

I want to thank each of you who took the time to participate in the Woodinville April Fool's Day parade on Saturday, March 29. We easily had the largest number of participants (a few hundred parents, grandparents and school children, plus several dogs, some toddlers in strollers and at least one infant in a front pack!) of any other parade entry. Some children carried signs they had made and decorated, as did a large number of the parents. The children passed out candy and leis to the other children along the parade route. A few of the parents passed out information flyers to adults along the route. These flyers informed the readers about the projected budget shortfalls for the next 3 years, listed some of the proposed cut-backs – primarily the closing of Woodin and the potential reduction in school nurses, and provided suggestions on what the reader could do to become informed about the issues, including contacting our legislators and asking them to support legislation to adequately fund our school districts. This was a GREAT way to connect with our neighbors who were not aware of the cutbacks or who were accepting the school district's propaganda as fact. I know we definitely left the impression that there are MANY deeply concerned parents who care about all our children's and the school district's future.

Thank you again for your participation. I look forward to seeing all of your faces again as we continue our fight to keep ALL of our neighborhood schools open.

Sincerely,

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Wellington Parent
One of the 70 being reassigned to Bear Creek