



# EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

We are currently studying the mathematics report cards for Grades K-5. We have a new mathematics program in Edmonds: *Math Expressions* which is published by Houghton Mifflin. We have new Washington State Standards in mathematics which were released in April 2008, by the State's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

This is a lot of information to process and incorporate into our report card system. We need to study the *Math Expressions* program and the new State Standards in Mathematics and understand them in greater depth before we change our report cards to align with these new resources.

We expect to use the old report cards this year (2008-09), while we develop a clearer, stronger report card to use next year (2009-10). It is important to note that there may be areas on your child's report card where no comments or markings are made. These would be places where the old WA Standards are no longer in place. They will be changed as we work to coordinate our program and our communication process.

Our report cards should help teachers and parents communicate about each student's understanding and skill in mathematics. We are confident that this year's work with *Math Expressions* and the new WA State Standards will provide teachers and parents an excellent tool which will help them in their discussion and communication of student learning.

For more information about the Washington State Standards, visit  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/Mathematics>

For more information about *Math Expressions*, visit  
<http://eduplace.com/math/mthexp/>

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tony Byrd in black ink.

Tony Byrd  
Assistant Superintendent

Handwritten signature of Lara Drew in black ink.

Lara Drew, Director  
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Handwritten signature of Jacqueline McDonald in black ink.

Jacqueline McDonald  
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To ADVOCATE for all students by PROVIDING a learning environment which EMPOWERS students, staff and the community to MAXIMIZE their personal, creative and academic potential in order to BECOME lifelong learners and responsible world citizens.