

## News release



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### **Emerson Elementary planning to set new world record**

***Elementary students to be accompanied by CHS students performing “Washington Post March”***

On May 20, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. the 600 students and teachers of [Emerson Elementary](#) will be tapping the cup and passing the cup in an attempt to have *The Most People Performing the Cup Game* in the [Guinness Book of World Records](#).

Cascade High School marching band students under the direction of [Mark Staley](#) will accompany the attempt by playing John Philip Sousa’s [Washington Post March](#). The Cascade High video club, sponsored by [Scott Shafer](#), will capture the entire event on video and help the elementary students post it to YouTube.

“**So what IS the cup game?**” you ask. Emerson’s Music Specialist Kathleen Sasnett explains. “This cup game involves each participant playing a rhythm on a cup, then passing the cup to the next person to play a rhythm before passing the cup on again. The first half of the rhythm is easy; the second half is complicated, but with practice anyone can learn it.”

Sasnett explains the reasons she decided to go for the record, “One, this is a very fun way for each student to understand a little more about rhythm. Two, performing it to music helps each feel the beats and rhythm as part of a whole musical group. Three, in doing this we are collaborating with a sister school in the district, and the band and video club will be modeling future interests in music and film that may be attractive to Emerson students. Four, every one of our students will feel valued and part of something bigger than themselves in this attempt; our performance is bringing us all together in working toward a common, achievable goal.”

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**MEDIA NOTE: All students participating will have parent permission for photographs.**