

## **SEPTEMBER 2009:**

### **Auburn School District No. 408**

**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**

**Newsrelease: 9/30/09**

#### **Auburn School District to Present Capital Improvements Levy on November 3 Ballot**

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, residents of the Auburn School District will be asked to vote on a \$46.4 million capital improvements levy. Approval of the capital levy will fund necessary repairs and essential improvements at 19 schools and 6 support facilities. The funds will be collected over six years.

The school district worked closely with a community steering committee to evaluate its aging schools and buildings and complete an in-depth Facilities Master Plan identifying immediate needs at 19 schools and 6 support facilities. These repairs would:

- Replace aging roofs and obsolete equipment; provide energy-saving conservation improvements; and replace deteriorating utility lines
- Provide seismic structural upgrades; ensure safe vehicle and bus access; upgrade emergency power systems; and fix fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems to ensure the safety of all students
- Fix heating and ventilation systems; and improve water quality, health rooms, restrooms and locker rooms for student health
- Replace aging equipment and furniture; and maintain classroom instructional spaces
- Fix plumbing, electrical, lighting and sound systems; improve kitchen safety; and design office and storage areas for greater efficiencies in facility operations
- Upgrade lock systems and improve surveillance and intrusion detection systems for school security
- Create building access for persons with disabilities
- Repair playgrounds, playfields and athletic facilities for community and school use

The total local school tax rate, including previously approved measures and the proposed new measure, is estimated to be a level rate of \$4.93 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2010. The tax rate is 55 cents more per \$1,000 from the 2009 rate, which equates to \$165 on a \$300,000 home. The total local school tax rate has dropped from \$5.48 in 2002 to \$4.38 in 2009. If approved, the capital improvements levy will collect funds over the next 6 years.

For a complete listing of repairs by school, go to the district website at [www.auburn.wednet.edu](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu) and click on the [capital improvements levy link](#). For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

### **Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 9/23/09**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Jennifer Poteet**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Jennifer Poteet, certificated support specialist and auditor, for her outstanding service on Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jennifer Poteet, certificated support specialist and auditor, handles the hiring process for the district's certificated staff. Jennifer's priority is to ensure the best candidates are hired for our schools. According to Debbie Leighton, executive director of human resources, "Jennifer is a very hardworking individual. I appreciate all she has brought to the school district and to the human resources team. Often I have comments from our new hires about how pleased they were to work with Jennifer throughout the hiring process."

Jennifer provides exceptional customer service. She takes time with each applicant to ensure their questions are answered, their paperwork is complete and they understand the next steps in the process. "I take my responsibilities seriously and understand that being accountable means I will do the job right," says Jennifer. "It is also important to me to have fun in my job."

Jennifer's past work experiences in schools, courts and even a district attorney's office have well prepared her for her role in the Auburn School District. Yet she continues to learn new things and extend her education. Recently she graduated from the three-year Human Resources Educational Leadership Program (HELP) with a schools human resources professional certification.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 9/22/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Pioneer Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Elizabeth Mondragon, a fifth grade student at Pioneer Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Pioneer Elementary School. She works hard and always commits 100 percent to her assignments. These qualities permeate her fifth grade classroom, and according to her teacher, Ms. Ottele, "Elizabeth tries her very best at every single task whether it be volunteering to read aloud to the class or completing her math homework on time."

In her quest for success, Elizabeth does not hesitate to ask questions in order to acquire the level of understanding necessary to move forward and improve. She is an exemplary student due in large part to her self-motivation and desire to succeed.

Elizabeth's bright smile is also worthy of mention, as according to Ms. Ottele, it is one of the brightest smiles around.

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**Newsrelease: 9/22/09**

**Macaria Velasquez-Chavez to be Awarded Auburn School Board of Directors' Gold Star Volunteer Award**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will present the Gold Star Volunteer Award to Macaria Velasquez-Chavez, in recognition of her volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Macaria Velasquez-Chavez volunteers daily in Carla Carrizosa's kindergarten classroom at Gildo Rey Elementary School. Mrs. Velasquez is strongly committed to her children's education and also to the education of all children in need at Gildo Rey Elementary School, no matter what language they speak. On the rare occasion she misses a day of class, every child asks, "Where is Mrs. Velasquez?" The students consider Mrs. Velasquez a vital member of their classroom.

In addition to volunteering in the kindergarten room every day, Mrs. Velasquez directs school traffic once a week. Her smile is contagious and she has a gentle, self-sacrificing attitude. Her deep sense of community service is a great asset to Gildo Rey Elementary School and the Latino community. She is an advocate within her community and stands up for important issues.

There is no amount of thanks that would satisfy all the work that Mrs. Velasquez has done and continues to do for the children of Gildo Rey Elementary School.

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**Newsrelease: 9/14/09**

**Eleventh Annual Reaching Out Fair Scheduled for Thursday, October 8**

On Thursday, October 8, the public is invited to attend the eleventh annual Reaching Out Fair at the Auburn Performing Arts Center from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Co-hosted by the Auburn School District, the Cities of Auburn, Algona and Pacific, Green River Community College and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the evening focuses on how to keep children and youth safe.

A resource information fair will be available from 6-7 p.m. Resources from various organizations such as Auburn Parks and Recreation, YMCA and Auburn Youth Resources will be shared with the community. The information fair is specifically geared toward middle school students. They are encouraged to attend to learn more about the resources available to them, as well as to be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$100 SuperMall gift certificates. Free pizza, juice and cookies will be provided.

After the resource information fair, the community is in for a treat, as student presenters show off their talent and share testimonials about individuals who have made a difference in their lives. This part of the event highlights student success and is intended to communicate that all children can make an impact in their homes, schools and communities.

The live finale includes a hip-hop dance performance by the Fab-5, a local organization dedicated to provide youth a safe place to develop their talents within the hip-hop culture.

The Fab-5 will introduce its hip-hop dancers and youth outreach program to all middle school students during school-wide assemblies the week of the fair. They will be held on the following dates:

- Rainier Middle School—Monday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m.
- Cascade Middle School—Tuesday, October 6 at 8:15 a.m.
- Mt. Baker Middle School—Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m.
- Olympic Middle School—Thursday, October 8 at 8:15 a.m.

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### **Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 9/4/09**

### **Auburn School District to Provide Free and Reduced-Price Meals for Children Who Qualify Under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

Auburn School District will provide free and reduced-price lunches/snacks and/or free or reduced-price breakfasts for children who qualify according to the eligibility standards below, for meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs.

Each school and the school district's central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Eligibility Scale for Free and Reduced-Price Meals July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010										
FREE						REDUCED-PRICE				
Household Size	Year	Month	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Week	Year	Month	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Week
1	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$587	\$542	\$271	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$835	\$771	\$386
2	18,941	1,579	790	729	365	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
Each Additional House Member Add	+ 4,862	+ 406	+ 203	+ 187	+ 94	+ 6,919	+ 577	+ 289	+ 267	+ 134

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Application forms, with a letter to parents or guardians, are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households must provide the following information listed on the application: the names of everyone in the household; the amount of income each household member received last month and where it came from; the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number. If the adult signing the application does not have a social security number, check the "I do not have a social security number box." For a child who is a member of a Basic Food household or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance unit, the household need provide only the child's name, the Basic Food or TANF, or FDIPIR case number, and printed name and signature of an adult member on the application.

Note: At this time, the following paragraph applies only to public school districts. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will download the names of all children age birth to 20 into the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Core Student Record Database. Information will include the child's first name, last name, middle initial and date of birth. Upon receipt of this information, OSPI will match student names against the DSHS file and then make the "match" data available to each district via the Internet. Students will automatically qualify for free meals if their schools participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. Households that do not want their child(ren) to participate in the free meal program should notify the child(ren)'s school.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the designated approving official(s) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the fair hearing official Mike Newman for a hearing on the decision.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for school meal benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for them, complete and submit an application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or disability. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more information contact Eric Boutin, Child Nutrition Services supervisor, at (253) 931-4972.

## **OCTOBER 2009:**

### **Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 10/29/09**

#### **Auburn Mountainview High School Girls' Soccer Team Captures Fall 2009 Class 3A Academic State Champions Title**

For the third year in a row, the Auburn Mountainview High School (AMHS) girls' varsity soccer team has captured the Class 3A Academic State Champions Title for girls' soccer with a combined team GPA of 3.788. The title was based on the combined grade-point averages of the 17 varsity soccer players. For more information contact Murray Johnson, AMHS athletic director, at 253-804-4539.

### **Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 10/27/09**

#### **Auburn School District Asks Voters to Consider Capital Improvements Levy on November 3rd Ballot**

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### **Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 10/26/09**

#### **Auburn Veterans Day Marching Band Competition on November 7**

On November 7, Auburn Senior High School will host the 23rd annual Auburn Veterans Day Marching Band Competition from 1:00-10:00 p.m. at Auburn Memorial Stadium, sponsored by the Auburn Band Parents Association.

More than 30 high school marching bands from Washington, Oregon and Idaho will compete in this year's Parade and Field Show Competition. The event features performances in marching band music, precision (marching) and drill (formation). Auburn's Veterans Day Marching Band Competition is the Pacific Northwest's largest and longest running marching band competition according to Auburn Senior High School Alumni Band Parent Rep and Veterans Day Chair Sue Hoffman.

Many of the bands will appear in the 44th annual Veterans Day Parade beginning at 11:00 a.m. along Main Street, which constitutes preliminary marching competition. Among those are all three of Auburn's high school marching bands: Auburn Senior High School, Auburn Riverside High School and Auburn Mountainview High School.

Auburn's Mayor Pete Lewis and his wife Kathy, Assistant Superintendent of the Auburn School District Louanne Decker and Auburn Senior High School principal Richard Zimmerman will present the awards following a full Band Retreat after 9:30 p.m. Sue Hoffman is pleased to announce special guest performances by the Seattle Seahawk's "Blue Thunder" and the Seattle Sounders FC "Soundwave" drum corps to cap off the day's events.

Auburn's Veterans Day Marching Band Competition benefits the Band Programs at Auburn Senior High School, including Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensembles.

Ticket prices for all day admission are: Adults \$14, Students (6-18) \$10, Senior Citizens (62+) \$10. Children under 5 are free. The public is encouraged to purchase tickets from Auburn High School band members, with ID, as a percentage of each ticket they sell is credited to their student band account. For further information, contact Sue Hoffman, Veterans Day Chair for the Auburn High School Band Parents Association at [hoffmansueann@hotmail.com](mailto:hoffmansueann@hotmail.com); visit the Auburn High School Band's Veterans Day website <http://auburnveteransday.webs.com>; or Auburn High School Band's website: <http://ahsbands.webs.com>.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 10/21/09**

**Auburn School Board Passes Resolution No. 1119 in Opposition of Initiative 1033**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 1119 in opposition of Initiative 1033 during the public school board meeting on October 12.

The Auburn School Board asks voters to reject Initiative 1033 on the November 3rd ballot due to the following issues:

I-1033 will reduce state revenue by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015.

I-1033 is on the ballot in a year when the Washington Legislature reduced funding for K-12 public schools by \$1.5 billion, cuts that have negatively impacted our local schools, staff and students.

I-1033 would clearly hurt the State's efforts to promote student learning, achievement and school accountability.

I-1033 will have a devastating impact on K-12 education in our local community and in the State of Washington.

King County voters can complete their ballots and drop them in the mail by November 3, or return their ballots without the cost of postage using the King County drop box at the Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way South. Pierce County voters can send their mail-in ballots or vote at their local poll sites.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 10/20/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Lake View Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Gavin Strojan, a fifth grade student at Lake View Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, October 26, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Gavin Strojan demonstrates excellent academic and leadership skills as a fifth grade student at Lake View Elementary School. He is extremely active both in and out of school.

At school Gavin serves as the Lake View ASB President, has been a greeter for new Lake View students and was a member of the 2008-09 Lake View Global Reading Challenge Team. Gavin celebrates differences and encourages an inclusive community among his peers. Gavin's favorite academic subjects are math, reading and history. According to Lake View principal Mr. Weibel, "Gavin is a terrific student who models the social and academic skills Lake View hopes to instill in all students."

Outside of school Gavin is a member of the AAU Jammin' basketball team and the Rapids 98 Navy soccer team. He collects baseball cards and Pez Heads. Gavin also enjoys traveling. He aspires to be a teacher or politician.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 10/20/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Lisa Gallinatti**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Lisa Gallinatti, teacher-librarian at Auburn Riverside High School, for her outstanding service on Monday, October 26, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Lisa Gallinatti, teacher-librarian at Auburn Riverside High School, works collaboratively with teachers to equip students with twenty-first century research skills. Students learn how to navigate through an information-rich society. According to Lisa, "Students can access information in so many more ways than when I was in school. It can be very daunting, so my job is to help these students evaluate the information and consider its credibility, relevancy and currency."

Some of Lisa's favorite sayings are: "Don't believe everything you read" and "Google doesn't have the answer to everything." Lisa's teaching requires students to be critical thinkers; to question and seek evidence; to validate and value different perspectives; and most importantly to seek information through different global perspectives. Lisa is also a fervent reader and enjoys connecting students with great books. She believes all students can be lifelong readers.

Lisa is a national board certified teacher. She earned the certification in 2003 and was the second teacher in the Auburn School District to become certified. Now Lisa is co-leading Auburn's first national board cohort group. She is proud to be part of a district that supports the national board process. Lisa will also be participating on Washington State's National Board Certified Teacher Policy Symposium in October. The group of 75 teachers will provide strategic, thoughtful input on how to implement the recently passed education reform bill 2261.

Lisa has 18 years of teaching experience, most of those as a third grade teacher and librarian at Washington Elementary School. Three years ago she transitioned into her teacher-librarian role at Auburn Riverside High School. Lisa has a bachelor's in education from Washington State University; a master's in educational technology from City University; and a learning services library media endorsement from the University of Washington.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Dick Scobee Elementary School Collects Over \$225 in Donations for Cancer Patients**

On October 16, Dick Scobee Elementary School's Associated Student Body (ASB) fundraised \$226 for the Heavenly Hats Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to provide brand-new hats for cancer patients and other medical patients who lose their hair due to a disease or the treatment of a disease. Typically hats are not allowed at school per school dress code, but on October 16, anyone who donated \$1 to the Heavenly Hats Foundation could bypass the rule and wear a hat to school all day. Some students opted to sport their favorite Seahawks cap while others selected Cat in the Hat style hats, Woody Woodpecker hats or Goofy hats. For students who did not have a hat to wear to school, the ASB provided brand-new visors that students bought with their \$1 donation and kept afterwards for their personal use. The Heavenly Hats Foundation was started by 17-year-old Anthony D. Leanna in 2001 when he was just 10 years old.

For more information contact Greg Brown, principal of Dick Scobee Elementary School, at (253) 931-4984.

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**Newsrelease: 10/20/09**

**West Auburn High School Awarded NEA Foundation Grant**

Teachers Nancy Olsten and Thomas Parsons of West Auburn High School in Auburn, Washington, have received a \$5,000 Student Achievement Grant from the NEA Foundation to deepen critical-thinking and problem-solving skills for at-risk students.

The grantees will introduce global issues through cross-curricular, activity-based learning. Students will consider issues through biographies, interviews and research. Through interaction with students in Africa, West Auburn students will develop an appreciation for African culture through the study of music, art and film.

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**Auburn School District Wins Association of School Business Officials International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Program**

Auburn School District has been awarded the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (COE) for excellence in fiscal reporting for the 2007-08 school year. The award, the highest recognition for school district financial operations offered by ASBO, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the program. This is Auburn School District's twenty-first year in a row receiving this award.

The district's high-quality Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) validates the credibility of the school system's operations, measures the integrity and technical competence of the business staff, assists in strengthening the presentations for bond issuance statements and provides professional recognition. The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Program was designed by ASBO International to enable school business officials to achieve a high standard of financial reporting.

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**Auburn Riverside High School Performing Arts Department to Host Two Veterans Day Celebration Assemblies**

On November 5, the Auburn Riverside High School Performing Arts Department is hosting two Veterans Day Celebration Assemblies at 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

The celebration assemblies will include musical tributes honoring veterans who have served and are serving the country. Local veterans organizations and Auburn-area veterans are invited to attend the assemblies.

For more information contact Auburn Riverside High School director of bands Meghan Wagner at (253) 804-5154.

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**Auburn High School DECA Students Teach Local Elementary Students Money Management Skills**

Auburn High School (AHS) DECA students are helping local elementary students learn the three basic principles of money management: saving, spending and sharing.

In partnership with a Seattle-based company, Moonjar LLC, AHS DECA students are using Moonjar classroom kits, which include curriculum that satisfies Washington State math standards, to teach younger students basic money management skills. Third grade classes from Washington, Dick Scobee, Lea Hill, Ilalko and Pioneer Elementary Schools are participating in the program.

According to the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions, more than 9 out of 10 adults and students believe it is important to have a good understanding of economics. Yet, only 21 percent of students say they have taken a personal finance course through school, according to Jump\$tart Coalition. In an effort to combat this trend, the AHS DECA students have made financial literacy a top priority this year, staying true to their mission of sharing their knowledge of business and finance with other capable students. The AHS DECA Chapter will train DECA members from across the state on how to implement the Moonjar classroom kits in their districts. This workshop will take place on October 26 at the Washington DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Bellevue.

