**NWCSI/Alta Vista August Event 2014**

**CELEBRATING and CONNECTING**

**to sustain our collective efforts to promote student growth**

**School teams across the region are invited to come together as a larger professional learning community to explore**

* **how regular, public recognition helps us “to know again” our common purpose and sustain our collective efforts to promote student growth**
* **how connecting online and offline with other educators can provide just-in-time professional learning**

Participants will have the opportunity to

* practice celebrations that grow and strengthen learning-focused collaborative cultures
* learn how to use online tools to create their own personal learning networks
* connect face-to-face with other educators in the room

Kaelyn Bullock, high school social studies teacher from Shoreline Christian School, will share how becoming a connected educator has impacted student learning in her classrooms. See her blog post at <http://collaboratingforlearning.wordpress.com/category/educational-technology-2/>

Other connected educators in the room will also have the opportunity to share their experiences. Participants are encouraged to bring devices to connect to the internet.

Pre-registered participants will have the opportunity to shape our efforts to connect by responding to the question - *With whom or over what do you want to connect?*

Participating schools will receive copies of *Personal Learning NetWorks* by Will Richardson and Rob Mancabel and *The Connected Educator* by Sheryl Nussbaum-Beach.

When: August 19, 2014; check in & coffee at 8:30, workshop - 9:00-2:30

Where: Mount Vernon Christian High School

Cost: $40 per participant; continental breakfast and lunch provided

Clock Hours: 5 WA State Clock Hours available

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**The purpose of the August Event is to stimulate and facilitate a cross-Region discussion of how to fulfill our mission as Christian schools. While a special invitation is extended to administrators and teachers new to our Regional schools, we encourage schools to send a team to carry the conversation back to their learning communities.**