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Pioneer Elementary School in Auburn School District Awarded \$600,000 OSPI 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has awarded Pioneer Elementary School in the Auburn School District a five-year \$600,000 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) competitive grant.

The grant will fund the creation of the Pioneer Elementary School Extended Day Program that provides academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and their families. The Pioneer Elementary School Extended Day Program will target approximately 120 at-risk students for before and after school, two intersession (winter and spring breaks), and summer school programs. The extended time will afford students the opportunities for academic and enrichment activities and increase parent involvement.

The Pioneer Elementary School Extended Day Program enrichment activities will provide motivation for students to attend school above and beyond the regular school day. These fun and engaging enrichment activities include technology, music and recreational physical fitness experiences. Parent involvement activities include parent program communications and three family literacy night events.

The enrichment and parent involvement activities will be supported by the Auburn School District as well as three community partners: Auburn King County Library, Kiwanis Club of the Valley and Green River Music.

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Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor West Auburn High School Student

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Malisa Mariek Vigil, a senior at West Auburn High School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Malisa Mariek Vigil exemplifies all the qualities and attributes of a responsible student at West Auburn High School. Malisa has a positive attitude about school and gives great advice to students that are behind on their credits. She worked hard over the past year to make up for lost credits from several years ago. Malisa is focused on graduating and has high goals of going to college. Mature beyond her years, she comes into the classroom every day eager to learn with demonstrated leadership skills among her peers. According to her homeroom teacher, Noreen Kebba, "Malisa is a joy to have in class."

Malisa is a natural, confident leader who always speaks her mind. She is a classroom representative for her homeroom for the second year in a row. Malisa is also a member of the CTE Club and hopes to run for a leadership office this year. Last year Malisa earned two perfect attendance awards during the school year.

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Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Staff Member Jeanne Harr

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Jeanne Harr, office manager at Rainier Middle School, for her outstanding service on Monday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jeanne Harr, office manager at Rainier Middle School, is never too busy managing the daily office operations to assist the students, staff and community of Rainier. "My goal is to always be available to assist people and enjoy it while I'm doing so," remarks Jeanne.

Jeanne's can-do attitude and tireless work ethic create a high-functioning front office that provides a plethora of services including: tracking daily substitute assignments; organizing the principal's calendar; purchasing supplies; managing the school's budget; coordinating field trips and ASB fundraisers; scheduling transportation and more.

Serving as Rainier's office manager for four years—and working in the school district for a total of 14 years—Jeanne understands the importance of building collaborative relationships with staff members. "We accomplish more when we work in partnership together," says Jeanne.

Outside of the office Jeanne co-leads Rainier's building technology committee and is a scorekeeper for after-school athletics and activities. This year Jeanne volunteered Rainier to pilot the district's new True Time Payroll System, an online tool that tracks staff extra hours.

Jeanne's future ambitions include perfecting her photography skills and acquiring additional graphic design skills in order to enhance Rainier's web presence and various school publications.

Jeanne has a legal secretary certification from the ITT Peterson School of Business. She has attended the annual Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference, WASWUG and AWSP Conferences, and various trainings related to Professional Learning Communities and parent-child education.

Jeanne enjoys gardening, camping and the outdoors. She has two children ages 19 and 22.

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Kelly Fiksdal 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 Kelly Fiksdal, in recognition of her volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kelly Fiksdal's primary goal as a school volunteer is to make opportunities available to all children no matter their life situations. Kelly dedicates most of her volunteer hours as the Auburn Mountainview High School Booster Club President, where she creates fundraising opportunities for students and families to get involved with the school and help offset costs associated with athletics and activities.

Kelly was a member of the parent planning committee that helped establish the structure of the Auburn Mountainview High School Booster Club when the school first opened, but didn't take over as president

until two years ago. Since her president debut, Kelly has managed both new and pre-existing fundraising activities that have benefited hundreds of students.

