our schools great places for great learning to occur. We are confident we'll see positive results for our students."

We are equipping our students in the digital world

## Your Technology Levy dollars in use



ALL SCHOOLS NOW HAVE WI-FI AND FREE PUBLIC WI-FI IS ACTIVE EVERY EVENING AT 5PM AND ON WEEKENDS IN PARKING LOTS.



WE WILL DEPLOY MORE THAN 5,500 NEW CHROMEBOOKS IN SCHOOLS THIS YEAR FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 TO 12.



THIS WILL BE COMBINED WITH TRAINING FOR TEACHERS TO CREATE TECHNOLOGY-INFUSED CLASSROOMS.

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# Construction of new M-P cafeteria to begin

Washington State Legislature makes special appropriation and state to provide matching funds

The Marysville School District is planning a new \$7.5 million cafeteria and commons area to open by the fall of 2016 at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

An online survey of nearly 2,000 students, parents and the community made it clear that they didn't want to use the former cafeteria ever again following the tragedy a year ago.

The Legislature set aside \$5 million for the cafeteria and commons in its most recent session. The district anticipates receiving another \$2.5 million in matching funds from the state.

"We are grateful to our Marysville and Tulalip area legislators, led by State Rep. Hans Dunshee, chairman of the House capital budget committee, for their leadership on this issue," said Superintendent Dr. Becky Berg.

The district has hired a firm to design the new building and a project manager to oversee the work, and is planning to go to bid for a contractor in the fall. Construction would begin in January 2016.

Plans call for a 16,000-square-foot, steel-framed building to be constructed on a different part of the MP campus.

A 40-member Citizens Advisory Committee has been studying building needs for the entire school district. It could make a recommendation to the School Board this fall for a future bond measure proposal after gathering more community input.



The architectural rendering of the new food commons at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

## Announcements



### Marysville School District has all new phone numbers

The Marysville School District has changed its phone numbers district wide as a new phone system has been installed.

The new ShoreTel system was funded by the technology levy approved by voters in 2014. It replaces an outdated system that was no longer being manufactured and increasingly challenging to sustain.

The district will now have just one prefix for all numbers, 965. **The new main district Service Center number is 360-965-0000.**

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### PHONE

Allen Creek Elementary .....	360-965-1100
Cascade Elementary .....	360-965-1200
Grove Elementary .....	360-965-1700
Kellogg Marsh Elementary .....	360-965-1900
Liberty Elementary .....	360-965-1800
Marshall Elementary .....	360-965-1600
Pinewood Elementary .....	360-965-1300
Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary .....	360-965-3100
Shoultes Elementary .....	360-965-1400
Sunnyside Elementary .....	360-965-1500

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

#### PHONE

Cedarcrest Middle School .....	360-965-0700
Marysville Middle School .....	360-965-0900
Totem Middle School .....	360-965-0500
10th Street School .....	360-965-0400

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

#### PHONE

##### Marysville Getchell Campus

Academy of Construction & Engineering .....	360-965-2300
Bio Med Academy .....	360-965-2500
International School of Communications .....	360-965-2400
School for the Entrepreneur .....	360-965-2600

Marysville Mountain View .....360-965-3000

Marysville-Pilchuck .....360-965-2000

##### Marysville Tulalip Campus

Arts and Technology .....	360-965-2900
Heritage .....	360-965-2800