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*Renton School District is proud of the accomplishments of our students, staff and families. Here are just a few Good News items highlighting those accomplishments.*

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Nearly 800 high school students (like Renton High graduate Bjorn Davis, receiving a kiss from his grandmother) recently graduated from high schools throughout the district. All of the students met rigorous state requirements to graduate, including earning the prescribed number of credits, passing state tests, completing a culminating project and preparing a plan for life beyond high school. Students have earned millions of dollars in scholarships and received letters of acceptance from Ivy League schools, in- and out-of-state colleges, their parent's alma mater, and many others. Some students will join the workforce or the military; others will take some time to 'find themselves' before continuing with future plans.



Tiffany Park Elementary School kindergarten teacher Sue Brumfield is retiring after 42 years as a teacher in the Renton School District; 37 of those at Tiffany Park. Sue (in a Renton Reporter photo right) was recently celebrated at a school-wide assembly as she bid farewell to her final class of students. While touching the lives of thousands of children over four decades, Sue also served as a mentor for teachers at her school and throughout the district. [Read a great article about Sue in the Renton Reporter.](#)



McKnight Middle School science teacher Carlie Jonas (l) is one of only six teachers selected to help design environmental science and sustainability curriculum this summer with a team at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. The team will work with Nobel Laureate Dr. Lee Hartwell to design a curriculum to be used in a teaching program at Arizona State University. Fred Hutchinson hopes to also have the curriculum used in local universities. Next school year, Carlie will work with other McKnight teachers to implement lessons learned during her summer program.



The Fairwood Lions Club has awarded \$500 scholarships to Lindbergh High School graduates Pearl Nguyen, Danny Young and Kaitlyn Osborn (l to r). The award is based on academic achievements and essays explaining their commitment to their school and their community. All three will attend the University of Washington in the fall.

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Sixty Dimmitt Middle School students recently walked to nearby Bryn Mawr Elementary School to read with



first-graders. This was the second time this year that Dimmitt students made the journey to help elementary students understand the joy and importance of reading. This time, first-graders began by sharing a book that they wrote in class. Dimmitt plans to continue the reading program next school year.

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Dimmitt Middle School students in the English Language Learners program (including those pictured right) recently hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> annual student luncheon with food from their native countries. The event allows students to share their family's food, cultures and traditions with other students and Dimmitt staff. This year, students and their families also created a cookbook with 68 recipes of delicious dishes from all over the world.