Some of these activities include:

- A business partnership with Qwest Field Events, where student and parent volunteers sell merchandise during Seahawks and Sounders sporting events. To date students and parents have raised over \$35,000 through the program.
- A business partnership with Scarff Ford, where students earn \$10 for every test drive they book during Scarff Ford's Drive One for Your School Event. Last year students raised over \$3,000.
- The Auburn Mountainview High School Booster Club Auction. The inaugural 2010 event raised over \$32,000 benefiting all school programs, athletics and activities.
- The All-Sports Media Guides are developed for each sports season. All sports teams have dedicated space in the guide to share team information and solicit advertisements from community businesses to raise money for their programs.
- The Auburn Mountainview High School Biannual Craft Fair raises funds for the booster club and for participating school clubs that sell their wares during the fair.

In addition to these activities, Kelly organizes the hospitality rooms for coaches and officials during larger gymnastics meets such as districts. Kelly also volunteers her time selling Lions' fan gear during many home sporting events.

Auburn Mountainview High School has benefited greatly from the hard work of Kelly and other parent volunteers who strive to make continuous improvement within the school. The booster club also proudly supports college-bound seniors. Last year the booster club donated over \$6,000 to student scholarships.

In the community, Kelly has worked with homeless families and helped create a summer feeding program on Lea Hill through her church before the district's summer feeding program was underway. In one summer the church feeding program donated over 1,200 lunches to families in need.

Kelly is the proud mother of three girls, one graduate of Auburn High, one graduate of Auburn Mountainview and one junior currently at Auburn Mountainview.

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Auburn School District Refinances Bonds—Taxpayers Save

Auburn School District has refinanced a portion of its outstanding bonds in order to take advantage of lower interest rates. The recent refinancing will save the district's taxpayers a total of \$3,052,194 during the next 11 years. These savings will flow directly to taxpayers through reduced tax levies and are not available for district expenses.

The Auburn School Board of Directors accomplished these savings by approving the issuance of \$36,025,000 in refunding bonds at the school board meeting on September 13, 2010.

Auburn School District has been monitoring bond market conditions over the past year. Recent low interest rates allowed the district to exceed its savings target. Interest rates averaged 2.74% on the new bonds compared to 5% on the old debt.

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Auburn High School Football Coach Named Seahawks Coach of the Week

Gordon Elliot, Auburn High School head football coach, was named the Seahawks Coach of the Week through the NFL High School Coach of the Week program sponsored by the Seattle Seahawks and Sterling Savings Bank.

Each week during the 2010 football season two football coaches will win the title of Coach of the Week. In addition, each coach will receive a \$500 cash donation for their football program from the Seattle Seahawks and a \$225 Sports Authority gift card plus a custom, replica jersey from Sterling Savings Bank.

Now in his ninth year, Coach Elliott led Auburn to an 11-1 record each of the past two seasons with each loss coming in state quarterfinals. Coach Elliott was also named "Head Coach of the Year" for the South Puget Sound League North Division.

Now in its 15th season, the NFL High School Coach of the Week program is a partnership between the Washington State Football Coaches Association, Seattle Seahawks and Sterling Savings Bank.

Following the season, one coach will receive the Jim Ennis Award for High School Coach of the Year. The 2010 NFL High School Coach of the Year for Washington State will receive a \$2,000 cash grant.

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12th Annual Reaching Out Fair Scheduled for Thursday, October 7

On Thursday, October 7, the public is invited to attend the 12th 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.

The Reaching Out Fair was created by the Cities and Schools Forum out of a response to the April 20, 1999 Columbine High School tragedy. This year's theme, "Chain Reaction of Kindness," will pay tribute to the 14 students and 1 teacher who lost their lives in the Columbine tragedy with a message from "Rachel's Challenge." Rachel Joy Scott was the first student to be killed that day. "Rachel's Challenge" was created from the tragedy at Columbine by her family with the hopes of empowering students to influence positive change in their social community. In other words, to put a stop to bullying, promote kindness, eliminate prejudice and to remind people that the little things do count.