The AHS DECA students have also been invited to present their work with the elementary classrooms at the Federal Reserve and DFI Conference on November 5 at the Tacoma Dome.

For more information contact Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School DECA teacher, at (253) 931-4719.



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**Pioneer Elementary School Awarded 2009-10 Title I, Part A Distinguished School Award**

Pioneer Elementary School in Auburn, Washington, is one of two schools state-wide to be awarded the Washington State 2009-10 Title I, Part A Distinguished School Award.

Pioneer Elementary School was recognized for exceptional student progress in reading in grades K-5 for two or more years. Pioneer Elementary soars above the state average in reading in grades 3, 4 and 5, as measured by the Washington Assessment of Student Learning. Additionally, Pioneer Elementary has successfully closed the achievement gap in reading in grades 3, 4 and 5 in the following subgroups: low income; limited English; and Hispanic.

Pioneer Elementary School will be honored at the 2010 National Title I Conference in Washington, DC, January 21-24, 2010. Pioneer will also receive state-level recognition and \$5,000.

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**Newsrelease: 10/12/09**

**Auburn School District to Host "College Night for Seniors and Parents" on October 13**

The Auburn School District will host a "College Night for Seniors" at the Auburn Riverside High School Theater (ART) on Tuesday, October 13, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Counselors from Auburn High School, Auburn Mountainview High School and Auburn Riverside High School will present important information pertaining to the college admissions process. Additionally, college representatives will discuss how students and their parents can make a successful and safe transition to the college environment.

For more information contact Amy Spence, publications and grants supervisor, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Auburn Mountainview High School and Auburn Riverside High School Students Capture National Merit Honors**

Two seniors from Auburn Mountainview High School, Daniel Montgomery and Angeleah Tena, and two seniors from Auburn Riverside High School, Anthony Tordillos and Christopher Hanson, have been recognized as Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Over 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

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**Fifty-eight Auburn School District Students Earn AP Scholar Awards**

Twenty-six Auburn High School and 32 Auburn Mountainview High School students earned the prestigious Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Award in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The College Board's AP Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performances on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes three levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams. Five Auburn High School (AHS) and 11 Auburn Mountainview High School (AMHS) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams.

AHS scholars: Kristin Olson, Bret Renschler, Lauren Sleezer, Zackariah Svendgard and Adam Vance.

AMHS scholars: Carin Bell, Rebekah Brougher, Laura Caudill, Andrea Fletcher, Lauren McElmurry, Dalenna McNab, Ahsen Nadeem, Kien-Thiet Nguyen, Soniya Rabadia, Elise Ransom and Brooke Reed.

Six AHS and 7 AMHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams.

AHS scholars: Alexis Burt, Graham Davis, Elizabeth Glavish, Rebecca Nelson, Erin Williams and Jennifer Wroe.

AMHS scholars: Sarah Bell, Brenda Bushell, Daniel Montgomery, Alisha Putz, Raquel Robayo-Krause, Corey Smith and Justis Tena.

Fifteen AHS and 14 AMHS students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing 3 or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.

AHS scholars: Courtney Adams, Jesse Butterfield, Katherine Garbe, Stella Geiss, Brittni Hayes, Meighan Howell, Benjamin Johnson, Solyvattey Malai, Alex Pratt, Madison Ramey, Melissa Rook, Hannah Scholter, Katarzyna Somerlik, Andrew Starr and Tyler Warner.

AMHS scholars: Amanda Bakken, Roman Galanti, Stephen Groot, Lesley Hahn, Erin Happenny, Andrew Hayward, Jessica Jasper, David Koper, Shaelyn Layton, Nicholas Lipinski, Brent McCulloch, Madeline Slettedahl, Dhavan Vengadasalam and Sarah Williams.

For more information contact Amy Spence, publications and grants supervisor, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 10/12/09**

**Auburn Mountainview High School Band Wins Third Place at Peninsula Classic**

On September 26, the Auburn Mountainview High School Marching Band/Color Guard took third place in division "A" at the Peninsula Classic Marching Band Competition.

Drum Major Samantha Fix and Color Guard Captains Adrienne Dunham and Lindsay Belden led the competition.

For more information contact Derek Pyle, Auburn Mountainview High School director of bands, at (253) 804-4539.

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**Newsrelease: 10/9/09**

**Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School Selected as One of Two Schools in Greater Seattle Area to Celebrate DEA's Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Campaign**

On Wednesday, October 14, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School in Auburn, Washington, will host the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Campaign. Arthur Jacobsen is one of two schools in the greater Seattle area selected to host the event.

A celebratory parade kicks off the event at 9:20 a.m., followed by a school-wide assembly. David Rose from "Washington's Most Wanted" will be the MC.

The National Red Ribbon Week commemorates DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Agent Camarena was abducted, tortured and brutally murdered in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1985. Agent Camarena sacrificed his life in the fight against drugs. The communities across the country and the nation rallied behind a campaign, which served as a reminder of the harm caused by drugs. The campaign expressed the need for anti-drug programs and the campaign would allow the dedicated actions of Americans to show their opposition to drugs. The campaign became known as the National Red Ribbon Week.

To videotape or photograph the event, please check in at the Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School front office, 29205 132nd Avenue SE, Auburn.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 10/9/09**

**Auburn Riverside High School Senior Invited to Perform with Auburn Symphony**

Tessa Goodwin, a senior at Auburn Riverside High School, has been invited to perform with the Auburn Symphony on October 10 and 11. Tessa plays the cello.

The concert on October 10 begins at 7:30 p.m. and the concert on October 11 begins at 2:30 p.m. Both concerts are at the Auburn Performing Arts Center.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 10/9/09**

**Laura Theimer Awarded Cities and Schools Forum 2009 Betty Smith Spirit of Education Award**

On Thursday, October 8, Laura Theimer was awarded the Cities and Schools Forum 2009 Betty Smith Spirit of Education Award at the eleventh annual Reaching Out Fair, co-hosted by the Auburn School District, the Cities of Auburn, Algona and Pacific, Green River Community College and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

Laura Theimer was selected from a pool of nominees based on her dedication to improving the lives and education of children behind-the-scenes. Laura Theimer has served on both the Terminal Park Elementary and Mt. Baker Middle School PTA boards. She is currently president of the Auburn Council of PTAs. Laura advocates for not only her children but all children and their teachers. Laura is a dedicated volunteer and fundraiser. Her primary goal is to create better learning opportunities for the children attending Auburn schools.

Betty Smith was known for her dedication to community. She worked tirelessly, often behind-the-scenes, and was known for her work with the Auburn School Board, local community organizations and being a part of developing the cooperative relationship with the Cities and Schools Forum. The Cities and Schools Forum honors her spirit each year with the Betty Smith Spirit of Education Award.

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**Newsrelease: 10/9/09**

**Former Auburn High School Wrestling Coach to be Honored with the WSWCA Joe Babbitt Contributors Award**

On November 7, Phill Celter of Auburn will be honored with the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association (WSWCA) Joe Babbitt Contributors Award during the annual WSWCA Coaches Clinic in Yakima at the Yakima Convention Center.

**Phill Cerver**

Auburn High School 1997-1999

Assistant Coach Auburn High School 1969-1997

Washington Junior High 1968-1969

Phill Cerver attended Stadium High School in Tacoma and was a two-time state wrestling qualifier, then he wrestled at Central Washington University and was coached by Hall of Famer Eric Beardsley. Cerver graduated from Central and taught at Washington Junior High School in Yakima before moving to Auburn High School in 1969 where he taught until his retirement in 1999.

Cerver was the head coach at Auburn High School from 1997 to 1999 and was an assistant coach for two Hall of Fame coaches at Auburn: Kip Herren and Gene Cerino. In his 30 years at Auburn, Cerver was an individual coach for over 20 state champions and was an important part of two state titles. As a Junior Varsity coach, Cerver had over 300 JV wins and in 1995 he was selected as the National Junior Varsity Coach of the Year. He was a founder of the Auburn Youth Wrestling Program and created the first Auburn Freestyle Club. Cerver was the coach of the Washington State Freestyle Team in 1998 and was selected as the Washington State federation Referee of the Year. In 1994 he was selected as the King County Vocation Special Education Teacher of the Year.

His son Ben was a two-time state champion at Auburn in 1993 and 1994. For the last three years Cerver has been coaching at Olympic Middle School with head coach Don Sims. Cerver is an Associate Real Estate Broker and continues to be a guest teacher.

For more information contact Jim Meyerhoff, Hall of Fame director, at (253) 445-4196 or [meyerhja@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:meyerhja@puyallup.k12.wa.us).

# **NOVEMBER 2009:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 11/24/09**

## **Dave Halford, Auburn Riverside High School Assistant Principal, Named Washington Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year**

On November 19, Dave Halford, assistant principal at Auburn Riverside High School, was named the Washington Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences (WASTS) Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year during the WASTS Annual State Conference held in Renton, Washington.

Dave Halford was nominated by his supervisor, peers and the entire Auburn School District Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Mr. Halford advocates for the CTE program, ensuring all content areas have the equipment, staff and support they need to provide students high levels of learning. According to Mr. Halford, "Supporting the staff and what they need for their programs whether it is proper equipment or specialized training is how students are able to learn properly and earn industry-level certifications." Mr. Halford is also responsible for student scheduling in the building. He meets with CTE instructors individually and discusses their scheduling needs in order to ensure FTE requirements are met.

Mr. Halford believes CTE programs provide niche learning for some students who may otherwise struggle in school. Mr. Halford knows firsthand the struggles of high school academics. In high school he enrolled in automotive technology, woodshop and Viscom and attributes his decision to stay in school because of these learning opportunities. Mr. Halford gained a variety of skills that allowed him opportunities to work in construction to help pay for his college education and to rebuild a number of classic cars. Mr. Halford continued his education after high school, earning college degrees and teacher certifications.

In 2001, Mr. Halford was hired as an assistant principal at Auburn Riverside High School and began overseeing the school's CTE program among other assigned duties. He participates on 14 building CTE Advisory Committees to collaborate with local industry leaders on how to improve learning for all students, and he routinely drops into CTE classes to witness students working with new technologies, equipment and more. Bruce Phillips, principal at Auburn Riverside High School, applauds Mr. Halford for his understanding of the programs and guidance and support of all content areas. According to Mr. Phillips, "Mr. Halford's advocacy for funds, equipment, staffing and support is unparalleled. He is Auburn's go-to guy when it comes to understanding the rules and resources of CTE."

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 11/19/09**

## **Auburn School District Students Invited to Help Design New District Logo**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors invites all students to submit an original logo design that complements the new district slogan, "Engage Educate Empower."

The student with the winning logo will be recognized at a future school board meeting. Additionally, the logo will become the official trademark of the Auburn School District and be publicized on the district website and printed on district letterhead, T-shirts and more. The winning logo may be modified for final use.

All logo designs must be submitted **by Friday, January 8, 2010** to a neighborhood school front office or to Louanne Decker, Assistant Superintendent, at the James P. Fugate Administration Building, 915 4th Street NE, Auburn, WA 98002.

Logo entry forms are available on the district website at <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/Communications/NewLogoDesign.html>. All entries must fit within a 4" x 4" space and include the student's name, school and grade. Additionally, each entry must describe how the logo complements the new district slogan, "Engage Educate Empower," in 25 words or less.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 11/17/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Alpac Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kevin Dao, a fifth grade student at Alpac Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, November 23, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kevin Dao is an academic standout. He has earned straight As in all subjects every year since entering the school in first grade. This year Kevin made academic excellence for his first fifth grade trimester. Kevin is also the leading attorney for the professional office during the fifth grade field trip to Junior Achievement Bizztown.

Kevin has been recognized as Star of the Week for befriending others, and he is always willing to help others with schoolwork, play a game or explain directions. Recently Kevin embraced a leadership role in his classroom by assisting his teacher, Ms. Johnston, with a classmate who spoke no English but fluent Vietnamese. Kevin speaks English and Vietnamese. Without hesitation Kevin began translating for and mentoring this student. According to Ms. Johnston, "Kevin made sure the student felt welcome and learned the ropes of our school. Without Kevin taking this leadership role I would have struggled immensely as an educator."

Outside of school Kevin keeps himself busy with piano lessons and tae kwon do. Kevin is a true leader and role model to all students at Alpac.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 11/17/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Janet Nielsen-Homan**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Janet Nielsen-Homan, kitchen manager at Cascade Middle School, for her outstanding service on Monday, November 23, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Janet Nielsen-Homan, kitchen manager at Cascade Middle School, walks through the kitchen doors at 6 a.m. to begin preparing breakfast and lunch for over 550 hungry students.

Focusing on whole foods and creating meals from scratch, Janet and her team of five kitchen assistants are not only satiating appetites, they are also introducing healthy foods to children. According to Janet, "Getting a 12-year-old to eat green veggies is sometimes difficult, but if the food is presented right, there is a much higher probability they will try it." For example, Janet has a "No French Fry" policy at Cascade. Instead, the kitchen team chops 100 pounds of potatoes and roasts them as a healthy alternative. Now the students never request French fries.

Janet and her kitchen assistants serve one breakfast and three back-to-back lunches every day. Most of her day is spent prepping and cooking food. She is also responsible for meal planning, which is done one month ahead of time. She orders all necessary ingredients and works closely with Eric Boutin, director of Child Nutrition Services, to implement a whole foods approach to school lunches.

This past summer Janet led the Child Nutrition Services Summer Food Academy. Each sold-out, four-day session taught participating students about the environment, healthy eating and gardening. Students met at the Washington Elementary School kitchen and prepared from scratch a wholesome breakfast, followed by hands-on learning activities in the outdoor garden. Each day students picked fresh produce from the garden to use in the lunches they prepared from scratch. Students made homemade pizzas, fresh sushi, yogurt parfaits and more.

Janet has worked in the district since 1992, beginning as a substitute. Her first permanent position was at Rainier as a kitchen assistant. She also worked at Lake View, Gildo Rey and Terminal Park before being promoted to kitchen manager at Lake View and now Cascade. Janet is certified through the School Nutrition Association and is the secretary of the Green Valley Chapter. Outside of the kitchen, Janet enjoys spending time with her husband, Tom, of 40 years and her two children, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Janet hopes to create a love of healthy foods for all children through education, experimentation and a good laugh.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 11/16/09**

**Auburn School District to Practice a Walking Evacuation Drill for Cascade Middle School and Dick Scobee Elementary School**

On Wednesday, November 25, Cascade Middle School and Dick Scobee Elementary School will practice a walking evacuation drill in preparation for possible flooding in the Green River Valley. Both schools may be affected by flooding according to the flooding projection data compiled and mapped by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The drill will begin at 9 a.m. Students and staff from both schools will evacuate the schoolhouses and walk to high ground. School buses will transport the students and staff to a reunion location. Students will then be bused back to school.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 11/10/09**

**Auburn School District Passes Capital Improvements Levy on November 3rd Ballot**

Residents of the Auburn School District approved the district's \$46.4 million capital improvements levy on the November 3rd ballot. As of November 9, 2009, the measure was passing with a 55.28% combined yes vote between King and Pierce Counties.

The capital levy will fund necessary repairs and essential improvements at 19 schools and 6 support facilities. The funds will be collected over six years. These repairs include:

- Replace aging roofs and obsolete equipment; provide energy-saving conservation improvements; and replace deteriorating utility lines
- Provide seismic structural upgrades; ensure safe vehicle and bus access; upgrade emergency power systems; and fix fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems to ensure the safety of all students
- Fix heating and ventilation systems; and improve water quality, health rooms, restrooms and locker rooms for student health
- Replace aging equipment and furniture; and maintain classroom instructional spaces
- Fix plumbing, electrical, lighting and sound systems; improve kitchen safety; and design office and storage areas for greater efficiencies in facility operations
- Upgrade lock systems and improve surveillance and intrusion detection systems for school security
- Create building access for persons with disabilities
- Repair playgrounds, playfields and athletic facilities for community and school use

The total local school tax rate, including previously approved measures and the proposed new measure, is estimated to be a level rate of \$4.93 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2010. The tax rate is 55 cents more per \$1,000 from the 2009 rate, which equates to \$165 on a \$300,000 home. The total local school tax rate has dropped from \$5.48 in 2002 to \$4.38 in 2009.

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**Newsrelease: 11/10/09**

#### **Auburn School District to Celebrate Thanksgiving with Thankful Lunch Days Featuring Organic, Local Ingredients**

Beginning on Thursday, November 12, Auburn Schools throughout the district will celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing a "Thankful Lunch" with their classmates and teachers.

Olympic Middle School kicks off Thankful Lunch Days on November 12 during its three lunches at 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Auburn School District's Child Nutrition Services kitchen staff is preparing fresh, homemade lunch menus featuring organic, locally-grown produce including mashed sweet potatoes, pears, apples, green beans and cherry pie tarts. Additionally, whole roasted turkeys will be served. At Olympic Middle School's Thankful Lunch, principal Jason Hill and assistant principal Maryn Feliciano will carve the turkeys in the buffet line and serve to the students and staff.

