

*Thank You,
Educational Support
Professionals*

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Helping in So Many Ways

Happy National Educational Support Professionals week. What is an Educational Support Professional (also known as an ESP)? Well, they fill a lot of roles in our district. Some of the jobs they do in public schools include:

- Clerical service workers
- Custodial and Maintenance Workers
- Food Service Workers
- Health and Student Service Workers
- Paraeducators
- Security Workers
- Skilled Trades Workers
- Technical Service Workers
- Transportation Service Workers

"Our ESPs are the heartbeat of our building. They are the frontline relationship builders that play a huge role in creating a safe and welcoming environment. They wear many different hats, are passionate about supporting students and are so appreciated for what they do every day in our school and throughout our District," said Chehalis Middle School (grades 6-8) Principal Chris Simpson.



According to the National Educational Association, ESPs make up about one-third of all public school employees in the nation. In the Chehalis School District, we have an estimated 190 employees who work as Education Support Professionals.

"We have an incredible ESP team. The care and focus they give our students makes an impact," said W.F. West High School (grades 9-12) Principal Bob Walters.

Our ESP workers can be found in every building in the Chehalis School District and the work they do touches every program and impacts every student.

"The Educational Support Professionals at Lintott are paramount to the well being, education, and safety of all students. They do so much everyday from getting our kiddos to and from school safely, keeping our campus and building secure, managing health concerns, providing nutrition, assisting with technology and keeping our buildings clean and safe for our student's learning. The Lintott office staff is our welcoming face of the school as they greet parents, run the day to day operations of the office and support administrators. Paraeducators work alongside teachers to support teaching and learning. These professionals always show up to do what is best for kids," said James Lintott Elementary (grades K-2) Principal Brenda Pohlman.

The Chehalis School District is grateful for the work of our ESPs. They are one of the keys to student achievement and district success in Chehalis.

"Our Educational Support Professionals are highly impactful at OSE in their work with students on an academic, social and emotional level. This skilled, committed group of individuals plays an integral part in student success at OSE and I appreciate their ongoing dedication," said Orin Smith Elementary (grades 3-5) Principal Rachel Dorsey.



In Other News ...

Join Us for 8th Grade Parent Info Night

If you have an 8th grader who will be attending W.F. West High School next year, mark your calendars for Future Bearcat/8th Grade Parent Information Night 5-6:30 p.m. March 27 in the W.F. Commons. Meet our staff, learn about the transition from middle school to high school, be advised about graduation requirements and learn about registering for high school classes. Spanish language translation assistance will be available.

Online registration for new students at W.F. West High School for the 2024-2025 school year will open on March 25. For more information about registering new students in the Chehalis School District, [CLICK HERE](#).

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