

William Diamond Middle School PTA proudly presents:
Ed Webster



On Tuesday March 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM.....

The Diamond PTA is very excited to welcome Diamond Middle School Alumnus, Ed Webster who will be presenting a lecture and slide show in the Diamond Auditorium. Ed is an accomplished and world-renowned mountaineer, photographer and author.

Ed, who grew up in Lexington, and now resides in Topsham, Maine, is an acknowledged expert on the history of Mount Everest, George Mallory, and Tenzing Norgay. An author, lecturer, publisher, and photojournalist, Webster also has written two definitive guidebooks, *Rock Climbs in the White Mountains of New Hampshire* and *Climbing in the Magic Islands* to the Lofoten Islands of Arctic Norway.

He is the recipient of the American Mountain Foundation's 1988 Seventh Grade Award for outstanding achievements in mountaineering; the American Alpine Club's 1990 Literary Award; and American Alpine Club's 1994 David H. Soules Award, for saving the life of a fellow climber. His photographs have been published worldwide, in publications ranging from *Climbing Magazine* and *Rock & Ice*, to *Popular Mechanics*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*.

His 1988 Everest Kangshung Face new route, climbed with Robert Anderson (USA), Paul Teare (Canada), and Stephen Venables (UK), has been hailed as the last of "the great" Everest expeditions, and one of the most audacious mountaineering feats of all time. Many mountaineers dream of climbing Mount Everest or Chomolungma, the Goddess Mother of the World, as Tibetans and Sherpas call her. But American climber Ed Webster wanted to summit the world's tallest mountain in the absolute purest and best style that he could dream of - up a never-before-attempted route, with no bottled supplementary oxygen, without using radios, with no Sherpa assistance and with a team of only four. Up Mount Everest's hardest, most remote, least explored -- and possibly its most dangerous side -- up the 12,000-vertical-foot-high Kangshung Face in Tibet. The story of this climb and many more can be found in Ed Webster's new book *Snow in the Kingdom, My Storm Years on Everest*.