The Auburn School District Child Nutrition Services Department continues to partner with local Washington farms in order to serve all children fresh, local ingredients daily. Thankful Lunch Days will take place at the following schools:

November 12: Olympic Middle School and Pioneer Elementary School  
November 17: All Other Elementary Schools  
November 19: Cascade, Mt. Baker and Rainier Middle Schools  
November 20: Auburn High School

For more information contact Eric Boutin, director of Child Nutrition Services, at (253) 931-4972.



**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 11/10/09**

**Auburn Mountainview High School DECA Students to Host Entrepreneurship Exposition**

On Saturday, November 21, Auburn Mountainview High School DECA students Heather Odell and Nichola Usher are hosting the first annual Entrepreneurship Exposition from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Auburn Mountainview High School, 28900 124th Avenue SE, Auburn. The event is free and open to the public.

The Entrepreneurship Exposition is open to people of all ages who are interested in learning how to launch their own business. The event will help people discover how to begin reaching their goals of business ownership through resource booths; workshop sessions; a panel discussion with local business owners Way Scarff, owner of Scarff Ford, John Rottle, owner of Rottle's, and Dawn Taylor, owner of Salon Bella Dea; and a message from keynote speaker Brad Benner, owner of X-BAR, a Seattle-based IT consulting and support business.

Workshop session topics include: small business development; finances; marketing and more. Resource booth vendors include: Community Capitol Development; HBI Insurance; Washington Association of Accountants; Small Business Administration; Labor and Industry; IRS; and Department of Licensing.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: Revised 11/18/09**

**Auburn Mountainview High School Marching Band and Color Guard Bring Home Top Honors in the Auburn Veterans Day Field Show Competition**

On November 7, the Auburn Mountainview High School Marching Band won second place in the A Division with a score of 69.18 at the Auburn Veterans Day Field Show Competition.

Additionally, the Color Guard, captained by Adrienne Dunham and Lindsay Beldon, won a Caption Award of Best Color Guard in the A division.

For more information contact Derek Pyle, Auburn Mountainview High School director of bands, at (253) 804-4539.

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**Newsrelease: 11/03/09**

**Auburn Mountainview High School Marching Band Competes at First Annual Sunset Marching Band Festival**

On October 31, the Auburn Mountainview High School Marching Band and Color Guard captured an overall score of 153 at the First Annual Sunset Marching Band Festival at Sumner High School.

The marching band and color guard performed "Phantasm" and "Roar of the Lions." Drum Major Samantha Fix was awarded Best Drum Major.

For more information contact Derek Pyle, Auburn Mountainview High School director of bands, at (253) 804-4539.

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**Newsrelease: 11/03/09**

**Auburn Mountainview High School DECA Students to Support Donate Life Campaign**

Every day 18 people die on the waiting list due to the shortage of organ donors.

On Saturday, November 28, Auburn Mountainview High School will host an organ registry drive at the Auburn Public Library from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Auburn-area students and community members are encouraged to sign up to donate the day of the event.

Auburn Mountainview High School DECA students Emily Ness, Maggie Henderson and Monica Trainor kicked off the campaign on September 23. They are educating their classmates and community on what is organ donation and hope to increase organ donation participation by providing an opportunity to sign up during the organ registry drive.

For more information contact Emily Ness, Maggie Henderson or Monica Trainor at [prpdonatelife@yahoo.com](mailto:prpdonatelife@yahoo.com) or at (253) 737-7197.

## **DECEMBER 2009:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 12/10/09**

### **Ilalko Elementary School's Green Team Kicks Off Holiday Lights Recycling Program**

The Ilalko Elementary School Green Team has established a holiday lights recycling program. The goal is to collect as many broken and unusable light strands through January 22, 2010. The light strands will be recycled at a local metal recycling center where a breakdown process will reclaim metal within the strands.

All proceeds will benefit the Ilalko Library Fund to purchase books for the library and other recycling initiatives at Ilalko such as milk carton recycling and future projects like composting.

Lights can be dropped off at:

- Ilalko Elementary School front office, 301 Oravetz Pl. SE
- James P. Fugate Administration Building, 915 4th St. NE
- Top Foods Lake Tapps store, 1406 Lake Tapps Pkwy. SE
- Lakeland Hills Chiropractic, 1408 Lake Tapps Pkwy. E. Suite E105
- Children's Dance Theater, 14 B St. NE
- Auburn YMCA, 1620 Perimeter Road
- Bank of America-Southcenter Branch, 633 Southcenter, Seattle

With the recent implementation of a comprehensive Resource Conservation program, Auburn School District is placing renewed emphasis on recycling and other forms of environmental stewardship, such as the wise use of electricity, natural gas and water. In the past year, Auburn School District's operations and maintenance department has reduced the ongoing costs associated with solid waste by over \$50,000 through increased recycling, composting and careful planning of service.

For more information about the holiday lights recycling program or to request a collection box at your business or church, please contact Ilalko Elementary School PTA co-presidents Lynne Stephens or Vinnette Lang at (253) 931-4748. For more information about Auburn School District's Resource Conservation program, please contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 12/08/09**

### **West Auburn High School Senior Selected as Auburn Rotary December Student of the Month**

On December 16, Benjamin Holtz, a senior at West Auburn High School, will be honored as Auburn Rotary's December student of the month. He will attend the recognition luncheon with his father, George Holtz, and school advisor Larry Laush.

Ben enrolled in West Auburn High School's online program two years ago before transferring into the day program. This past year Ben has earned a 3.5 GPA and plans to transfer to Green River Community College's Running Start Program. Ben has made a positive impression on the staff and students of West Auburn. He looks forward to starting college and completing a four-year degree.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 12/08/09**

**Jim Krause to be Awarded Auburn School Board's Gold Star Volunteer Award**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will present the Gold Star Volunteer Award to Jim Krause, in recognition of his volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jim Krause has dedicated every Monday to the second grade students and teaching team at Hazelwood Elementary School for the last five years. Monday is Jim's Sunday, as he works full-time for Metro Bus Tuesday through Saturday. Asked what makes Jim want to spend one of his days off in the classroom, he says, "Because it's fun."

Jim primarily assists the four second grade classroom teachers by monitoring the reading progress of second grade students. Jim reads one-on-one with students during timed readings for the DIBELS. He then enters data from the timed readings and prepares reports for the teachers to use during their team evaluation. According to second grade teacher Mrs. Krause, "Jim is significant to our reading program. His contribution allows us to stay on top of our fluency goals."

The second grade is also considered the fluency grade. All students should read 90 words per minute. Thanks to Jim's volunteer support, more students receive individualized one-on-one reading time to help reach this goal.

Jim also prepares classroom materials, files paperwork, assists students with math facts and inevitably gets hooked into hanging and taking down classroom bulletin boards. Jim particularly enjoys witnessing students' reading progress throughout the year. "Seeing students succeed who one time struggled with reading is pretty fun," remarks Jim.

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**Newsrelease: 12/08/09**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Lakeland Hills Elementary School Fourth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Brenden McGraw, a fourth grade student at Lakeland Hills Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Brenden McGraw is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Knudtsen's class at Lakeland Hills Elementary School. Brenden is a natural leader among his peers and was selected this year to represent his classmates on the Lakeland Hills student council. Brenden also was selected to become a member of the Lakeland Hills Greeters. The Greeters welcome students to school every morning with a "hello" and a handshake, making sure all students start their day in a positive way. Brenden applies these greeting skills in his classroom when new students join his class during the school year. He is also one of the students that his teacher calls upon to help enforce the classroom rules as a line monitor.

Brenden is not only a great citizen and student, but he is also a successful athlete. Brenden plays on baseball and soccer teams outside of the school day, and is very active in his family's church activities.

Brenden is supported by his parents, Scott and Jodi McGraw, his brothers, Chris and Nathan, and his cousin, Dale.

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**Newsrelease: 12/08/09**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Katie Pomeroy**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Katie Pomeroy, resource room teacher at Ilalko Elementary School, for her outstanding service on Monday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Katie Pomeroy, resource room teacher at Ilalko Elementary School, provides individualized instruction for children who qualify for special education services, including instruction in reading, writing, math, and social and behavioral services.

Katie's passion for research-based, best practices makes this an ideal teaching job, as it allows her to research and apply different curriculum and teaching strategies that best fit the needs of each individual student. Her ultimate goal is to build a solid foundation for each student and close the achievement gap to help her students be successful in the general education setting.

Katie believes every student can reach their full potential. The key is for students to believe in themselves. According to Katie, "When students are struggling and their self-confidence is low, I like to show them they are just as successful as the next student." Katie also believes students must work hard in order to make and move beyond standard. "It may not come on the first try, or the fiftieth try, but eventually they will grasp it," remarks Katie. Recently one of Katie's students counted to 100 for the first time. The class celebrated the student's milestone with a 100 party. "It's about little steps," says Katie.

Katie is currently finishing her master's degree in education from the University of Washington-Tacoma. She earned her teaching certificate and bachelor's degree from the University of Washington-Tacoma. Katie is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and attends various workshops and conferences sponsored by the organization in order to keep abreast of current special education issues. Katie has only been in education for three years but knew from an early age she wanted to teach. Prior to teaching Katie worked as a dental assistant and as a personal assistant to an area realtor. Eventually her desire to teach got the best of her and she enrolled in school to earn a teaching certificate.

Katie lives in nearby Bonney Lake with her husband, two-year-old son, and is expecting her second child.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 12/04/09**

#### **Auburn High School Welding Class Saves District Money and Perfects Students' Welding Skills**

Ilalko Elementary School PE instructor DeeDee Goodspeed has teamed up with Auburn High School's welding instructor Ron Cughan to save the district money during tough fiscal times.

Ilalko students can't get enough of the roller racers in Ms. Goodspeed's PE class, which is why on occasion the scooters' "rams-horn" design handlebars break off the scooter. Ms. Goodspeed has turned to the Auburn High School metal shop for a more economical fix when she realized she did not have the budget to replace the \$80 scooters.

Mr. Cughan's welding students weld the handlebars back onto the roller racers using new metal pieces. The welding repair not only saves the district \$80 per scooter, but it also provides the high school students an opportunity to practice their welding skills and earn credit for the project.

The welding students also repair other sports and maintenance-related items that save the district dollars. According to Mr. Cughan, "For my students it is a real-life industry experience. They do as good a job or better as commercial welders, and at no charge." Students have worked on a variety of welding jobs including repairing football sleds, carts, pulley devices, kitchen equipment and more. Students also create new projects. One year students made art identification stands for the City of Auburn and a metal dog house for Auburn Mountainview High School's theatrical production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Mr. Cughan is grateful to local companies like Pacific Metal Fabrication and Duct Fabricators that donate scrap metal and other welding materials for students to use in the classroom, whether to repair a roller racer or build a metal tool box.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 12/04/09**

#### **Auburn School Board to Host Legislative Forum on December 7**

On Monday, December 7, the Auburn School District Board of Directors will hold a special school board meeting at 7 p.m. in the board room of the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

The purpose is to allow school board members to meet with Auburn School District legislators for an informational question and answer session.

The following legislators are confirmed:  
Senator Claudia Kauffman  
Representative Skip Priest  
Representative Dan Roach  
Representative Pat Sullivan

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**Newsrelease: 12/02/09**

**Alpac Elementary School to Host Parent-Student Reading Fluency Night and Before-School Fluency Club**

On Thursday, December 3, Alpac Elementary School Language Arts Specialist Barb Hagedorn will host a reading fluency night for first and second grade Title I students and their parents at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpac Elementary School Library.

Funded by a \$3,000 Target Literacy Grant, the reading fluency night will show parents how to help their children increase their fluency skills through home-based activities that supplement the students' school-day learning.

Parents and students will rotate through three stations that target various literacy skills including: fluency, phonics and vocabulary. A language arts specialist paraeducator will model how to work on each skill at home.

The Target Literacy Grant will also fund a before-school reading club for third and fourth grade students beginning in January. Students will work on reading fluency and test-taking strategies for the new Measurement of Student Progress (MSP), which replaces the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) beginning in the 2009-10 school year.

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# **JANUARY 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 1/29/10**

## **Auburn School District's "Beyond High School Night" Offers Students and Parents Options for Life After High School**

The Auburn School District will be hosting its 14th annual "Beyond High School Night" on Wednesday, February 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Auburn Mountainview High School (AMHS). The evening's program encourages students and parents to explore various post-high school options, such as community and technical colleges, four-year public and private colleges, career training programs, apprenticeship programs and the military services. Parents and students from all district middle schools and high schools are invited to attend this event. Home school and private school students are also welcome.

There will be opportunities to attend break-out sessions on numerous topics, including how to navigate the admissions process at four-year public and private colleges and universities, and community and technical colleges; financial aid; collegiate athletics; and Running Start/Advanced Placement options. Additionally, over 50 different colleges and universities, career schools, military services and apprenticeship programs will be available to answer questions and share information.

This event will provide valuable information for students as they map out their "life after high school."

For more information contact Carollynn Hanson, Auburn Mountainview High School college/career counselor, at 253-804-5195.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 1/29/10**

## **Auburn High School DECA Awarded \$2,500 State Farm Grant to Launch Public Relations Campaign Against Street Racing**

Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School (AHS) DECA advisor, was awarded a \$2,500 Shift into Safety grant sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies. The check will be presented to the AHS DECA program on February 8 during the Auburn School Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

In an effort to combat the risky trend of street racing, Auburn High DECA students now have the resources to launch their "Drive Fast, Get Dead Last" campaign. The goal is to raise public awareness of the dangers of street racing and to make an impact in decreasing the number of incidents in Auburn and the surrounding communities. In 2009, Auburn High School lost one student and a recent graduate to fatal street racing accidents.

AHS DECA is comprised of 120 students. The students engage in activities that promote the four points of the DECA Diamond: Social Intelligence, Vocational Understanding, Community Service and Leadership. The chapter has been very successful reaching out to local students and making an impact in their business education. Along with success in their community, the chapter has seen numerous area, state and national level medalists in DECA competitions. Ultimately, the goal of Auburn High School DECA is to spread their knowledge of business and finance to other capable students.

For more information contact Lori Jacobs, AHS DECA advisor, at 253-931-4719.



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**Newsrelease: 1/29/10**

**Lakeland Hills Elementary School Awarded \$2,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant**

Lakeland Hills Elementary School librarian Vickie Leaf has been awarded a \$2,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant. The grant will fund a gardening project that teaches students about soil management, water conservation, cultivation of decorative plants, as well as what it takes to grow food and how to sustain it.

The lessons will provide students with a practical reality of how gardening has sustained families in America's recent 200-year history, and how modern technologies still rely on nature to provide food to America. It will also give students incentive to create their own oasis of gardens both for pleasure and for sustainable food.

For more information contact Vickie Leaf, Lakeland Hills Elementary School librarian, at (253) 876-7711.

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**Newsrelease: 1/29/10**

**Seven Auburn School District Students Selected as 2010 Washington Aerospace Scholars**

Seven exceptional students in the Auburn School District have been selected as 2010 Washington Aerospace Scholars:

- Kyle Cheney—Auburn High School
- Michelle Hainer—Auburn High School
- Blake Morgan—Auburn High School
  
- Samantha Fix—Auburn Mountainview High School
- Sarah-Katherine Montjoy—Auburn Mountainview High School
- Parker Sheldon—Auburn Mountainview High School
  
- Benjamin Klontz—Auburn Riverside High School

The students named above are among 247 talented juniors from across the state who have been accepted into the first phase of the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) program. The Washington Aerospace Scholars program selects outstanding high school juniors to participate in a state-wide, interactive, online learning experience, culminating in a six-day residential internship for select participants at The Museum of Flight in Seattle. Selected students are encouraged to study math, science, engineering and computer science as they interact with aerospace engineers and educators. Students from every legislative district across Washington State compete to take part in this exciting program. The students are recommended by teachers and chosen for the summer residency by state legislators.

At this time, the scholars are participating in phase one: distance learning with a NASA-designed curriculum. From home, school or public library, students complete Web-based activities including: space exploration studies in space shuttle, space station, lunar and Mars explorations; quizzes, math problems, essays and graphics concerning these studies; and links to virtual reality models, interactive tutorials, videos and 3-D graphics.

Students will undergo a second round of selection for phase two of the program: the summer residency. Selected scholars will attend a six-day residential summer experience at The Museum of Flight. During this experience, students will work in teams to complete hands-on engineering activities associated with the design of a human mission to Mars; participate in briefings from engineers, scientists and aerospace professionals; and attend tours and field trips. Students will be mentored by aerospace engineers, college staff/students and teachers. Certified Washington teachers serve as program counselors during the residential summer experience. Selected teachers receive transportation, housing and meals, and they guide the students through their learning experiences. Teachers are invited to apply via: [www.museumofflight.org/washingtonaerospacescholars](http://www.museumofflight.org/washingtonaerospacescholars).

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 1/28/10**

#### **Auburn High School Senior Selected as Auburn Rotary January Student of the Month**

On January 20, Noel Oda, a senior at Auburn High School, was honored as Auburn Rotary's January student of the month. She attended the recognition luncheon with her mother, Marci Oda, and school advisor Bob Jones.