12th Annual
REACHING OUT fair

Join us to start a "Chain Reaction of Kindness"
and learn more about Rachel's Challenge

Thursday, OCTOBER 7
6-8:30 p.m.
AUBURN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
700 East Main Street

FOCUSED ON GRADES 6-8

- BRING A FRIEND
- EAT PIZZA
- VISIT THE RESOURCE FAIR (6-7 p.m.)
- CHECK OUT THE PERFORMANCES (7-8:30 p.m.)
- WIN ONE OF SIX \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO THE SUPERMALL

For more information
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www.auburn.wednet.edu
www.auburnwa.gov

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The Reaching Out Fair resource information fair will kick off the evening at 6:00 p.m. Auburn's middle school students will have the opportunity to learn more about resources available to them from a variety of organizations like the YMCA, Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation, Auburn King County Library, Auburn Youth Resources and many others who want to share with students that the community cares about them. Students will also have the chance to win one of six \$50 SuperMall gift certificates. Free pizza, juice and cookies will be provided.

The evening performance begins at 7:00 p.m. and features live student choir and orchestra performances; student testimonials about individuals who have made a difference in their lives; and 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.

All four Auburn middle schools—Cascade, Mt. Baker, Olympic and Rainier—will also connect their "chains of kindness" during the evening performance. Each middle school has created a chain of kindness with links representing acts of kindness. By connecting the chains together, the students are encouraged to continue their acts of kindness with the hope it becomes contagious and spreads across the Auburn community and beyond.

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Auburn School District Wins \$1.3 Million Competitive Energy Grant

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has awarded Auburn School District a \$1.3 million competitive energy grant. The grant will fund a portion of the \$3.4 million heating, lighting and plumbing improvements at Alpac Elementary, Chinook Elementary, Evergreen Heights Elementary, Gildo Rey Elementary, Hazelwood Elementary, Ilalko Elementary, Lake View Elementary, Lea Hill Elementary, Pioneer Elementary, Washington Elementary and Rainier Middle School.

As part of this work, the school district will also be eligible for an additional \$200,000 in utility incentives from Puget Sound Energy. The work will be completed during the next 12 months.

To qualify for the funds, school districts conducted audits of their school facilities to identify projects that could demonstrate guaranteed energy savings.

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Auburn School District Head Start Program Awarded Outdoor Play Grant

Auburn School District's Head Start program was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Head Start Body Start National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play to improve the outdoor play space at Auburn's Head Start location off K Street SE.

According to Auburn Head Start Center Director Fran Russum, "We appreciate Head Start Body Start for helping us evaluate our play spaces and educate our children and their families about the value of physical activity and playing outdoors. This grant will enable our Head Start Center to create a safe and fun outdoor learning environment, rain or shine."

In addition to the play space improvement, each award-winning Head Start Center will have targeted training, technical assistance and the expertise of a physical activity consultant as well as access to online courses, webinars and resource materials.

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Ilalko Elementary School to Dedicate New Playground Mural During Fall Open House

On Thursday, September 23, Ilalko Elementary School will dedicate a new playground mural that encourages safe and positive play during the Fall Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The new mural is a 20-foot circle, separated by 10 sections, painted directly onto the outside play area of Ilalko Elementary School. Referred to as "Kelso's Wheel," the circular mural encourages students to try two positive choices before asking for adult assistance during play. This preventative approach provides students with a conflict resolution tool that empowers them to become accountable for their own choices. Ilalko and other elementary schools in Auburn use the Kelso's Choice curriculum to teach children about conflict management.

Three volunteers—Tamsin Foster, Anita Tyson and Lynne Stephens—and Ilalko Language Arts Specialist Connie Martin volunteered multiple summer days to design and paint the mural. Each of the 10 sections represents a choice that students can choose when dealing with conflicts on the playground such as, "Make a Deal," "Ignore," "Play Another Game" and more.

During the painting of Kelso's Wheel, volunteers Zachery Burchfield, Beth and Michael Harris, and Vinnette Lang helped repaint other areas of the playground including the U.S. playground mural and court lines for foursquare and basketball.

The staff of Ilalko Elementary School looks forward to introduce the new playground feature to students and parents alike.

For more information contact Ilalko Elementary School Language Arts Specialist Connie Martin at (253) 931-4748.

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Auburn High School (AHS) DECA Chapter Hosts "Cash Camp" for Elementary Students

Auburn High School (AHS) DECA Chapter, a student leadership organization for marketing and business students, held a financial literacy day camp called, "Cash Camp," for elementary students on August 31, 2010.

