



News release

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Superintendent Saltzman and cabinet stay connected

Leadership steps into the classroom to teach for a day

Dr. Saltzman initiated the first annual "Teacher for a Day" this year and on February 6, he and several Everett Public Schools cabinet members stepped into the shoes of educators across the district to teach for a day. Teachers volunteered to open their classrooms for the unique opportunity representing a wide variety of subjects and grade levels. The teachers created lesson plans for cabinet members, so some taught a lesson while others assisted with student projects.



Dr. Saltzman engaging with fifth grade students at Mill Creek Elementary.

"Experiencing firsthand what is happening in our classrooms helps us stay connected and reenergized. It reminds us of our purpose, and why we are here — to engage with our students," said Dr. Saltzman. Teaching with Carol Kummerle in her fifth-grade grade class at Mill Creek Elementary, "we felt the brain power in the room," added Saltzman. Observers said he was beside himself with joy and in his element. Saltzman reminded the students that he was also there to learn from them, the scholars.

Brian Beckley, the district's chief information officer, loved the energy of the positive and engaged students in Jennifer Green's U.S. History class at Eisenhower Middle School. "Visiting schools and observing is not the same as teaching. Implementing curriculum, using technology and engaging with students in the classroom space helps us do our jobs better," explained Brian Beckley.



Brian Beckley helping Eisenhower eighth graders access a digital learning tool.

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Kindergarten students keeping Dr. Sally Lancaster on her toes at Silver Lake Elementary.

Stepping into teacher's shoes gives you insight into what they deal with day-to-day. Dr. Sally Lancaster, regional superintendent, taught kindergarteners in Melissa Martinez's class at Silver Lake Elementary and they were full of energy. She had so much fun and discovered through the day, "You do not have to worry about making a mistake, because with kindergarteners, they let you know."

"Teacher for a Day" will become an annual event as this inaugural year has demonstrated partnering with teachers to connect with students in the classroom is a key to leadership success.

Participating cabinet members and teachers included:

- Dr. Ian Saltzman, superintendent, Carol Kummerle, Mill Creek Elementary
- Dr. Peter Scott, deputy superintendent, Elizabeth Calsyn, Emerson Elementary
- Brian Beckley, chief information officer, Jennifer Green, Eisenhower Middle School
- Dr. Becky Clifford, executive director special services, Mary Lamken, Evergreen Middle School
- Larry Fleckenstein, regional superintendent, Michele Hann, Evergreen Middle School
- Dr. Sally Lancaster, regional superintendent, Melissa Martinez, Silver Lake Elementary
- Sarah Mack, general counsel, Melissa Webster, Cascade High School
- Dr. Catherine Matthews, curriculum & assessment director, Chelsea Flanders, Silver Firs Elementary
- Dr. Dana Riley Black, assistant superintendent curriculum, assessment & career connected learning, Bree Youngberg, Cascade High School
- Dr. Jeanne Willard, regional superintendent, Ruth Mason, Lowell Elementary

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