Noel Oda shines in the classroom and in service to her school and community. She has a 3.84 GPA and ranks in the top five percent of her class. She is the vice president of Troy Crew, Auburn High's freshmen mentoring program, and the student-leader of the school's fall and spring blood drives.

Every Friday she shares lunch with students with special needs. And for the second year in a row she will chair Auburn High's ACS Relay for Life group. The group is already collecting donations for the April event. After graduation, Noel plans to attend Green River Community College in the fall.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 1/28/10**

#### **Auburn High School and Auburn Riverside High School Students Excel at SkillsUSA Puget Sound Regional Cabinetry Contest**

On Saturday, January 23, Auburn High School (AHS) and Auburn Riverside High School (ARHS) cabinetry students captured top honors at the annual SkillsUSA Puget Sound Regional cabinetry contest held at Auburn High School.

The following Auburn students brought home honors:

1st place Mike Craig, senior, AHS

4th place Brian Smyser, senior, ARHS

5th place Carlos Sanchezllanes, junior, AHS

6th place James Stevenson, sophomore, AHS

8th place Delbert Greiner, senior, ARHS

The top four students qualified for the SkillsUSA Washington State Skills and Leadership Conference State Tournament to be held April 15-17 in Yakima, Washington.

For more information contact Jim Wickens, Auburn Riverside High School construction manufacturing instructor, at 253-804-5154.

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**Newsrelease: 1/27/10**

#### **Dick Scobee Elementary School to Honor Fallen Astronauts and Open Time Capsule**

On Friday, January 29, at a 2:00 p.m. school-wide assembly, Dick Scobee Elementary School will celebrate the lives of fallen astronauts from the three space crashes and open a decade-old time capsule that reads, "To be opened in 2010."

The six-foot long time capsule was filled by Dick Scobee students in 2000, under the leadership of Principal Starla Audette.

All former Dick Scobee students, parents and staff are invited to participate in the opening of the time capsule.

For more information contact Greg Brown, Dick Scobee Elementary School principal, at (253) 931-4984.

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**Newsrelease: 1/27/10**

#### **Cascade Middle School Reduces Waste and Saves School Thousands of Dollars**

The three "Rs"—reduce, reuse, recycle—are quickly catching on at Cascade Middle School. Cascade's students returned from winter break to learn their green efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling have saved the school \$4,394 since September.

The Green Team, a group of volunteer students in Mr. Weide's Environmental Science class, kicked off the pilot program last May after the school's kitchen manager, Janet-Nielsen-Homan, expressed a desire to reduce kitchen waste. The Green Team designed lunchroom recycling and waste stations, which allow students to sort their food scraps, waste (any non-food or non-recycling items), and recyclable items such as milk cartons into the appropriate containers during all three lunches. The Green Team also developed a classroom paper recycling program where recyclable paper is collected daily from designated classroom bins.

Students have bought into the program thanks to the Green Team's upbeat informational campaigns that simply communicate how to reduce waste and recycle, and its benefits. "Doing green is cool," remarks Mr. Weide, "and our students think so too."

Cascade has reduced its frequency of garbage pick-up and simultaneously increased recycling pick-up to two days per week and food waste to three days per week. The Green Team is currently focused on its next project: an ink cartridge and cell phone recycling drive. They also hope to recruit more members and start a video production team.

Mr. Weide and Principal Isaiah Johnson attribute the success of the program to the participation of the entire student body. "If it's not food scraps we are collecting, it's milk cartons and paper," says Mr. Weide. "Our goal this year is to save over \$10,000 and brainstorm how we can better conserve water and energy in our building. There are no limits to what we as a school can do to help the environment."

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 1/27/10**

#### **Ilalko Elementary School Recycles Over 2,900 Pounds of Holiday Light Strands**

Ilalko's Green Team launched its first holiday lights recycling drive during the 2009 holidays. The team collected broken and unusable lights strands at over 100 drop-off locations throughout Auburn and neighboring cities.

In eight weeks, the Green Team collected over 2,900 pounds of lights, which might have otherwise turned up in a landfill. The light strands were delivered to a local metal recycling center where a breakdown process reclaimed metal within the strands. All \$2,032.80 earned from the recycling center will benefit the Ilalko Library Fund to purchase books for the library and other recycling initiatives at Ilalko such as milk carton recycling and future projects like composting.

With the recent implementation of a comprehensive Resource Conservation program, Auburn School District is placing renewed emphasis on recycling and other forms of environmental stewardship, such as the wise use of electricity, natural gas and water. In the past year, Auburn School District's operations and maintenance department has reduced the ongoing costs associated with solid waste by over \$50,000 through increased recycling, composting and careful planning of service.

For more information about the holiday lights recycling program, please contact Ilalko Elementary School PTA co-presidents Lynne Stephens or Vinnette Lang at (253) 931-4748. For more information about Auburn School District's Resource Conservation program, please contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 1/27/10**

#### **Ten Auburn School District Teachers Earn National Board Certification**

Ten more teachers in the Auburn School District have earned the National Board Certification, paving the way for teachers just beginning the program and for those who are interested in taking the plunge. The teachers are:

- Tracy Brown, TOSA, Terminal Park/Washington Elementary Schools
- Cynthia Carroll, Language Arts Specialist, Dick Scobee Elementary School
- Janet Chu, English, Auburn Mountainview High School
- Shelley Harris, Language Arts Specialist, Chinook Elementary School
- April Jackson, First Grade, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School
- Brendan Jeffreys, Third Grade, Gildo Rey Elementary School
- Patrick Mulick, Special Education, Auburn High School
- Rebecca Olson, Business Education, Auburn High School
- Krista Parsons, Sports Medicine, Auburn High School

- Micala Root, Fifth Grade, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School

The certification process, developed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), is a symbol of professional teaching excellence. Certification is optional and does not replace state licensing.

Teachers who participate must pass a rigorous, two-part assessment. The process typically takes one school year, which means teachers spend between 200-400 hours on average compiling their portfolio activities and studying for the written assessment.

Beyond receiving national recognition and more visibility in their roles, these teachers receive an additional \$5,090 annual stipend, fulfill the requirements for obtaining or renewing the Professional Teachers Certificate, and receive 90 hours toward state renewal requirements. NBPTS also provides resources, leadership opportunities and training through their network of board-certified teachers.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 1/22/10**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Auburn High School Senior**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kalie Krueger, a senior at Auburn High School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Auburn High's Kalie Krueger defines what is a model student. Her mature, disciplined nature makes her the perfect choice for ASB Treasurer. She approves all ASB fiscal transactions, chairs all ASB fundraisers and organizes school-wide pep assemblies. Her connection to ASB began as a junior class officer.

Kalie is a quick learner and naturally gravitates toward more rigorous AP classes in order to push herself academically. She is taking AP Government/Politics, AP Spanish, AP Literature/Composition and AP Calculus. She holds a 3.916 GPA and is eagerly awaiting her acceptance letters from NYU, Syracuse, Georgetown, George Washington and University of Portland. Broadcasting and public relations may be her future career of choice.

Kalie is also an award-winning singer. She has won the choir director's award two years straight and is invited to sing the National Anthem at school football, basketball and volleyball games. She is a four-year varsity letter winner at volleyball and is also participating in the Miss Auburn Scholarship Program.

Kalie is ready for new adventures and is grateful for her family's support. She is aiming for the dean's list wherever she pursues her studies.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 1/22/10**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Marta Osborne**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Marta Osborne, Alpac Elementary School kindergarten Title I paraeducator, for her outstanding service on Monday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Marta Osborne, Alpac Elementary School's kindergarten Title I paraeducator, devotes her day building the foundational math and reading skills of kindergartners. Her instructional space is tucked between the three half-day kindergarten classes at Alpac Elementary School and provides a quiet, calming environment for the students who need extra assistance in math and reading skills.

Marta's students each receive 30 minutes of daily, small-group instruction to advance their math and reading skills—from phonemic awareness to letter recognition to basic counting. The instruction is individualized for each student depending on what skill the student may be struggling with. Marta sets the bar high for her students, recognizing that children often rise to the challenge.

Marta ensures students make academic progress through weekly progress monitoring and continuous communication with the kindergarten teachers. According to Marta, "Helping students learn is very rewarding—especially with kindergartners. They are full of wonder, very teachable and have a strong desire to want to learn new things."

After 10 years of working in her position, Marta has established lasting connections with her students and particularly enjoys relating to students in their everyday lives. "I care about what matters to my students and hope to be that safe place they can turn to," says Marta.

Outside of the classroom, Marta is actively recruited to design the front display case for the school's annual reading theme. This year's theme, "Reading Rocks," featured a hand-drawn, watercolor image of a little girl listening to music and daydreaming of a rock band. Marta has also participated on the school's social committee, organizing multiple events and recognition for staff.

Marta's future plans include returning to college to further pursue her educational interests. She also continues to nurture her own four children—all between the ages of 19-25. She and her husband live in Orting.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 1/22/10**

**Retired Auburn School District Librarian to Visit Cascade Middle School Teachers Featured in PLU's *Scene Magazine***

On Monday, January 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Liz Willis, a retired librarian from Auburn School District and widow of former Cascade Middle School principal, Howard Willis, will pay a visit to the teaching staff of Cascade Middle School.

Former Superintendent of Auburn Schools Linda Cowan will tour Liz Willis through the classrooms of the eight PLU grads featured in PLU's fall 2009 *Scene Magazine*. Liz's connections to Cascade stem from her

husband's tenure as principal, while her PLU roots started as a child when her father was a professor at PLU.

Liz will conclude her tour sharing lunch with Cascade's current principal, Isaiah Johnson, and assistant principal Tad Heinen, both of whom are graduates of PLU Class of '96.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 1/15/10**

#### **Auburn School Board Joins Washington Lighthouse Project**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors is participating in the Washington Lighthouse Project, a program that brings a research-based approach to building board leadership for high levels of student achievement.

The Lighthouse training helps school directors understand their crucial role in improving student achievement and how their role differs from those of administrators and staff. It underscores the importance of board beliefs about what can be accomplished, and it provides a comprehensive, best-practices approach to strengthening board governance to promote success for each student.

The Washington Lighthouse Project replicates board/superintendent training developed through a multi-state research effort led by the Iowa Association of School Boards. This research establishes a clear connection between school board leadership and student learning.

Designed to serve as a "lighthouse" for boards in their effort to improve student learning, several states are applying the research—including Alabama, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin and now Washington.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 1/12/10**

#### **Auburn School District, Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce and Communities in Schools Auburn to Host Inaugural Middle School Career Conference For Area Middle School Students**

On Wednesday, January 20, the first annual Auburn Area Middle School Career Conference will be held from 7:55 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Cascade Middle School in Auburn and from 11:55 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Baker Middle School in Auburn.

Auburn School District, Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce and Communities in Schools of Auburn are partnering together to encourage middle school students to stay engaged in school, plan appropriate high school course of study, graduate from high school on time, and set goals for successes beyond high school.

A 20-minute college-bound program awareness assembly kicks off the career conference, followed by four 15-minute breakout sessions with 18 local business professionals and representatives from six community and technical colleges, and a four-year university.

Middle school students from Valley Christian School will be participating in the event with students from Mt. Baker Middle School during the afternoon session.

For more information contact Rod Luke, assistant superintendent, K-12 student learning and district technology, at 253-931-4903.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: Revised 1/21/10**

#### **Auburn School District Announces 2009-10 Classified Employees of the Year**

The Auburn School District has selected its 2009-10 Classified Employees of the Year: the Information Technology team of Jennifer Milks and Vicki Alonzo, and Lea Hill Elementary School office manager Lori Sanford. They will be recognized as Auburn School District's Classified Employees of the Year on Monday, February 8, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jennifer Milks, Vicki Alonzo and Lori Sanford were entered into the regional competition at the local PSESD. Each region will select a winner to move on to the state-level competition. The state winner will be declared the 2010 Washington State Classified Employee of the Year.

Jennifer Milks and Vicki Alonzo were nominated as a team by the district's executive director of information technology, Neil Vien. Jennifer Milks is the chief technical advisor and has dedicated 20 years of service to the district. Vicki Alonzo is the client services manager and has dedicated 15 years of service to the district. Ms. Milks and Mrs. Alonzo collaboratively work together to ensure staff, students and families feel comfortable using the district's technological tools—from e-mail to Word processing to data assessment software. While Ms. Milks plans, installs and troubleshoots all technical systems, Mrs. Alonzo educates staff on how to use the tools to do their jobs more effectively.

Lori Sanford was nominated by Lea Hill Elementary School principal Ed Herda. Lori Sanford is in her twelfth year as the Lea Hill office manager. Mrs. Sanford's primary goal is to provide a welcoming, safe, learning environment for all students. She is known for her upbeat, friendly demeanor and unparalleled work ethic. Mrs. Sanford supports the smooth, daily operations of Lea Hill including managing school budgets and substitutes; greeting students and families; publishing school newsletters; organizing daily schedules and the principal's calendar; and even chairing the school's safety committee that was awarded multiple grants to purchase safety equipment for the school crossing zone.

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## **FEBRUARY 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 2/22/10**

### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Washington Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kaleb Propst, a fifth grade student at Washington Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kaleb Propst earns a gold medal for his achievements in the classroom and for his growth as a citizen of the Washington Elementary School community.

Kaleb began his fifth grade year with a new attitude. "I realized I wanted to stop my bad choices and improve my behavior. I made a choice to change because I know it was hurting me," says Kaleb.

To date Kaleb has earned all As and Bs on class assignments in Mr. Markwell's fifth grade class. His favorite subjects are math and spelling. Recently Kaleb earned a trip to Qwest Field to tour the facility and visit with the Seahawks through the First and Goal program. "When I set goals and motivate myself to get good grades, I get good things in return, like getting to play sports or video games," remarks Kaleb.

Kaleb is an avid sports fan and plays basketball, football, Muay Thai kickboxing, baseball, soccer and wrestling. This year he placed first at a local holiday wrestling tournament. Kaleb attributes much of his growth as a student and citizen to sports. According to Kaleb, "Sports keep me motivated. I do not want to waste time."

Giving back to others is a priority in Kaleb's life. At school he is a member of the crossing guard patrol and kindergarten helpers. He also sets up the Resource Room classroom chairs every morning before school. Kaleb recently mentored children with special needs at a Special Olympics basketball event.

According to Kaleb's teacher, Mr. Markwell, "Kaleb is making positive choices. He understands when he needs to make a change in his environment in order to succeed." Mr. Markwell also appreciates Kaleb's helpful attitude in the classroom. He helps Mr. Markwell clean and pick up the classroom. He's even organized the clutter on Mr. Markwell's desk a time or two.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 2/19/10**

### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff member Arnie Grab**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Arnie Grab, library media specialist at Evergreen Heights Elementary School, for his outstanding service on Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Thirty-two years in the classroom makes for some unforgettable stories, such as the time Arnie dressed up as Spiderman and shouted down to the students from the rooftop for reaching their reading goals. Or when he wrote and sang motivational songs to inspire students during the district's annual all-schools food drive. This year's lyrics go along to the classic tune, "YMCA." Hopefully it will catch on since Evergreen

Heights is the defending champion. Last year they were the elementary school that collected the most food and cash donations.

Arnie Grab, library media specialist at Evergreen Heights Elementary School, connects to the students through laughter and fun challenges. Arnie meets with every class twice a week and provides foundational library and computer skills—from the Dewey Decimal System to book talks to global reading challenges to Microsoft Word applications to Internet research. He also helps students catch up on assignments in homework group, which meets during lunch.

Arnie teaches social responsibility and work ethic to his young students. "I want to teach academics but I also believe in showing students how to be good citizens. I make it a priority to give positive compliments to my students every day so their good behavior does not go unnoticed," says Arnie.

Arnie's 32 years of teaching include 21 years as a fourth and fifth grade teacher and 11 years as a librarian for Evergreen Heights Elementary School. Recently Arnie developed computer assessments for teachers to use that gauge their students' progress. According to Arnie, "Testing on the computer provides teachers with instant feedback, which allows them to use more of their time guiding instruction instead of grading."

Outside of the classroom, Arnie participates in annual technology conferences, formative assessment workshops, and will be attending a PLC conference in February. He has also served on the building's SIP committee and the district technology committee. Arnie earned his bachelor's degree in education from Central Washington University and a master's degree in education from Pacific Lutheran University.

Arnie and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of two successful daughters. They live in Milton. In fact, Arnie is an official "Miltonian," as he has lived there his entire life.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 2/9/10**

### **Auburn Riverside High School Band Dominates Regional Competition**

On January 30, over 60 Auburn Riverside High School band students competed at the Green River Music Region Solo and Ensemble Contest at Kentwood High School.

Auburn Riverside captured excellent and superior ratings and qualified more band students than any other school in the region for the 2010 State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Central Washington University in April. Students will perform for three professional musicians who are experts and specialists on their individual instruments.