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

Cash Camp was led by co-chairs Hailey Hansen and Amber Valenzuela. Twenty elementary students ages 6-12 attended the day camp in the Auburn Performing Arts Center. Campers were separated into two age

groups: 6-9 years and 10-12 years. DECA members led the campers through a variety of financial literacy games and activities focusing on the three S's: Save, Spend and Share.

All camp participants received certificates, banks, and pass books to track their saving, spending and sharing. Campers also took a pledge to be "Money Smart."

The camp was a great learning opportunity for the elementary students and the DECA members. Both groups benefitted from the student-to-student teaching and learning about personal finance. "Imagine how different the economy would be today if every child knew the basic pillars of financial money management: saving, spending and sharing. This is just the first of many financial literacy projects we have already planned for this school year," says AHS DECA advisor Lori Jacobs.

For more information contact AHS DECA advisor Lori Jacobs at ljacobs@auburn.wednet.edu or at (253) 931-4719.

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Auburn School District Committed to Student-Athlete Safety

Auburn School District achieved a perfect score on the 2009 Athletic Liability Risk Assessment Survey administered by the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool. District staff worked with members of the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool to review athletic policies and procedures for all sports.

The district scored perfect in all areas including facilities inspections; equipment replacement schedules; personnel training; parent communications; medical insurance forms; supervision; and transportation. The award also earns the district a cost savings on its annual insurance premium.

Director of Athletics Rob Swaim will accept the award on behalf of the district at an upcoming September school board meeting.

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Auburn Veterans Day Marching Band Competition on Saturday, November 6

On Saturday, November 6, Auburn Senior High School will host the 24th annual Auburn Veterans Day Marching Band Competition from 1:00-10:00 p.m. at Auburn Memorial Stadium, sponsored by the Auburn High School Band and Choir Parents.

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 45th 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, Superintendent of the Auburn School District Kip Herren, 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 at 7:30 p.m. at Auburn Memorial Stadium.

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 at hoffmansueann@hotmail.com; visit the Auburn High School Veterans Day website at <http://auburnveteransday.webs.com>; or Auburn High School Band's website at <http://ahsbands.webs.com>.

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Auburn School District Receives Retired King County Van

As part of King County's annual Retired Van Donation Program, Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer secured a retired King County vanpool van for the Auburn School District.

The donated van will be used primarily for the purposes of transporting students who are currently experiencing homelessness who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and in the

Community Lab Program, which will transport students with special needs who work in local businesses to learn essential life skills.

"As King County continues to have to make difficult decisions concerning the budget, this program becomes even more important and remains a lifeline to support our regions' hardworking schools," says Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember. "I know this retired van will assist the Auburn School District in carrying out their mission of service in these tough economic times."

In 1996 the Metropolitan King County Council passed legislation, created by then- Budget Chair von Reichbauer, transferring passenger vans to nonprofit organizations and local governments that meet the needs of low-income, elderly, disabled and young people in our community.

Since then, the King County Council has distributed over 260 retired vans to various non-profit organizations. After eight years in the King County Fleet Division, the vans are retired and prepared for donation.

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At the van donation from left to right are Auburn School District Deputy Superintendent Mike Newman, Auburn School District Director of Transportation Dennis Grad, Superintendent Dr. Kip Herren and King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer.

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Auburn Riverside High School at Auburn High School Football Game Rescheduled for Thursday, October 28

Due to possible playoff implications, the Auburn Riverside High School at Auburn High School football game previously scheduled for Friday, October 29, is being moved to Thursday, October 28.

Currently, the Auburn Trojans football team is ranked second in the 4A South Puget Sound League with a 5-1 record in the North Division and a 5-2 record overall. The Auburn Riverside Ravens football team is

ranked fourth in the 4A South Puget Sound League with a 4-2 record in the North Division and a 5-2 record overall.

Auburn High School faces Kent-Meridian this weekend, while Auburn Riverside High School takes on Kentwood. Auburn High School and Auburn Riverside High School will face off for their final regular season game on Thursday, October 28.

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100 Auburn School District Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

Twenty-three Auburn High School (AHS), 33 Auburn Mountainview High School (AMHS) and 44 Auburn Riverside High School (ARHS) 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.

