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Seniors celebrate where it all began with Grad Walks

Elementary and middle schools welcome back former students



Everett, WA— At Everett Public Schools there is a tradition at the end of the school year where graduating seniors are invited to visit their past schools for a Grad Walk.

Staff and students line the hallways and cheer on graduates as they proudly wear their cap and gown and inspire younger learners to one day do the same. “Many of them have never seen a real graduation, and to see the happiness, pride and excitement from seniors with their past teachers, it makes graduation real for them,” said Shelley Boten, chief academic officer.

Capping off thirteen years of hard work and achievement, these celebrations are also meaningful to teachers and staff who get to see their former students beaming with pride in their hallways prior to getting to walking across the stage at graduation to receive their diplomas.

This month, over 1,200 students will graduate from Everett Public Schools with Sequoia High School's ceremony this Thursday, June 15 at the Civic Auditorium and Jackson, Everett and Cascade high school graduations are this Saturday, June 17 at the Angel of the Winds Arena.

“I am so proud of our graduates!” said Superintendent Ian Saltzman, “Not only have they been amazing students, but they will also be incredible leaders in our communities, and I love seeing our younger students look up to them at these Grad Walks.”



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