The following students received "excellent ratings" for their solos:

- Jeff Miles on trombone
- Sumner Brock on saxophone
- Riley Schulz on clarinet
- Hunter Logan on clarinet
- Kristina Brockett on saxophone
- Kari Chicketti on tuba
- Caleb Thompson on marimba
- David Berry on timpani
- Jessica Fletcher on flute
- Gerik Dobes on trumpet

The following students received "superior" ratings for their solos and qualified for the State Solo Contest:

- Aaryn Snyder on baritone
- Brandon Hand on baritone
- Katherine Nash on French horn
- Sebastian Hernandez on trumpet
- Elise Jones on saxophone
- Karley Thurston on saxophone
- Dustin Brown on trombone
- Austin Bastrom on oboe

The following ensembles received "excellent" ratings:

- Woodwind Quintet
- Flute Duet
- Clarinet/Flute Duet
- Percussion Quartet 1
- Percussion Quartet 2
- Small Percussion Ensemble
- Mallet Duet
- Percussion Quintet

The following ensemble received a "superior" rating:

- Saxophone Quartet

The following ensembles received "superior" ratings and qualified for the State Ensemble Contest:

- Large Percussion Ensemble
- Brass Quintet Horn Quartet
- Trombone Quartet

For more information contact Meghan Wagner, Auburn Riverside High School director of bands, at (253) 804-5154.

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**Newsrelease: 2/9/10**

#### **Auburn Riverside High School DECA Enterprise Earns Gold Level Certification**

Auburn Riverside High School's School-Based Enterprise (SBE) achieved Gold Level Certification and will be recognized at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 24-27. Students Jaclyn Akers and Brianna Hurn, with the assistance of their advisor, Mrs. Chris Wilson, led the recertification effort. The school store at Auburn Riverside High School has operated an SBE for 12 consecutive years.

SBEs are effective educational tools in helping to prepare students for the transition from school to work or college. For many students, it provides their first work experience. For others, it provides an opportunity to build management, supervision and leadership skills.

DECA's SBE Certification Program was developed to provide recognition for outstanding achievement and to motivate SBEs to strive for excellence and growth.

School stores are certified at three levels: bronze, silver or gold. In order to apply for certification, SBES must submit extensive documentation showing how they have achieved set standards as outlined in the Certification Guidelines. After the documentation is submitted, a review committee evaluates the documentation to determine which level of certification has been achieved.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Terminal Park Elementary School Now Accepting STEP Nominations for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Terminal Park Elementary School is accepting nominations for the Auburn School District STEP program (elementary gifted education) for the 2010-2011 school year.

Nominated students are selected based on testing results from the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), a cognitive abilities test and a characteristic rating scale. The STEP program seeks to support advanced learners through deep exploration of content areas and the use of higher level thinking skills.

For more information contact your child's school counselor or call Terminal Park Elementary School at (253) 931-4978.

## **MARCH 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 3/31/10**

### **Auburn High School Hosts Governor Gregoire for a Bill-Signing Event**

On Monday, March 29, Governor Chris Gregoire returned to the hallways of Auburn High School to sign both economic and education-related bills.

Auburn High School and Washington Elementary School students enthusiastically welcomed Governor Gregoire into the Trojans' gymnasium to witness the Governor sign a number of education bills into law.

Auburn School Board Members Lisa Connors and Craig Schumaker joined the Governor for a photo op as she signed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6696, a plan that could help Washington State successfully compete for federal Race to the Top funding.

For a complete list of bills signed by Governor Gregoire, go to <http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?pressRelease=1464&newsType=1>.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 3/16/10**

### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Rainier Middle School Eighth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kaitlyn Jensen, an eighth grade student at Rainier Middle School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kaitlyn Jensen is known for taking on challenges. In her eighth grade year at Rainier Middle School, Kaitlyn has accomplished more than what some high school seniors input into their college admissions applications.

In the classroom, Kaitlyn earns straight As. She is in a ninth-grade level algebra class, honors language arts and honors social studies. Kaitlyn has received the following academic awards: a member of the National Honors Society for five consecutive quarters; Principal's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement two years in a row; "Pawsitive" Panther Award three years in a row; Kiwanis of the Valley Middle School Student of the Month; and Fifth Grade Lions Club Award.

Kaitlyn is a role model for her peers. "She sets the bar high for others without them even knowing it," remarks Ms. Jordan, Kaitlyn's science teacher. "Her labs and projects are always top notch. The students love to see what she creates."

Kaitlyn is an active school citizen, leading the student body as ASB Treasurer and sixth grade students as a WEB Leader. According to Kaitlyn's teachers, Kaitlyn exudes a natural, unpretentious confidence that motivates others to work harder in and outside the classroom.

Kaitlyn is a master scheduler. She juggles multiple school activities with even more personal interests. Kaitlyn plays violin and recently was awarded a "1" Superior rating on a duet and a "2" Excellent rating on

a solo at the Green River Music Educators Association Regional Ensemble Contest. She plays AAU basketball, volleyball and select soccer, earning multiple awards for her athleticism and sportsmanship. She has participated as a "little sister" in the Miss Auburn Pageant and entered the Junior Sea Gals Program. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, outdoor adventures, shopping and babysitting.

According to Kaitlyn, "I like the ability to take something on even if it isn't the easiest task. I have realized there is nothing I can't do when I set my mind to it." Kaitlyn's future goals include earning a college degree and going into medicine or teaching.

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**Newsrelease: 3/16/10**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Sixth Grade Math Teacher Kathe Ball**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kathe Ball, Olympic Middle School sixth grade math teacher, for her outstanding service on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Sixth grade math teacher Kathe Ball guides students through math—and teenage life—with the same two principles: teamwork and honesty.

Kathe teaches both general and honors math at Olympic Middle School using many interactive group activities to engage her students in learning. Kathe also teams with her sixth grade teaching partner to assess student progress through common assessments. The data reveals what skills students have mastered and those they have not. From there Kathe and her colleague can determine both intervention and enrichment activities accordingly.

Kathe connects with her students on a personal level, often engaging her classes in discussions about the importance of honesty and integrity. According to Kathe, "I enjoy connecting with my students. They are my own child's age so I can relate to what they may be going through." Kathe grew up with many adult mentors impacting her life, so she wants to return the favor.

Kathe's decade of service at Olympic Middle School includes much more than teaching fractions. She has served on multiple district committees including the math power standards committee and standards-based grading committee. Kathe tutors students during the Cougar After-School Program and advises student-leaders in the Builder's Club. This year the Builder's Club planted flowers at the ACAP building and organized various spirit activities for school athletics and drama productions.

Kathe earned an English degree from Western Washington University, a K-8 education degree from the University of Washington and a master's in the art of teaching from Grand Canyon University. Kathe lives in Bonney Lake with her husband and two daughters.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 3/16/10**

**Steve Corbett to be Awarded Auburn School Board's Gold Star Volunteer Award**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will present the Gold Star Volunteer Award to Steve Corbett, in recognition of his volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Steve Corbett is no stranger to service. As a retired Army Colonel, Steve served our country for 27 years. He now serves his neighborhood schoolhouse, Terminal Park Elementary School. "I wanted to retire while I was still young enough to give back to my community," says Steve, "especially in economic times like these. When education budgets get cut, parents are a free resource available to augment schools."

This year Steve is a reading coach. He primarily works with students who are reading below grade level and helps them improve their reading fluency and comprehension. Because of students' different reading levels, Steve helps each child focus on the skills they need to master. Steve individualizes instruction and finds activities where the students enjoy learning. Recently Steve used a board game to help a student build her vocabulary after discovering she liked playing board games.

Steve particularly enjoys working with students who speak English as a second language, as his mother emigrated from Aruba to the United States and experienced learning a new language as a teenager. According to Steve, "I want to focus on reading because I believe if a child can read they can do anything."

Steve has not only served at Terminal Park for the last four years, but he is also an active member of the PTA, teaches religious education at his church, volunteers as a coach for Auburn Parks and Recreation, and is a busy father of three children. Steve teaches U.S. History and African American History at Central Texas College on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

According to Terminal Park Elementary School Principal Tim Carstens, "Mr. Corbett's patience, service and dedication to students make him an ideal candidate for the Gold Star Award. He has a desire to help in any capacity and is a man of true service without the expectation of recognition."

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 3/2/10**

**Lea Hill Elementary School Office Manager Lori Sanford is the 2010 Regional Classified Employee of the Year**

Lori Sanford, Office Manager at Lea Hill Elementary School in Auburn School District, is the Puget Sound ESD's 2010 Classified School Employee of the Year.

Sanford has worked in Auburn School District for 18 years. In her role as office manager she has been an ambassador for the school, creating a welcoming environment for students and families starting with the first visit and each encounter thereafter. A few of her many responsibilities are managing the school budget, payroll, and work orders. She is in charge of school communication, including the school calendars, website, newsletter, outside reader board, weekly bulletin and events notices. She has chaired the Safety Committee and written two successful safety grants, awarding the school funds to purchase safety supplies for the school crossing zone, supplies for the safety container and walkie-talkies for emergency communication. She collaborated with the local city government to help facilitate the

installation of cameras in the local walking zone. In addition, she is the ASB Liaison and teaches students about fundraising finances, bill paying and handling of student funds.

Sanford has been awarded the Auburn School District Classified Employee of the Year, the Lea Hill PTA Golden Mustang Award, Auburn's Council of PTA's Outstanding Service Award and the Lea Hill PTA Golden Acorn Award.

*"The office is the heart and soul of Lea Hill Elementary; this is directly due to Mrs. Sanford's leadership. Her attitude and experience are instrumental to our customer service approach."*

*"Lori is a take-charge person who is able to overcome any obstacle that might present itself in our office and communicates effectively with staff and families. She is a cheerful force that greets all visitors as they enter our building."*

*"Lori looks and acts professional at all times. She has always treated staff and visitors with warm respect. She thinks of many details that make the ELL parents feel accepted and welcomed, such as getting translators to events or registrations."*

*"She (Mrs. Sanford) always explained everything so we knew exactly what we were signing. She was really nice; she was humorous; she wore really cool red glasses; she was a fancy dresser; she always told us thank you and have a good rest of the day."*

The Puget Sound Classified Employee of the Year Program is part of the Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year Program. Each ESD selects one Classified School Employee of the Year from the school districts within their region. The regional recipients become nominees to the Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year Program.

For more information, contact Jane Robb-Linse at PSESD at (425) 917-7855, (253) 778-7855 or [jrobb@psesd.org](mailto:jrobb@psesd.org); or Amy Spence at the Auburn School District at (253) 931-4713 or [aspence@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:aspence@auburn.wednet.edu).

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**Newsrelease: 3/2/10**

**Auburn School District and Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce to Host Greater Auburn Community Career Conference for Area High School Students**

On Tuesday, March 23, the Greater Auburn Community Career Conference for high school students will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Grace Community Church in Auburn, 1320 Auburn Way South.

The career conference is a partnership between the Auburn School District and the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce. Key Bank, BECU, Boeing, Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, Exotic Metals Forming Company, SKC Tech Prep, Kiwanis Club of Auburn, Auburn Rotary Club, Soroptimists Club of Auburn and the Auburn Noon Lions are some of the conference sponsors. Approximately 50 businesses and post-secondary institutions will be on-site to participate in student interviews and provide informational career booths. Approximately 300 students from the Auburn and Kent School Districts are expected to attend.

The purpose of the career conference is to expose students to a variety of career pathways and opportunities, as well as to help them gain firsthand knowledge and support from local businesses and leaders. This is sure to be an enthusiastic, worthwhile and enlightening experience for all who participate.

For more information contact Rob Swaim, director of career and technical education, at 253-931-4903.



## **APRIL 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 4/30/10**

### **Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School to Host Spring Plant Sales**

The Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School horticulture programs will host their annual spring plant sales beginning in May.

Auburn High School Horticulture Club will host its plant sale at the Auburn High School greenhouse, located at 800 2nd Street NE, on May 5-7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Auburn Mountainview High School Horticulture Club will host its plant sale at the Auburn Mountainview High School greenhouse, located at 28900 124th Avenue SE, on May 6-7 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; May 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; May 11-12 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; and May 17-21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parking and admission is free. The plant sales are open to the public.

Over 200 varieties of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, small fruits, shrubs, groundcovers and hanging baskets are for sale. Prices range from \$0.50 to \$36.00.

All plants are hand grown by students of the FFA and Horticulture Program. All proceeds will help fund next year's greenhouse crop and FFA activities (travel, banquet, community service projects and campus beautification).

For more information contact Bruce Morris, Auburn High School horticulture instructor, at 253-931-4719 ext. 1717 or Regina Grubb, Auburn Mountainview High School horticulture instructor, at 253-804-4539 ext. 6200.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 4/28/10**

### **Auburn School District Announces 2009-2010 Teachers of the Year**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize the 2010 Teachers of the Year on Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

One high school teacher, one middle school teacher and one elementary school teacher were selected at the district level—Elaine Hogg, Arleen Burkhalter and Michael Martin. Two of the teachers, Arleen Burkhalter and Michael Martin, have been selected to move on to the regional competition. One teacher from each region will move on to the state competition. The state winner will move on to the 2011 national competition.

#### **Elaine Hogg** **Auburn High School Special Education Teacher**

Elaine Hogg is the Auburn School District 2009-10 high school level outstanding teacher of the year. Ms. Hogg has dedicated 17 years to help students with special needs learn how to become independent, contributing members of the community.

Ms. Hogg uses early intervention, direct instruction and parent involvement to improve student academic success. She tailors instruction based on children's individual learning styles and needs, and stays current on the latest research and best practices to improve her quality of teaching. According to Ms. Hogg, "Teachers should show growth year after year, working to high standards."

Ms. Hogg serves as a mentor teacher and supervises student teachers and interns as the Structured Learning Center Department Head at Auburn High School. Ms. Hogg leads a large department where colleagues collaborate in order to ensure all students excel academically and socially. This year state testing shows that the students have made significant gains.

Recently Ms. Hogg helped open the district's newest educational facility for the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). TAP is designed for Auburn School District students with special needs between the ages of 18 and 21. Students receive focused instruction on improving their daily living and work skills, while increasing their access to the community.

Ms. Hogg stays active in the community as a Special Olympics and hospital volunteer. She also brings volunteer opportunities to her students to teach them about citizenship and giving back to their community.

Ms. Hogg has a master degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a bachelor degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She continues to pursue learning opportunities to grow and improve her skills as an educator.

### **Arleen Burkhalter**

#### **Mt. Baker Middle School Physical Education Teacher**

Arleen Burkhalter is the Auburn School District 2009-10 middle school level outstanding teacher of the year. Ms. Burkhalter practices a holistic approach to education by using curriculum that includes academics, electives and physical education.

Ms. Burkhalter has taught physical education in the Auburn School District for 22 years. Her students receive direct instruction about health and nutrition, the benefits of movement, individualized fitness plans and goal-setting. According to Ms. Burkhalter, "My lessons are developed to ensure that every student is active and successful."

Ms. Burkhalter is a leader at the district and building level. This year she helped align the health and fitness curriculum to Washington State standards, wrote the middle school district power standards for health and fitness, and created the health and fitness classroom-based assessments for grades 6-8. Over the past 14 years, Ms. Burkhalter has served on the Mt. Baker School Improvement Team, Leadership Team and IEP Team. She is also the PAWS Health and Fitness Content Leader. Ms. Burkhalter has been involved in the hiring of both certificated and classified staff members who have made incredible impacts in the K-12 system.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Burkhalter is the head track coach and one of the girls' and boys' basketball coaches. She attends many of her students' extracurricular activities to build repertoire with her students, and she supports school and community fundraisers by organizing sports tournaments, PTA fundraisers and more.

Ms. Burkhalter earned a master of education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Washington and a bachelor of arts in education from Western Washington University. She attributes her passion for education to her father, who taught fifth grade for 30 years. In fact, he was her fifth grade teacher.

### **Michael Martin**

#### **Terminal Park Elementary School Fifth Grade Teacher**

Michael Martin is the Auburn School District 2009-10 elementary school level outstanding teacher of the year. Mr. Martin's leadership and innovation produce not only academic gains for his students but also professional growth among his colleagues.

Mr. Martin encourages collaboration in the classroom to maximize learning. Students set goals, discuss concepts and reflect on their work together. Mr. Martin also ensures time is reserved for one-on-one mentoring and instruction and uses assessment data to drive daily instruction. According to Mr. Martin, "We are a community working together to learn new things. I am not here to control or direct students but to guide and mentor them to success....Establishing relationships with my students allows me to set high expectations for them. They are willing to work harder because they know I want them to be the best student and the best person they can be."

Mr. Martin teams with his fellow teachers to reflect on their teaching practices, discuss best practices, and examine research and literature to expand their own knowledge. Mr. Martin is a member of Terminal Park's School Improvement Leadership Team and co-founded the school's professional book club for staff. He advises the after-school homework and enrichment club, and coaches basketball and volleyball.

At the district level, Mr. Martin is assisting with the design and implementation of a standards-based report card. The standards-based report holds teachers accountable for teaching and assessing specific content beyond general subject areas. Additionally, thanks to the 1-4 grading scale, students and families can track progress toward grade-level expectations and are more aware of their strengths and areas of improvement.