5 AHS, 7 AMHS and 10 ARHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams.

AHS Scholars with Distinction: Katherine Garbe; Stella Geiss; Benjamin Johnson; Andrew Starr; Tyler Warner.

AMHS Scholars with Distinction: Sarah Bell; Andrew Hayward; Shaelyn Layton; Nicholas Lipinski; Brent McCulloch; Daniel Montgomery; Raquel Robayo-Krause.

ARHS Scholars with Distinction: Jessica Bartlett; Nathaniel Gesell; Christopher Hanson; Cameron Howard; Shannon Keith; Kendall Krotzer; Michelle Parks; Samuel Pollard; William Schunke; Katherine Weiss.

3 AHS, 6 AMHS and 9 ARHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams.

AHS Scholars with Honor: Kalie Krueger; Michelle Lee; Jennifer Wroe.

AMHS Scholars with Honor: Stephen Groot; Lesley Hahn; Andrew Hammer; Jessica Jasper; Madeline Slettedahl; Brianne Wills.

ARHS Scholars with Honor: Austin Bidman; Jared Helm; Kara Jenkins; Connor Lester; Kate Leyda; Nikole Neuman; Alexander Olson; Karley Thurston; Anthony Tordillos.

15 AHS, 20 AMHS and 25 ARHS students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing 3 or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher.

AHS Scholars: Danielle Ayers; Haeun (Julie) Chang; Matthew Dalos; Bryan Diebag; Meighan Howell; Mariah Lenker; Alexandra (Sandi) Mihaylova; Patience Mills; Alexis Moore; Madison Ramey; Cameron Sowards; Samuel Suruda; Kirsten Thompson; Abigail Waldo; Christopher Weber.

AMHS Scholars: Stephen Amundson; Christian Demarre; Alvaro Diaz Martin; Samantha Fix; Roman Galanti; Molly Henderson; Kristen Herren; Dwight Hohnstein; Rajdeep Mally; Hannah Morse; Margarita Nalivayko; Anthony Rains; Trevor Ralph; Amy Scott; Parker Sheldon; Stephanie Smolinski; Michelle Tanco; Angeleah Tena; Naomi Tsai; Paulina Ulrich.

ARHS Scholars: Aaron Bales; Dylan Brown; Adrian Esquivel; Jessica Hall; Tralayna Haslett; Jillian Hawley; Sean Heaney; Taryn Jones; Sanjeev Kamboj; Sukhman Kaur; Benjamin Klontz; Laura Lindell; Lauren Mendez; Jeffrey Miles; Joshua Moore; Melissa Muhich; Adam Murgittroyd; Stefanie Range; Clayton Sin; Aaryn Snyder; Andrey Streltsov; Michelle Su; Brendon Timke; Erik Vatne; Samantha Wren.

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Auburn School District to Hold District-Wide Emergency Drill on October 14

On Thursday, October 14, all 22 schools in the Auburn School District will participate in emergency evacuation drills beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Two schools, Dick Scobee Elementary School and Cascade Middle 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.

Students and staff from Dick Scobee Elementary School and Cascade Middle School will evacuate the schoolhouses and walk to a reunification site. School buses will transport the students and staff to a reunion location. Students will then be bused back to school.

All other schools in the district will be conducting earthquake evacuation drills.

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Auburn High School to Host Free Heart Screenings for Students on October 13

On Wednesday, October 13, the Nick of Time Foundation will be at Auburn High School, along with volunteering doctors and nurses from Auburn Regional Medical Center, Seattle Children's Hospital, the University of Washington Medical Center, and firefighters from the Valley Regional Fire Authority, to provide free heart screenings to all interested students.

Heart screenings can reveal hidden heart conditions that are treatable if detected early. Surprisingly, a high school athlete dies every three days in the United States from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) or a sudden heart attack, never having known they had a hidden heart condition. These heart attacks are not the typical ones associated with poor diet, little exercise, stress, age and clogged arteries. They are the result of malfunctions in the electrical system of the heart. Lives can be saved long before an SCA event or sudden heart attack ever occurs.

Auburn High School students will have the opportunity to detect hidden heart conditions and immediately receive information on next steps if necessary.

