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| Don't forget the Blackwell Family Science Fair is this Thursday, April 20th from 6:30-8:00. Come see the exciting investigations done by over 80 Blackwell students and enjoy other science stations by local groups such as the Eastlake National Honor Society Science club, Evergreen Middle School Robotics Club, Microsoft HoloLens, Oxbow Farms, and Lake Washington Tech Institute.  This is a FREE event for the whole family!      |

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| http://images.marketvolt.com/Client/5459939_330101823.pngBlackwell Honored with Three Washington State Achievement Awards |
| Last week, we were informed that Blackwell Elementary is receiving the 2016 Washington Achievement Award. Washington Achievement Award winners are selected using the Washington State Achievement Index which is based on statewide assessment data for the three previous years. The award is given in seven categories: Overall Excellence, High Progress, English Language Arts Growth, Math Growth, Extended Graduation Rate, English Language Acquisition, and Achievement Gap. Blackwell Elementary is being recognized for:            Overall ExcellenceHigh ProgressSpecial Recognition ELA Growth This is the second year in a row we’ve been recognized for Overall Excellence. This is a testament to the hard work our students do each day, our dedicated staff, and supportive families and community. Next month, we will receive our 2016 Washington Achievement Award banner and award. Schools are selected for awards based on their statewide assessment data for the three previous years.  This data is analyzed using the Achievement Index and methodology approved by both OSPI and the SBE.  For more information, visit the [Washington Achievement Awards section](http://custapp.marketvolt.com/link/ZqRB1lrbDg?CM=949347942&X=87154378) of the OSPI website. |

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| http://images.marketvolt.com/space.gif |
| http://images.marketvolt.com/Client/5459939_1871215830.pngAll Parent Input Forms due by Friday 4/21 |
| Parents have an opportunity to share their input on the best educational setting for their child by completing a [Parent Input Form](http://custapp.marketvolt.com/link/HaoaFrNvCM?CM=949347942&X=87154378). These forms can be found on our website beginning April 10th and **must be returned by Friday, April 21st**, for the input to be considered for next year. The due date is firm since planning will start in May. |

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| http://images.marketvolt.com/space.gif |
| http://images.marketvolt.com/Client/5459939_2013955578.png 5th Grade Celebration - Save the Date |
| This message was sent to all fifth grade families last month.  This year’s end of fifth grade celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd from 1:30-3:00 PM.  Our celebration will recognize the accomplishments of six years of elementary school.  In the past, we’ve had students prepare small remembrances, give short speeches, perform a song or two, and receive certificates.  This was typically followed by a reception for families and students.  We wanted to announce the date and time so 5th grade families can plan accordingly. We will seek a small committee of parents to assist us in planning the particulars for this year’s event.   |

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