Mr. Martin also enjoys providing students the opportunity to participate in environmentally conscious programs like recycling and vermicomposting. Mr. Martin founded Terminal Park's Green Team, a group of students committed to lessening their impact on the environment. The Green Team has created a worm bin to compost food scraps, school-wide paper recycling competition to increase students' consciousness about the benefits of recycling, and collected aluminum cans for recycling. All proceeds from the recycled cans were donated to King County Humane Society. The Green Team has instilled in students and staff lessons about being responsible citizens who can have a positive impact in their communities. Mr. Martin was named the 2008 King County Earth Hero and the Terminal Park Elementary School PTA Outstanding Educator.

Mr. Martin recently completed a master of education in reading and literacy and professional certification from City University. He also earned a bachelor of arts in education from Western Washington University.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 4/28/10**

**Auburn School District Office Manager Named 2010 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year**

Lori Sanford, the office manager at Lea Hill Elementary School in the Auburn School District, is the 2010 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year.

Mrs. Sanford and seven other regional finalists were recognized by State Superintendent Randy Dorn at a ceremony today in the Old Capitol Building in Olympia. Mrs. Sanford was named the 2010 state award winner. She was chosen by a state selection committee comprised of award-winning educators and representatives from the following organizations: Public School Employees of Washington; Washington Education Association; Washington State Board of Education; Washington State Parent Teacher Association; Washington Association of School Administrators; and Washington State School Directors Association.

Mrs. Sanford first walked through the doors at Lea Hill as the parent of a kindergartner in 1982. She quickly became an indispensable parent volunteer in the library, the resource room, and on the PTA and district committees.

In 1992, Mrs. Sanford joined the staff at Lea Hill, where she has remained for the past 18 years as the office manager. Mrs. Sanford's primary goal is to provide a welcoming, safe, learning environment for all students. She is known for her upbeat, friendly demeanor and unparalleled work ethic. She is hailed by her colleagues as a "true professional," the "poster person for efficiency" and "a joy to work with."

Mrs. Sanford supports the smooth, daily operations of Lea Hill including managing school budgets and substitutes; greeting students and families; publishing school newsletters; organizing daily schedules and the principal's calendar; and even chairing the school's safety committee that was awarded multiple grants to purchase safety equipment for the school crossing zone.

"Everything (Lori) does contributes to our primary goal—increase student achievement," remarks Lea Hill Principal Ed Herda. "She treats all patrons with respect. She helps me keep things in perspective. Her positive and professional attitude is a constant reminder for me to do the same, even on tough days."

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 4/26/10**

#### **Auburn School District to Host Open House and Tour of New Transition Assistance Program Facility**

Auburn School District will host an open house and tour of the new Transition Assistance Program (TAP) facility on Tuesday, April 27, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., located at 501 3rd Street NE, Auburn.

Students in the Transition Assistance Program will prepare refreshments, direct tours and share their new job skills with the community during the event.

The TAP building opened in March 2010 and is the newest Auburn School District facility. TAP is designed for Auburn School District students with special needs between the ages of 18 and 21. Students receive focused instruction on improving their daily living and work skills, while increasing their access to the community.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 4/21/10**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Hazelwood Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Reagan Peterson, a fifth grade student at Hazelwood Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Reagan Peterson, a fifth grade student at Hazelwood Elementary School, is an academic standout. She has earned straight As in all classes since she began at Hazelwood in the third grade. This year, Reagan made academic excellence for her first fifth grade trimester. Reagan is also the ASB secretary at Hazelwood. She records all happenings during ASB meetings and leads the morning announcements every Wednesday.

Reagan has been recognized for her accomplishments as a member of the fifth grade orchestra program at Rainier Middle School and for her leadership in the classroom. Additionally, Reagan is an avid reader

and a big fan of the Harry Potter series. Hazelwood's librarian, Mrs. Austin, says, "Reegan has enthusiasm for everything she does, whether it is reading new chapter books, learning new skills in technology or helping others. She is always willing to go to the next level and offer a smile while doing so. We love her infectious positive energy!"

Outside of school, Reegan stays busy with piano lessons and her love of animals. In the future, Reegan sees herself as an endocrinologist, working in the field of medicine with a focus on diabetes. According to Principal Colburn, "I am confident that Reegan will reach all her goals for the future as she is one exceptional young lady."

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 4/21/10**

#### **Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Veteran Bus Driver Leone Tomlinson**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Leone Tomlinson, bus driver, for her outstanding service on Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Leone Tomlinson's 32 years of service as a bus driver for the Auburn School District include earning a perfect bus driving record, teaching respectful ridership, and sighting bears—on more than one occasion.

For the past 11 years, Leone has driven bus 164 on route 11, which services Lake View Elementary, Cascade Middle School and Auburn High. She also drives bus 19, which transports Lea Hill Elementary head start students home from half-day kindergarten.

Leone's most important job as a bus driver is to get kiddos to and from school safely. Leone drives her bus with care and has a perfect driving record. She teaches her student-riders about bus stop safety, walking to and from the bus stop in pairs or groups, and appropriate bus riding behavior. According to Leone, "Most of my kids I have had from the time they were in kindergarten, so when they reach high school, I have imparted to them how to get to the bus safely and how to ride respectfully."

While Leone gets to know the children well, she also has met a couple of bears out on the Auburn-Black Diamond Road. Thankfully it was in passing and never near a bus stop. Other wildlife sightings include: eagles near the fish hatchery and deer.

As a veteran bus driver, Leone has been selected to drive new teachers around the entire school district during new teacher orientation in August. She also trains new bus driver substitutes on the back roads of Lake Morton. "It is sometimes hard to find the one road that takes you out of Lake Morton," smiles Leone. "It is my job to make sure the substitutes feel comfortable driving that route."

Leone learned how to drive a bus in a bus driving course at Renton Technical College. Leone wanted a career where she could work part-time and still be available for her young children. Now that her children are 22 and 24, driving buses is still a great fit for Leone.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 4/15/10**

**Auburn School District Virginia Cross Native Education Center Teacher Wins Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Scholarship**

Brooke Broussard, a teacher in the Virginia Cross Native Education Center, was awarded a Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Scholarship.

Ms. Broussard will travel to Williamsburg, Virginia, from June 16-23 and participate in Early American History learning opportunities at Colonial Williamsburg.

The Teacher Institute Scholarship was a competitive awards process open to outstanding teachers nationwide who teach American History.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 4/14/10**

**Auburn Mountainview High School Names Craig Spence New Head Football Coach**

Craig Spence has been named the new head football coach for Auburn Mountainview High School. Mr. Spence brings both college and high school level coaching experiences to the Lions Football Program. He most recently was the football offensive program coordinator at the University of Washington. He has also held college football coaching positions at Stanford University, Boston College, Occidental College, Ventura College, Graceland University and Columbia University. He was the director of football and head football coach at Charles Wright Academy for two seasons.

Mr. Spence played defensive back at Stanford University for Bill Walsh before beginning his coaching career. In Mr. Spence's coaching career, he has coached in five major single-season turnarounds including: Stanford (Tyrone Willingham led team to 8-4 bowl season); Boston College (8-4 after two 3-8 years); Occidental College (6-4 after two 1-8 seasons); Graceland University (5-5 and then 8-2 after a 0-10 season); and Charles Wright Academy (first winning season in 12 years).

Mr. Spence is committed to success on the field and in the classroom. He emphasizes academics and character development and believes student-athletes can be positive role models in the schoolhouse. As a Stanford University graduate and varsity athlete in football, cross country, and track and field, Mr. Spence understands the importance of balancing academic performance and athletic pursuits.

Mr. Spence earned his master's and bachelor's degrees in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University. He is a lifelong learner and has continued post-graduate studies in business. Mr. Spence is also a lifelong athlete. He recently completed his fourth Ironman Triathlon. He and his wife and daughter reside in Auburn.

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**Newsrelease: 4/13/10**

**West Auburn High School to Host JAMTOWN Rhythm Events Drumming Clinic**

On Wednesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 21, JAMTOWN Rhythm Events, based in Seattle, will be leading a drumming clinic for students of West Auburn High School as part of their global studies of Africa.

The clinic is made possible by a National Education Association (NEA) Student Achievement grant awarded to Nancy Olsten, West Auburn High School language arts and virtual school teacher. The grant is funding cross-curricular, activity-based learning for students.

For more information contact Nancy Olsten at (253) 931-4990.

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**Mt. Baker Middle School Orchestra Students to Open Show for Professional Bass and Cello Duo**

On Friday, April 30, Mt. Baker Middle School orchestra students will be the opening act for the Bottom-Line Duo, a professional bass and cello duo, at the Auburn Avenue Theater. The students kick off the show at 7:30 p.m. The Bottom-Line Duo will take the stage at 8:00 p.m.

The Bottom-Line Duo will be performing for the students and staff of Mt. Baker Middle School on April 29 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tickets for the April 30 show at the Auburn Avenue Theater are \$15 for students and \$17 for adults.

For more information contact Melinda Wharton, Mt. Baker Middle School orchestra teacher, at (253) 804-4555, or Jim Kleinbeck at the Auburn Avenue Theater, (253) 833-5678.

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**Auburn School District Students Support Community-Wide Clothes 4 Kids Clothing Drive**

On April 26-30, Dick Scobee, Pioneer and Terminal Park Elementary Schools, as well as high school and middle school service clubs, will collect items for the community-wide clothing drive, Clothes 4 Kids, sponsored by the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound Team 2.

Students, families and staff members are encouraged to donate clean and gently used clothing and shoes and new socks and underwear to benefit students with need (ages 5-12) in the Auburn School District. Donations from size 4 to adult medium are preferred.

Kelly Jensen, Auburn Riverside High School family and consumer sciences teacher and member of the Leadership Institute South Puget Sound Team 2, is helping to organize the massive donation event. The Auburn Riverside Key Club will be picking up items at designated drop-off locations and schoolhouses and taking them to the sorting location for distribution.

Drop-off locations will be accepting items April 5-30 and are located at:

- VRFA Fire Station 31 (North Auburn), Station 33 (Lakeland), Station 34 (Lea Hill)
- Auburn Parks & Recreation Office
- Auburn City Hall
- Auburn School District Transportation Office (near Super Mall)

All clothing items will be donated to Auburn School District schools. These items will ensure students can return to the classroom more quickly and with confidence.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Auburn Riverside High School *InFlight* Newspaper Staff Wins Awards at State Journalism Competition**

The Auburn Riverside High School *InFlight* Newspaper staff competed at the 2010 Washington State Journalism Write-Off Competition in Edmonds, Washington, on March 13 at Mountlake Terrace High School.

Four students placed in the awards category. They are:

Sydney Shuman: Superior in Feature Photography  
 Kim German: Honorable Mention in Copyediting and Headline Writing  
 James Kozanitis: Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing  
 Shayla McGinness: Honorable Mention in Review Writing

*InFlight* Newspaper students will be competing at the upcoming JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention on April 15-18 in Portland, Oregon.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Washington Elementary School Principal Named 2010 Washington State Public Health Champion**

Pauline Thomas, principal at Washington Elementary School, has been named the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA) 2010 School Health Champion. She was recognized for her overall commitment in making fundamental shifts for children to lead healthier lives.

Pauline Thomas has been working to improve the health of Washington Elementary School students for the past three years. She has implemented a school health team that adopted the CDC's Coordinated School Health Program. Pauline Thomas also started a wellness committee that focuses on nutrition and physical activity education. The school's annual walk-a-thon partners with the health department and fundraises for enhanced physical fitness and nutrition educational opportunities. Parents also get involved by dressing up as fresh fruit and vegetable characters.

Pauline Thomas has developed a relationship with the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department and participates as one of three elementary schools that comprise the South King County Action for Healthy Kids Regional Team. The team's focus is obesity prevention through physical activity and healthy eating.



For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Cascade Middle School Kitchen Manager Awarded the School Nutrition Association Louise Sublette Award of Excellence for the Pacific Northwest**

Janet Neilsen-Homan, kitchen manager at Cascade Middle School, has been awarded the Washington State and Northwest Regional Louise Sublette Award of Excellence from the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

Janet will be competing with six other regional finalists for the National Award, which will be presented at the SNA's National Conference in Dallas this summer. Janet also won the regional award in 2003.

Janet's recognition is in part a reflection of her efforts behind initiating the comprehensive school kitchen recycling program at Cascade Middle School, which includes reducing its waste through composting and purchasing recyclable products. Cascade Middle School students are also thinking "green." The Green Team, a group of volunteer students in Mr. Weide's Environmental Science class, kicked off a pilot program last May after Janet Nielsen-Homan began reducing kitchen waste. The Green Team designed lunchroom recycling and waste stations, which allow students to sort their food scraps, waste (any non-food or non-recycling items), and recyclable items such as milk cartons into the appropriate containers during all three lunches. The Green Team also developed a classroom paper recycling program where recyclable paper is collected daily from designated classroom bins.

Each year, SNA honors school nutrition professionals with the Louise Sublette Award of Excellence, which is considered the highest honor a school nutrition manager can earn. The award is named in memory of Louise Sublette, a leader in school nutrition programs in Tennessee and in SNA. During her 43 years in the profession, Louise worked with many areas of food service and nutrition—public schools, colleges, hospitals and elderly feeding programs. Her name is given to this high award because Louise Sublette emphasized that the success of school nutrition depends upon those professionals who work in school nutrition programs.

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**Auburn School District All-Schools Food Drive Brings in Over 51,000 Pounds of Food and \$15,000 in Cash Donations**

From February 22-March 5, all 22 Auburn schools participated in the Sixth Annual All-Schools Food Drive. For 10 days, Auburn schools collected canned foods and cash donations for families and people in need in the Auburn community. This year 51,680 pounds of food was collected and \$15,723.47 was donated. One hundred percent of the food and proceeds were donated to the Auburn Food Bank and the Algonia/Pacific Food Bank.

The schools to bring in the most food at the elementary, middle and high school levels were:

Hazelwood Elementary School with 8,024 pounds and \$486.90 cash donations  
Olympic Middle School with 7,148 pounds and \$1,840.88 cash donations  
Auburn Mountainview High School with 4,421 pounds and \$628.68 cash donations

Each of these three schools will receive a trophy and be recognized at the Auburn Food Bank's annual Harvest Breakfast in the fall of 2010. For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Auburn School District 2010-11 Kindergarten Round-Up Schedule and Registration Information**

All Auburn School District elementary schools will host kindergarten round-up orientation activities for incoming kindergartners and their families for the 2010-11 school year. The schedule is as follows:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Alpac	May 20	6:30 p.m.
Arthur Jacobsen	April 21	6:30 p.m.
Chinook	May 20	6 p.m.
Dick Scobee	April 20	6 p.m.
Evergreen Heights	April 22	6 p.m.
Gildo Rey	May 5	3:30 p.m.
Hazelwood	May 12	3:30 p.m.
Ilalko	April 14	8 a.m.
Lake View	May 13	4:30 p.m.
Lakeland Hills	April 28	3:30 p.m.
Lea Hill	May 13	4 p.m.
Pioneer	March 23	3:30 p.m.
Terminal Park	April 20	4 p.m.
Washington	May 5	3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year begins on April 12. Elementary schools are open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

At the time of registration, please bring your child's official birth certificate. In accordance with State law, parents must present up-to-date immunization information before registering their child(ren) in school. Required immunizations include:

- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) - 2 doses 1st dose on or after first birthday; 2nd dose at least 28 days after 1st dose
- DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) - 4 doses if last dose is on or after fourth birthday
- Polio:
  - 3 doses if last dose is on or after fourth birthday
  - 4 doses if all doses are before fourth birthday
- Hepatitis B (3-shot series)
- Varicella (chicken pox) - 2 doses 1st dose on or after first birthday; blood titer or medical provider diagnosis is needed for verification of disease

For additional information contact your neighborhood elementary school or Louanne Decker, assistant superintendent of PK-12 school programs, at (253) 931-4920.

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**Newsrelease: 4/2/10**

**Olympic Middle School to Host Free "Together We Win" Family Workshops**

Beginning on Wednesday, April 14, Olympic Middle School and community partner, LifeWay, will kick off a six-week series of free "Together We Win" family workshops.

Every Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m., families in the community are invited to come together to share a meal and learn valuable skills related to family finances and budgets, parenting, communication in marriage, and healing from divorce.

Adults will break off into small groups and select the workshops that best fit their interests. All children will participate in free, kid-friendly activities.

Free dinner will be provided to all participants. The event is open to all Olympic Middle School and area families.

For more information contact Jason Hill, Olympic Middle School principal, at (253) 931-4966.

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**Newsrelease: 4/2/10**

**Lake View Elementary School Wins Third Place at the King County Library Global Reading Grand Challenge**

On March 26, the Lake View Elementary School Global Reading Challenge Team represented South King County at the 2010 King County Global Reading Grand Challenge, held at the King County Library System Service Center in Issaquah. The competition kicked off at 10 a.m.

Lake View Team members Katie Ackerman, Kerry Grant, Haley Hunsaker, Aidan Oehler, Derrick Howlett, Leila Lewis and Gavin Strojan captured third place. Lake View reached the Grand Challenge by winning its school, school district and regional challenges.