All students must make an appointment and receive parent permission to participate in the free heart screenings.

For more information contact Auburn High School sports medicine instructors Ms. Krause or Ms. Parsons at (253) 931-4880; or Amy Spence, publications and grants coordinator, at (253) 931-4713.

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Auburn Mountainview High School to Host Benaroya Research Institute Type 1 Diabetes Screening

In conjunction with Diabetes Awareness Month at Auburn Mountainview High School, the school is partnering with Benaroya Research Institute of Seattle to host a free type 1 Diabetes TrialNet screening for all Auburn School District families on Tuesday, November 30, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the Auburn Mountainview High School Career Center. Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins are welcome.

According to research conducted on type 1 diabetes, if someone in your family has type 1 diabetes, you and other family members are 10-15 times more likely to develop the disease. TrialNet, a federally-funded research program, is offering free risk screening for the presence of auto antibodies that may appear years before type 1 diabetes develops. If found to be at risk, you will be closely monitored and may be eligible to participate in a prevention trial.

You are eligible to participate in this screening if you are:

- Between the ages of 1 and 45 years with a **sibling, child or parent** with type 1 diabetes
- Between the ages of 1 and 20 with a **cousin, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent or half-sibling** with type 1 diabetes

For more information about free risk screening or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 888-4187 or e-mail diabetes@BenaroyaResearch.org; or contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

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Auburn School District Board of Directors Named WSSDA Board of Distinction

The Auburn School District Board of Directors has been selected as a 2010 Board of Distinction by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA). The announcement was made Friday, November 19, at the WSSDA Annual Conference in Spokane.

Fifteen school boards were honored as 2010 WSSDA Boards of Distinction. WSSDA's Boards of Distinction awards program honors school boards that demonstrate effective use of the Washington School Board Standards. The standards, developed and adopted by WSSDA in 2009, promote researched-based governance practices that lead to high levels of student and district performance.

Members of the Auburn School Board are Janice Nelson, Ray Vefik, Craig Schumaker, Carol Helgersen and Lisa Connors. The superintendent is Dr. Kip Herren.

Award applicants are required to submit an essay and supporting evidence to demonstrate how they are putting the new standards into practice. This year, applicants were asked to address the following benchmarks (one from each of the five standards):

- Conducting board and district business in a fair, respectful and responsible manner.
- Articulating the conviction that all students can learn and the belief that student learning can improve regardless of existing circumstances or resources.

- Providing for the safety and security of all students and staff.
- Committing to continuous improvement in student achievement at each school and throughout the district.
- Collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources.

Applications are evaluated by an independent review panel, and awards are given to those who receive at least 70 points out of a possible 100.

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Auburn School District Students Capture National Merit Honors

Nine seniors from Auburn School District's three comprehensive high schools have been recognized as Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are:

Auburn Mountainview High School

Samantha Fix
 Tabitha Lovell
 Heidi Milby
 Timothy Russell
 Parker Sheldon

Auburn Riverside High School

Karley Thurston

Auburn Senior High School

Haeun (Julie) Chang
 Alexandra Mihaylova
 Cameron Sowards

Over 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 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."

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

Auburn School District No. 408
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Dick Scobee Elementary School Office Manager Named STAR 101.5 "School Star of the Week"

Dick Scobee Elementary School office manager Ann Gilbert is STAR 101.5's "School Star of the Week" in a Western Washington contest. Ms. Gilbert was nominated by her principal, Greg Brown.

On Thursday, November 18, STAR 101.5's Kent and Alan will introduce Ms. Gilbert on-air and honor her with multiple prizes including \$100 from Washington State Employees Credit Union, dinner for two at Ivar's, and a free massage at Massage Envy. She will also be entered into a drawing to win \$500.

STAR 101.5's "School Star of the Week" honors classified staff in public schools who help both schools and students succeed. Bus drivers, paraeducators, teacher's aides, secretaries, custodians, cooks and cafeteria workers, security guards, health and library technicians, playground supervisors, and many other "unsung heroes" are recognized each month throughout the school year.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 11/16/10

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Ilalko Elementary School Student

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

Micaela Boettcher is one of the most dedicated and hardworking students in Mrs. Grijalva's fifth grade classroom. She takes full responsibility for the entire scope of her education and gratefully accepts any interventions as opportunities to receive the extra help she needs to be successful. She is a confident young lady who understands that school is not easy for everyone, but with effort success is possible.