All teams, at all levels of competition, must demonstrate knowledge of 10 books chosen by King County Library System librarians. A typical format consists of three rounds of eight questions. Questions are open-ended, fill-in-the-blank, true or false, or multiple choice. Teams are given time to confer and must come up with one answer for each question.

The Lake View Team was accompanied by its parent volunteer coach, Nancy Ackerman, and Lake View's school librarian and assistant coach, Jan Millgard.

The Global Reading Challenge is modeled after the popular Battle of the Books and has been well received by students in nine school districts around King County. In 2001, the first Global Challenge in King County was initiated in Auburn with two schools and 42 students. This year the program highlights 43 schools and over 1,300 students and generates enormous enthusiasm among participants, as well as their parents, peers and teachers. This collaborative effort was born primarily to promote the love of reading and to have fun while doing it. It has also provided a recreational outlet for readers, promoted teamwork and introduced children to a wide variety of multicultural reading materials.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Auburn School District Students Compete in Second Annual District-Wide Math Competition**

On March 24, Auburn School District third, fourth and fifth grade students participated in the district's second annual district-wide math competition at Auburn High School, organized by Peter Voiles, Ilalko Elementary School math teacher, and Christa Jeffreys, Lakeland Hills Elementary School math teacher.

Teams of four students tested their math skills in three rounds of competition. Round one challenged each team member to complete as many basic facts (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) in a five-minute period; round two required each team member to complete as many word problems in a five-minute period; and round three posed each team with a challenge question.

Auburn High School advanced math students volunteered as judges and scored each round of competition. Individual medals were awarded to one student in each grade level for rounds one and two, and team medals were awarded to one team in each grade level who amassed the most team points throughout all three rounds. The winners were:

**Third Grade**

Fact Fluency: Israel Melaku, Lakeland Hills  
Word Problems: Dylan Grenz, Lakeland Hills  
Challenge Problem: Hazelwood  
Overall Champion: Lakeland Hills

**Fourth Grade**

Fact Fluency: Peter Pham, Arthur Jacobsen  
Word Problems: Alex Harlen, Hazelwood  
Challenge Problem: Ilalko  
Overall Champion: Lakeland Hills

**Fifth Grade**

Fact Fluency: Anthony Stokes, Arthur Jacobsen  
Word Problems: Jerena Layacan, Lakeland Hills  
Challenge Problem: Lakeland Hills  
Overall Champion: Lakeland Hills

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 5/28/10**

### **Auburn Riverside High School, Mt. Baker Middle School and Lea Hill Elementary School Win Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award**

Auburn Riverside High School, Mt. Baker Middle School and Lea Hill Elementary School are the 2010 Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award Winners. The Auburn School Board, Superintendent Kip Herren and former Superintendent Linda Cowan will present the awards to the students and staff of the three schools during school-wide assemblies in June.

The award annually recognizes one high school, one middle school and one elementary school for academic achievement growth within at-risk student populations. All schools receive a plaque and monetary award. The high school level winner receives \$3,000; the middle level \$2,000; and the elementary level \$1,000. The award encourages schools to continue their efforts in closing the achievement gap for all students.

The award honors former Auburn School District Superintendent Linda Cowan for her 30 years of service in the Auburn School District, 40 years total in public education, and for her dedication to improving the quality of education for all children.

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**Newsrelease: 5/21/10**

### **Auburn School District Senior Submits Winning Design for New Auburn School District Logo**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors has selected Auburn Mountainview High School senior Anna Gage's logo design to be used to create the new Auburn School District official logo.



Anna Gage, an advanced graphic design student, will be recognized on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the James P. Fugate Administration Building for her outstanding work and accomplishment.

The clean, simply stated logo design incorporates the new Auburn School District slogan, "Engage Educate Empower," which was the brainchild of student, staff and community focus groups in late 2009. The new logo will be featured on district stationery, printed materials and website in the near future.

The Auburn School District Logo Design Contest invited all students K-12 to submit a logo design that complements the new district slogan, "Engage Educate Empower." Students were asked to create their entries within a 4" x 4" space and describe, in 25 words or less, how the logo complements the new district slogan.

The Auburn School Board was impressed with all 181 student logo entries. The outstanding design of each student represents the school district's visual arts programs at their best.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 5/19/10**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Gildo Rey Elementary School Fifth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Makenzie Deshler, a fifth grade student at Gildo Rey Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Makenzie Deshler is a quiet, positive student who leads by example. She is well respected by students and teachers alike. Makenzie's classroom teacher commends her for the positive impact she has in her classroom and throughout the entire school. She is studious, conscientious and helpful. Makenzie has high expectations for herself, which translates into exceptional grades.

As the ASB secretary, Makenzie records all happenings during ASB meetings and creates the monthly news report videos that are shown throughout the school. Makenzie also had one of the lead roles in the school musical this year. She not only learned her parts, but went out of her way to support others. Makenzie has a caring and thoughtful disposition, which leads her to put others before herself.

According to Mrs. Barlow, the ASB faculty advisor, "Makenzie always has a smile on her face. She is willing to help with everything that needs to be done and does every job enthusiastically. She is a great role model in our school!"

Makenzie is a special individual who has that rare capacity to lead by influence. She will be successful in whatever path she chooses to pursue.

For more information contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at 253-931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 5/19/10**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Auburn High School Custodian Michael Nash**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Michael Nash, Auburn High School Custodian, for his outstanding service on Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Michael Nash, a custodian at Auburn High School, provides outstanding service and care to Auburn High School's facilities. As a day shift custodian, Michael is responsible for maintaining a clean and safe learning environment. He daily unlocks the entire school, cleans, sets up cafeteria tables, fixes minor maintenance issues and responds to staff requests.

While Michael only began working at Auburn High School two months ago, he has worked in the school district for over five years—two years at Olympic Middle School and three years at Lakeland Hills Elementary School. Michael worked the swing shift at both Olympic and Lakeland Hills, but enjoys his new day shift schedule as it allows him to interact with students and staff more.

According to Michael, "I really enjoy being positive to all the students. I try to put on a smile and look at things optimistically." From Michael's perspective, his work and life are more fulfilling when he is focused on the positives instead of the negatives. The unexpected cafeteria spills become a fun challenge instead of an inconvenience. "I just roll with it," smiles Michael.

Michael is a flexible employee, always willing to learn new things. He participates in district trainings about new equipment and products, and supports recycling initiatives whenever possible.

Michael has an Associate in Applied Science degree in criminal justice and a certificate in corrections from Green River Community College. He and his wife, the head custodian at Rainier Middle School, both enjoy their jobs, particularly being able to contribute to the positive learning environment of hundreds of students.

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**Newsrelease: 5/18/10**

#### **Terminal Park Elementary School to Host Family Reading "Mystery Night"**

On Thursday, May 20, Terminal Park Elementary School will host a family reading "Mystery Night" from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The fun kicks off with a free pizza and salad dinner for all families, followed by a reading game where students will sleuth for clues to solve a mystery. The event also features a live book fair and ice cream social.

For more information contact Tim Carstens, Terminal Park Elementary School principal, at (253) 931-4978.

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**Newsrelease: 5/11/10**

#### **Auburn School Board Signs Partnership Agreement for Washington's Race to the Top Federal Grant Application**

On Monday, May 10, the Auburn School District Board of Directors signed Washington's Race to the Top Partnership Agreement during the school board meeting.

Auburn School District supports the State of Washington's Race to the Top grant project and application for funding to the U.S. Department of Education. The partnership agreement is based on a vision for the future in which all Washington students will be prepared to succeed in the 21st century world of work, learning and global citizenship.

The federal funds will help states implement their education reform efforts. The Race to the Top program rewards states that design and implement comprehensive and systematic changes in four areas:

- Develop and adopt common standards
- Data systems for increased access and use of data
- Support of effective teachers and school leaders
- Turning around struggling schools

Auburn School District is currently addressing the four areas of the Race to the Top program, as outlined in the Auburn School District 2009-2012 Strategic Improvement Plan.

The Auburn School District Superintendent, Auburn Education Association and Auburn Association of Washington School Principals are in full support of the district's Race to the Top Partnership Agreement.

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**Newsrelease: 5/10/10**

**Auburn Association of Educational Office Professionals Wins State Awards and Announces the 2009-10 Administrator of the Year**

Two Auburn Association of Educational Office Professionals (AAEOP) members were honored at the Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals (WAEOP) annual conference. Cris Cruickshank, administrative assistant and registrar at West Auburn High School, received the Paula Thomas Award. Cruickshank is the first AAEOP member to receive this award.

Deyanna King, office manager of Auburn School District's Student Special Services Department, was elected as the new WAEOP Area 7 Director and plans to begin her new position by developing a WAEOP Professional Development Day.

Additionally, AAEOP selected Toni Lally, Auburn School District executive director of business, as the 2009-10 Administrator of the Year.

For more information contact Laurali Larson, AAEOP co-president, at (253) 931-4966.

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**Newsrelease: 5/10/10**

**Auburn High School DECA Chapter Team Wins International Championship with Financial Literacy Project**

An Auburn High School DECA Chapter Team won first place at the International DECA Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 24-27 for their financial literacy project, "Road to Riches."

Haylee Rice and Alyssa Opland co-chaired the project and completed the 30-page written plan and 15-minute judged presentation. The project implemented multiple activities aimed to educate students on personal finance and to influence lawmakers. One hundred and fifty financial literacy projects were entered into competition. Winners Rice and Opland were announced at the Grand Awards Ceremony at the Kentucky Convention Center. Over 14,000 students from as far away as Germany attended the competition.

"Imagine how different the economy would be today if every child knew the basic pillars of financial money management: saving, spending and sharing. I am proud of the students that implemented the financial literacy project. We have already started planning our chapter activities for next year," remarks Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School DECA Advisor.

The students of Auburn High School DECA have made financial literacy a top priority this year, staying true to their mission of sharing their knowledge of business and finance with other students. By incorporating personal finance education into the Auburn School District curriculum, the AHS DECA Chapter hopes to make the integration of financial literacy a reality in K-12 school curricula statewide and eventually nationwide.



For more information contact Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School DECA Advisor, at (253) 931-4880.

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**Newsrelease: 5/10/10**

**Auburn High School Viscom Students Host Local Graphic Production Program Manager**

Auburn High School Viscom students invited Tony Sittner, graphic production program manager and instructor at Highline Community College, to provide design and pre-press instruction for a class assignment.

The students are currently designing advertisement brochures. Mr. Sittner is assisting students with pre-press work and will be taking students to a print house to witness the actual printing of the brochures.

For more information contact Chuck Fitzgerald, Auburn High School Viscom instructor, at (253) 931-4880.

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**Newsrelease: 5/7/10**

**Auburn Mountainview High School *In View* Student Newspaper Wins State and National Journalism Awards**

The Auburn Mountainview High School *In View* student-run newspaper captured multiple state and national awards this spring.

Staff members attended the Washington Journalism Education Association State Conference on March 13 at Mountlake Terrace High School, where three students won individual awards. *In View* news editor Karissa Coen won an excellent award for her on-the-spot newspaper design. *In View* illustrator Katie Beckstead won an honorable mention for her editorial cartoon. And *In View* illustrator Vicente Fernandez won an honorable mention for his advertising design. During the conference, students attended workshops, listened to keynote speaker Jesse Jones from King 5 News, and competed in individual write-off contests.

At the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association National High School Journalism Convention on April 15-18 in Portland, Oregon, *In View* won 8th place Best of Show in the 12-page newspaper category. *In View* Editor-in-chief Melissa Halley won a superior award (the highest honor awarded in write-offs) for her review writing. News editor Karissa Coen won an honorable mention for her newspaper design. And business manager Braden Wanner won an honorable mention for his commentary writing. Five members of the *In View* staff and three members of *The Pride* yearbook staff attended the convention. The convention featured more than 2,000 high school students from around the country. This is the second time in four years that *In View* has placed at Nationals. Previously, in 2007, *In View* placed 10th place Best of Show in the 8-page newspaper category.

For more information contact Stephanie Keagle, *In View* adviser, at (253) 804-4539 ext. 1050.

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**Newsrelease: 5/7/10**

**Auburn Riverside High School Students Earn Top Honors at the Washington State SkillsUSA Competition**

Auburn Riverside High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students competed at the Washington State SkillsUSA Competition on April 15-17 in Yakima, Washington. Over 900 of Washington's top CTE students participated in this event. The following Auburn Riverside High School students participated and placed in the competition. Gold medalists qualify to compete at the National SkillsUSA Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 20-25.

**Basic Electronics**

Celina Aguiniga, silver  
Brend Urrutia, bronze  
Alex Labish, 4th place  
Boris Melgar, 5th place

**Cabinetry**

Brian Smyser, 9th place

**Computer Maintenance Technology**

Bryan Rivera, 4th place

**Electronics Technology**

Tyler Flynn, gold  
Reece Bushman, silver  
Derek Clarke, bronze

**Job Interview**

Alex Labish, 4th place  
Austin Reyes

**Job Skills Demo**

Austin Reyes and Alex Labish

**Quiz Bowl**

Derek Clarke, Austin Reyes, Celina Aginigua, William Henline and Bryan Smyser

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that promotes student professionalism and technical skills in a variety of trades.

For more information, contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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**Newsrelease: 5/6/10**

**Auburn Riverside High School Graduate Volunteers with Teammates at Shriners Hospital for Children**

Former Auburn Riverside High School student Brennett Rodseth, along with his University of Idaho football teammates, played games with, read storybooks to and sang nursery rhymes with children receiving medical attention at Shriners Hospital for Children in Spokane.

The Vandal football team made the road trip to Spokane to volunteer during Shriners Hospital's annual open house. They surprised the children with games, smiles and undivided attention.

"It was eye-opening to see the number of kids in the hospital. It was fun to play with them and be a part of their day," says Brennett.

Brennett learned about the importance of community service while growing up in Auburn. As a member of the Auburn Riverside High School football team, Brennett and his teammates annually volunteered with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department to host free football clinics for kids.

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**Newsrelease: 5/6/10**

**Auburn Mountainview High School to Celebrate Student Academic Champions**

On Tuesday, May 11, Auburn Mountainview High School (AMHS) students and staff will celebrate student academic champions during a 1:55 p.m. school-wide assembly in the main gymnasium.

Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and students who have increased their GPA by .5 since last school year will be recognized by Principal Terri Herren and staff.

The event is sponsored by the AMHS Student and Staff Recognition Team: Tayla Alfrey, Karson Kuehner, Peter Le, Shaddye Melu, Kahlen Sheehan, Darrell Robinson, Anita Voraphet, and advisor DeAnna Kilga.

For more information contact DeAnna Kilga at (253) 804-5197 or at [dkilga@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:dkilga@auburn.wednet.edu).

## **JUNE 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
**915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002**  
**Newsrelease: 6/24/10**

### **Auburn Riverside High School Senior Creates Work of Art for Fallen Police Officers**

Corey Poston, a senior at Auburn Riverside High School, captured the attention of his jewelry instructor, Wendy Woldenberg, with a symbolic piece of jewelry he created in honor of six fallen area police officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2009-2010.

Corey's design, called "Badge of Honor," features a police badge made of brass, silver and nickel on a heavy link chain. The words, "The Fallen Officers," "Police," and "Washington" are inscribed on the badge. The badge opens like a locket, with a quote from James Dean inscribed on the inside: "Dream as if you'll live forever live as if you'll die today."

Around the chain, six brass quarter-size plates are inscribed with the names and years of life of each fallen officer—Seattle Police Officer Timothy Brenton, Lakewood Police Officers Sgt. Mark Renninger, Ronald Owens, Tina Griswold and Gregory Richards, and Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy Kent Mundell. A handcrafted spinning bullet sits within each plate.

According to Corey, "My mom was a police officer in Oregon so losing these local officers really meant something to me. I have respect for people who put their life on the line every day in their job. I felt it [the "Badge of Honor"] was something small I could do to give back to the police officers and their families."

Corey's work of art was entered into the Washington State Passing the Torch Competition and is currently on display at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma.

Corey hopes that the piece of jewelry can be presented to the families of the officers or perhaps be used to raise donations for the memorial funds created in remembrance of the six fallen officers.

For more information contact Wendy Woldenberg, Auburn Riverside High School jewelry instructor, at (253) 804-5154 or [wwoldenberg@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:wwoldenberg@auburn.wednet.edu).

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**Newsrelease: 6/23/10**

### **Margaret Greenslit to be Awarded Auburn School Board's Gold Star Volunteer Award**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will present the Gold Star Volunteer Award to Margaret Greenslit, in recognition of her volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, June 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

In 2003 fresh off retirement, Margaret Greenslit decided to give back to the elementary school that her three grandchildren had attended, so she began volunteering at Washington Elementary School. Seven years later, Margaret is still volunteering five days a week for nearly two hours a day.

Margaret primarily assists students who need extra assistance with incomplete homework and class assignments during homework club, which meets during recess. Margaret helps students at all grade levels on a variety of subjects including reading, writing and math. Margaret also volunteers with

Washington's Global Reading Challenge Team by developing practice questions for the students to use to prepare for the county-wide Global Reading Challenge competition.

And even when homework club doesn't meet due to an assembly schedule or shortened school day, Margaret still comes to school and assists the librarian by shelving books and helping students find books to read during their lunch hour.

According to Margaret, "I want to help kids who are struggling in school or who have hardships that make it difficult to complete their assignments." Margaret marvels at the students' passion for learning and never grows tired of witnessing young minds grasp concepts and new ideas for the first time. "Their energy and excitement is contagious," smiles Margaret.

Outside of the schoolhouse, Margaret is a WSU Master Gardener and volunteers her time answering gardening questions and providing gardening resources at the Auburn International Farmers Market. Additionally, as a former Registered Nurse, she also volunteers monthly at a free medical clinic in Auburn. Margaret is an incredible asset to Auburn School District and the entire community.

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**Newsrelease: 6/15/10**

#### **Auburn School District Child Nutrition Services Department Hosts First Annual "Golden Whisk" Awards Show**

On Monday, June 14, the Auburn School District Child Nutrition Services Department hosted the inaugural "Golden Whisk" Awards for the kitchen staff of all 22 schools in the Auburn School District.

The Golden Whisk Awards kicked off with Hollywood themed music and a slideshow featuring the kitchen staff hard at work throughout the school year. Superintendent Kip Herren made the welcoming remarks. MC Eric Boutin, Director of Child Nutrition Services, announced the winners, and Deputy Superintendent Mike Newman handed out the awards—a golden whisk. A special luncheon was prepared for the kitchen staff after the awards show.

The following kitchen staff won Golden Whisk Awards:  
[-Click here to view the award presentation \(PDF format\)-](#)

#### **2010 Perfect Attendance Award**

Cindy Alexandar  
Lory Ball  
Patti Burhenn  
Debbie Chandler  
Janie Freeman

#### **Muffin Ma'am Award (best muffins/breakfast bars/breakfast pastry)**

Tracy Burns, Washington Elementary School

#### **Best Seasonal Kitchen Decorations**

Cheryl Wagner, Sheri Washburn, Kristal McCarty, Lake View Elementary School

#### **Best Performance in a BBQ**

James Hefflin, Connie Higashi, Frances Flores, Diana Casad, Dick Scobee Elementary School, May Principals' BBQ

**\*Substitute of the Year in a Supporting Role**

Barbara Liedel

**Best Salad Bar Award**

Debi Baldwin, Azucena Coronado, Ilalko Elementary School

**Best Holiday Dinner Award**

Pam Hutchinson, Lorie Warren, Denise Kearney, Alpac Elementary School

**Best Survivor Award (serving under the most challenging conditions)**

Tresa Jones, Tammie Lewis, Luz Quanstrom, Terminal Park Elementary School

**Best Performance in a Short Skit (cross-contamination skit)**

Claudia Stroomer, Chinook Elementary School

**\*Floater of the Year in a Supporting Role**

Frank Piatek

**\*Best Waiver Day Class Presentation (muffins)**

Cindy Alexandar and Melody Smith, Olympic Middle School

**Best Performance in a Kitchen without a Regular Manager**

Jennifer Torgison, Debra Dube, Lakeland Hills Elementary School

**"We've Got A Lot Going On" Award**

Debbie Olson, Delia Fogarty, Dyane Harris, Dawn Serna, Rajni Kumar, Pioneer Elementary School

**\*Rookie Kitchen Manager of the Year**

Lory Ball, Auburn High School

**Outstanding Breakfast Performance by an Elementary Kitchen**

Debbie Chandler, Lori Lichty, Charlene Brown, Gildo Rey Elementary School, 312 students on April 27, 2010

**Outstanding Lunch Performance by an Elementary Kitchen**

Debbie Chandler, Lori Lichty, Charlene Brown, Gildo Rey Elementary School, 392 students on April 28, 2010

**Outstanding Breakfast Performance by a Middle School Kitchen**

Cindy Alexandar, Doreen Ahlberg, Margie Bayer, Olympic Middle School, 203 students on May 7, 2010

**Outstanding Lunch Performance by a Middle School Kitchen**

Sheryl Wagner, Yolanda Aguinaldo, Doreen Rogers, Irina Smirnova, Laurie Diaz, Rajni Kumar, Mt. Baker Middle School, 634 students on October 14, 2010

**Outstanding Breakfast Performance by a High School Kitchen**

Lory Ball, Janie Freeman, Lisa Brown, Sue Estrada, Shannon Sandstrom, Auburn High School, 401 students on April 1, 2010

**Outstanding Home Cooking by a School Kitchen**

Janet Nielsen-Homan, Tamara Goering, Anne McLaughlin, Lynn Brandt, Christine Azevedo, Lisa Brown, Cascade Middle School

**Outstanding Catering Event by a School Kitchen**

Debbie Nesbitt, Cindy Olgesby, Sue Estrada, Sue Rocky, Olga Sparatel, Rainier Middle School, Minty Salmon Buffet

**\*Kitchen Assistant of the Year in a Supporting Role**

Tie: Delia Fogarty, Patti Burhen, Ruth Chapman, Janie Freeman, Debra Dube, Melody Smith

**\*Kitchen Manager of the Year in a Leading Role**

Janet Nielsen-Homan, Cascade Middle School

**Recipe of the Year**

Beckie McMichael, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School, Irish Nachos

\* Voted by staff

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**Newsrelease: 6/15/10**

**Cascade Middle School to Host Diversity Day 2010**

On Wednesday, June 23, Cascade Middle School will host a Diversity Day event for all students and staff. The event theme, "We All Belong," will kick off with an all-school assembly featuring keynote speaker Richard Thomas. Mr. Thomas, a graduate from Kentwood High School and former football player at the University of Washington and Baltimore Ravens, will share a positive message about building an inclusive campus culture and also discuss the topics of bullying and race relations.

Following the assembly, students will break into small groups to further discuss these topics through group exercises and an interactive project. Mr. Thomas and his team, along with student leaders, will facilitate the small group sessions.

The day will conclude with a special assembly for eighth graders highlighting their upcoming transition into high school and a special assembly for all sixth and seventh graders.

Mr. Thomas will return to campus next school year for day two of the event, which will feature a recognition assembly and "Stay Awake Follow-Up Plan." According to Principal Isaiah Johnson, "The message Mr. Thomas will share during Diversity Day is critical in creating the positive campus culture and atmosphere we as a community desire."

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**Auburn School District No. 408**

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**Newsrelease: 6/10/10**

**Auburn School District to Host Free Summer Lunches for All Children Ages 1-18**

The Auburn School District will offer free lunches to children ages 1 through 18 from June 28-August 27, Monday-Friday. Last summer more than 75,000 meals were served. The program is also available to youth-related groups such as sports teams, day cares and youth camps. **The meals are free and no registration is required.** A variety of hot and cold lunches will be offered daily and include entrée, cold milk, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Sites will be located throughout Auburn, Algona and Pacific. All children are invited to participate at any site. It is a wonderful opportunity for all children in the community to gather and share a nutritious meal. The summer food program will also be delivering lunches to apartment complexes throughout the city.

The following sites will be serving nutritious lunches:

**Open: June 28 – August 27 (Monday – Friday):**

**Les Gove Park – North End**

910 9th Street NE

**Lunch** (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Brannan Park**

611 28th Street NE

**Lunch** (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Memorial Park**

Park Ave and Auburn Way N

**Lunch** (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Cedar Lanes Park**

25th and K Street SE

**Lunch** (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Game Farm Park**

3030 R Street SE

**Lunch** (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Mt. Baker Middle School – Front Lawn**

620 37th Street SE

**Lunch** (11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

**Rainier Middle School – Front Lawn**

30620 116th Avenue SE

**Lunch** (12:40 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.)

**Dick Scobee Elementary School – Front Lawn**

1031 14th Street NE

**Lunch** (11:40 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.)

**Alpac Elementary School – Front Lawn**

310 Milwaukee Boulevard North

**Lunch** (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Auburn Pines Apartments**

515 N Division Street

**Lunch** (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

**The Meadows at Lea Hill**

12525 SE 312th Street

**Lunch** (11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.)

**The Park at Auburn**

510 M Street SE

**Lunch** (11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

**Auburn Square**

3740 H Street NE

**Lunch** (12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.)



**The Seasons at Lea Hill**

12722 SE 312th Street

**Lunch** (11:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.)

**Family of Grace Church (closes August 18)**

31317 124th Ave SE

**Lunch** (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

**Firwood Circle Apartments**

313 37th Place SE

**Lunch** (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Cedar Pointe Apartment Homes**

2935 O Street SE

**Lunch** (11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

**Pyung An Presbyterian Church**

526 12th Street SE

**Lunch** (11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

**Burndale Homes**

1723 K Street NE

**Lunch** (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

**Cedar Ridge Apartments**

30819 124th Ave SE

**Lunch** (12:15 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.)

**4th Street Estate Apartments**

1111 4th Street NE

**Lunch** (11:35 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.)

**Colonial Court Apartments**

1210 30th Street SE

**Lunch** (11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.)

**Pacific Community Center**

100 3rd Avenue SE

**Lunch** (11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

**Lea Hill Homes**

SE 319th and 118th Place SE

**Lunch** (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

**Evergreen Court Apartments**

902 M Street SE

**Lunch** (10:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.)

**Riverside Village Apartments**

1608 8th Street NE

**Lunch** (11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

**Auburn Gymnastics Center**

1604 15th Street SW, Suite 104

**Lunch** (11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

**Park Plaza Apartments**

511 M Street SE

**Lunch** (11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

**Skylark Village II Mobile Home Park**

3105 M Street SE

**Lunch** (11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

**YMCA**

1601 Boundary Boulevard

**Lunch** (11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.)

For the most up-to-date lunch serving times and locations, please go to the Auburn School District Child Nutrition Services web page at:

<http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/ChildNutrition/ChildNutritionServices.html>.

All meals are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more information contact Child Nutrition Services, at (253) 931-4972 or

[ChildNutrition@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:ChildNutrition@auburn.wednet.edu).

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**Newsrelease: 6/9/10**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Mt. Baker Middle School Eighth Grade Student**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Miranda Martens, an eighth grade student at Mt. Baker Middle School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Miranda's favorite part about school is learning new things and then being able to say, "Oh, I learned that!" She dedicates herself to academics because she understands that her education will provide her opportunities to create a successful future. Since beginning school in the Auburn School District as a kindergartener, Miranda has earned straights As in every class. She has never even received an A minus. Miranda's teachers describe her as a "model student."

Miranda is looking forward to attending Auburn Riverside High School next fall. She has signed up to take AP English and History, as well as Biology, Geometry and Symphonic Band.

At Mt. Baker Miranda is actively involved in student government as the ASB President. She plays the clarinet in the Mt. Baker Band and is an accomplished pianist. She recently performed the piano rendition of "Moonlight Fantasy" in Mt. Baker's Annual Talent Show. Miranda plays varsity fast pitch, varsity volleyball and club volleyball, and she attends Grace Community Church.

Miranda plans to attend the University of Washington to study Pharmacology in hopes of becoming a pharmacist.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 6/8/10**

**Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Pioneer Elementary School Physical Education Teacher**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Michael McKinley, Pioneer Elementary School Physical Education Teacher, for his outstanding service on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Michael McKinley, known as Mr. Mac to his students, teaches physical education at Pioneer Elementary School. He is the school's health and fitness guru, helping students understand the benefits of regular exercise, healthy eating, and bone and muscle development.

Mr. Mac leads the Morning Madness Program three times a week before school where students are invited to participate in fitness games and exercise. He also participates in the Walk to Walk Program, which provides third through fifth graders the opportunity to exercise during recess by walking or running. Students log their miles and earn points that can be redeemed for prizes such as pedometers and other healthy, non-food incentives.

Mr. Mac also assists with the school's Walk to Read Program. Mr. Mac is in charge of a small group of students and helps them improve their reading skills, ensuring the students read at or above grade level. After school Mr. Mac leads the Auburn Elites, a circus arts team, which performs a variety of juggling and balancing acts at school assemblies, family nights, community events and more.

Mr. Mac's ultimate goal is to help students reach healthy goals they set for themselves. According to Mr. Mac, "I want my students to feel like they can succeed and be in charge of the health and nutrition choices they make now so they continue to make healthy choices as they get older."

Mr. Mac has taught in the Auburn School District at Pioneer Elementary for 12 years. He serves on the district PE power standards committee and pursues new learning opportunities throughout the school year by attending various physical fitness conferences.

Mr. Mac has a bachelor's degree in physical education and three minors in music, history and health from Seattle Pacific University. He is an avid sports fan and has coached a variety of sports from little league to adult co-ed teams. Mr. Mac enjoys racing his father's vintage 1970 Fiat Spider and hunts paranormal activity in his free time. Mr. Mac resides in Auburn with his wife, Deanna, of 10 years.

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## **JULY 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 7/22/10**

### **Auburn School District Administrator Submits Exemplar Professional Certification**

On June 23, Adam Couch, principal of Ilalko Elementary School, Heidi Harris, director of elementary student learning, Jason Hill, principal of Olympic Middle School, and Rhonda Larson, executive director of Student Special Services, successfully presented their professional certification product reflecting the Administrator as Advocate for Student Learning to a panel of judges representing the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Administrator Certification office.

Mrs. Larson's professional certification product was selected by OSPI as an exemplar entry and will be posted on the OSPI website to help guide other candidates as they complete the program.

The State of Washington's Professional Certificate program for administrators is guided by state standards for administrator preparation and development, which are based on the national standards of the Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium (ISLLC).

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**Newsrelease: 7/20/10**

### **Auburn Mountainview High School Yearbook Staff Wins Local Honors**

The Auburn Mountainview High School yearbook staff recently won "Best Theme Statement" for the school's yearbook, *The Pride*, during the 2010 Sound Yearbooks Workshop on July 14-16 at the University of Puget Sound.

Four members of *The Pride* staff—Co-editors-in-chief Darrell Chitwood and Carly Anderson and editors Solomon Lockhart and Taylor Strobeck—attended the workshop and competed in a contest where they created an original theme for the upcoming school year's yearbook, including verbal theme, design and layout. The team presented their theme proposal to a panel of judges who selected it for "Best Theme Statement."

High school yearbook staffs from across Western Washington and Oregon attend the annual workshop and contest. This is *The Pride's* first award since Auburn Mountainview High School opened five years ago.

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**Newsrelease: 7/8/10**

**Two Auburn School District Staff Honored by the Washington Music Educators Association Green River Music Region**

Jim Char, Mt. Baker Middle School choir teacher, has been named the 2010 Green River Music Region (GRMR) Teacher of the Year. Mr. Char was honored during the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Auburn School District Performing Arts Program Coordinator Pam Smith was honored as the 2010 Green River Music Region Friend of Music. She oversees the three Auburn School District theaters and supports music education programs in the district.

The GRMR includes Auburn, Kent, Enumclaw, Tahoma and White River School Districts. The award is sponsored and promoted by the WMEA.

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# **AUGUST 2010:**

**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 8/26/10**

## **Auburn School District to Increase Healthy Eating and Active Living Choices for Students**

Auburn School District was awarded the Public Health - Seattle & King County Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant for nearly half million dollars. The grant funding will provide resources to improve healthy food choices and increase physical fitness activities for all students beginning in the 2010-11 school year.

The three primary activities Auburn School District proposed to encourage healthy eating and active living include:

- Physical Education Curriculum Adoption and Implementation
- Child Nutrition Certificate Program
- Public Relations Media Campaign

### **Physical Education Curriculum Adoption and Implementation**

Auburn School District will redesign the PreK-12 Physical Education (PE) curriculum to align to State and district power standards. Additionally, the grant will fund a new PE student assessment and reporting software to help create a culture of fitness across the school district, as well as PE equipment that supports the newly aligned PE curriculum.

### **Child Nutrition Certificate Program**

The Child Nutrition Services Department will develop a whole foods cooking certificate program in partnership with the School Nutrition Association and then certify 50 child nutrition staff using the certificate program. Ultimately, the certification program will be available to school Child Nutrition staff throughout King County.

### **Public Relations Media Campaign**

The Auburn School District will kick off a PR campaign led by Auburn High School DECA students to encourage healthy eating and physical activity choices. The campaign will increase awareness of a new culture of fitness and nutrition within Auburn schools.

Public Health - Seattle & King County offered 51 grants totaling \$8.9 million to fund school districts, community-based organizations, and local governments to improve nutrition and physical activity, and decrease tobacco use and exposure. As part of the one-time federal stimulus funds in the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) initiative, these grants will support and pay for activities that will produce long-lasting changes and improve the community conditions that harm residents.

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**Auburn School District No. 408**  
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**Newsrelease: 8/16/10**

**Auburn School District to Celebrate Healthy Eating with Representative Adam Smith**

On Tuesday, August 17, Representative Adam Smith will attend Auburn School District's summer food site at Les Gove Park in Auburn from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Auburn School District summer food program provides free, nutritious lunches to children ages 1 through 18 during the summer months, Monday-Friday, at over 40 locations throughout Auburn, Algona and Pacific. Last summer more than 75,000 meals were served. The program is also available to youth-related groups such as sports teams, day cares and youth camps.

The summer food program is a wonderful opportunity for all children in the community to gather and share a nutritious meal. The summer food program helps combat hunger and promotes healthy eating.

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