In the last three years, Micaela has participated in Ilalko's "Early Intervention Class," which provides targeted assistance to students one hour before the school day starts. She participates in summer school and often attends Tier III interventions such as working with a high school mentor from Auburn Riverside High School. Micaela's focus and determination helped her achieve standard last year in reading as measured by the MSP.

When asked what her favorite school subject is, Micaela replied, "I like all subjects except for math, but I still try really hard because I want to like it." Her favorite part about being a student at Ilalko is the "P.R.I.D.E. Assemblies," because she enjoys watching students be recognized for modeling a P.R.I.D.E. attribute.

Outside the classroom, Micaela is actively involved in competitive soccer and plays right defense for the Synergy Soccer Club. She participates in a small group at her church and enjoys water skiing, wakeboarding, downhill skiing, and just being outdoors.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 11/16/10

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Paraeducator Kim Hart

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kim Hart, paraeducator at Chinook Elementary School, for her outstanding service on Monday, November 22, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kim Hart, paraeducator at Chinook Elementary School, works with students with special needs in the structured learning center. Kim's primary role is to assist her teacher in carrying out the daily learning for all 11 students and helping them meet their reading and math IEP requirements. Kim engages students through hands-on learning activities such as using building blocks to master math counting concepts.

Kim serves as the paraeducator representative on the Chinook Elementary School math committee and is impressed by the staff's strong commitment to improve student learning for all students. "No matter where a student is at our goal is to increase their learning," says Kim. "We can never know too much or learn too much." This sentiment is similar to the quote inscribed on one of Kim's favorite teacups: "The brain is not much bigger than an ordinary teacup, but all the knowledge in the world could not fill it up."

Kim is a long-time district employee, having worked in various paraeducator positions throughout the district for the past 20 years including positions in West Auburn's former childcare center and Auburn High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. Kim savored every moment nurturing babies and toddlers in the childcare center, yet learned to love fixing lawn mowers, welding machinery and harvesting plants in the various CTE classes.

Before her career in the Auburn School District, Kim volunteered on the 1984-85 citizens' ad-hoc committee that recommended the restructuring of the junior high schools into middle schools. She also volunteered as a district health tech aid.

Kim has a bachelor's degree in child development from UC Davis. She has always wanted to work with kids in education and is thankful to have been able to effectively help students reach their learning goals.

Kim has four grown children who are all college graduates. She and her husband, Jay, reside in Auburn. Kim enjoys making period costumes from Medieval Times and is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 11/10/10

Auburn Mountainview High School Students to Host Garrett Light Golf Invitational

On Saturday, November 20, Auburn Mountainview High School DECA students Madison Goodwin, Maggie Henderson and Monica Trainor are hosting the Garrett Light Golf Invitational from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Auburn Regional Golf Course, 29630 Green River Road Southeast, Auburn.

The Garrett Light Golf Invitational is a fundraising tournament for the American Cancer Society. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer.

Madison, Maggie and Monica gained inspiration for the project after one of their classmates, Garrett Light, was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma last school year. Garrett is the captain of the Auburn Mountainview High School golf team and is an active member of Young Life.

The Garrett Light Golf Invitational is open for registration to the public. Additionally, event sponsors are needed to ensure the success of the event.

For more information about the Garrett Light Golf Invitational including event registration and sponsorship, contact Madison Goodwin, Maggie Henderson or Monica Trainor at glinvitational@gmail.com.

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 11/9/10

Auburn Mountainview High School DECA Students Launch "Diabetes Awareness Month" Campaign

The month of November is Diabetes Awareness Month at Auburn Mountainview High School in Auburn, Washington. Twenty-four million people in the United States have diabetes and, if trends continue, by 2050 between 1 in 5 and 1 in 3 people may have diabetes.

Auburn Mountainview High School DECA students Heather Odell, Nichola Usher and Scott Ohashi are organizing diabetes awareness activities throughout the month of November including school-wide video presentations and lunch hour informational booths. The trio is also developing a curriculum lesson about the early detection of type 1 diabetes and prevention of type 2 diabetes to be used in the school's health classes.

Fifteen local restaurants are partnering with Auburn Mountainview High School during "Dine Out to Beat Diabetes Week," November 15-21, as part of Diabetes Awareness Month. Participating restaurants are supporting the project in a variety of ways: advertising the week; displaying table tents with diabetes information; highlighting healthy or light menu options; offering light substitutions at reduced or no cost; and even creating new, diabetes-friendly entrees. (See below for a list of participating restaurants.)

A finale event will occur on Wednesday, November 24, featuring guest speakers and nutrition and fitness activities for all students during a school-wide assembly.

Auburn Mountainview High School DECA students Heather, Nichola and Scott gained inspiration for the project after Scott shared his daily battles with type 1 diabetes. According to Heather, "While type 1 diabetes is genetic, 95% of people with this disease have type 2, which is preventable. We wanted to do something that would help educate people about what diabetes is and how they can prevent it. After reading an article in the *Seattle Times*, we learned of Ramiro Rubio, owner of Galerias Mexican Restaurant in Seattle, who created healthy, diabetes-friendly options on his menu with the help of King County Public Health and the Seamar clinics. After meeting with Mr. Rubio, we got in contact with the same people who had helped him with his restaurant, with the idea of doing something similar on a larger scale with the restaurants in Auburn."

The 15 participating restaurants in Auburn's "Dine Out to Beat Diabetes Week," November 15-21, are:

Athens
BB Magraw's
Crown Catering
Jackpot Teriyaki
Jason's Coffee
Mazatlan
Trotter's Restaurant
Zola's Cafe

T&T Chinese
Kouros Kuisine
Longhorn Barbecue
Performance Grill
The Kitsch-en
Las Margaritas
Sunbreak Café

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: 11/8/10

Auburn School District to Launch "TEAM Auburn—Commit to Fit" Student-Led Media Campaign

On December 13, 2010, the Auburn High School (AHS) DECA Chapter will host a launch event for a student-led Health and Fitness Public Relations Campaign to address childhood obesity from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church in Auburn, Washington. The event is free and open to the public. Activities will include marketing and education fair, entertainment, cooking demonstrations, special guest appearances, and distribution of materials for community members to fill their "Fit Kits."

The main objective of the student-led media campaign is to change the culture of health and fitness in the Auburn School District and surrounding community. According to a King County Health Department study, Auburn, Washington, is the most obese city in King County.

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. As part of the one-time federal stimulus funds in the CPPW initiative, these grants will support and pay for activities that produce long-lasting changes and improve the community conditions that harm residents.

The three primary activities Auburn School District will adopt to encourage healthy eating and active living are:

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

AHS DECA members have been planning and organizing the media campaign for the past three months. The campaign slogan, "TEAM AUBURN—Commit to Fit," was developed to encompass the broad target audience of the campaign. The December 13 launch event will target Auburn School District staff, community members and parents. Support and education of this group is essential to the success of the campaign implementation to the primary target audience: Auburn School District students.

"Imagine what an impact we will have in the future of the Auburn community when we change the culture of health and fitness. With the media campaign emphasizing the upcoming changes in food nutrition and physical education, Auburn School District will empower students to make healthy decisions in regards to what they eat while increasing their physical activity. This will take the help of all district staff, parents, community members and our King County CPPW partners. I am proud that students implemented this media campaign and am looking forward to the upcoming events," says Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School DECA Advisor.

For more information about the launch event or media campaign please contact Auburn High School DECA Advisor Lori Jacobs at ljacobs@auburn.wednet.edu or (253) 931-4880.

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 11/3/10

Gildo Rey Elementary School Awarded 2010 National Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools Award

Gildo Rey Elementary School in Auburn, Washington, is one of two schools state-wide to be awarded the 2010 National Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools Award sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Gildo Rey Elementary School was recognized for significantly closing the achievement gap between student groups in mathematics. Gildo Rey soars above the state average in mathematics in grades 3, 4 and 5, as measured by the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP). Gildo Rey has successfully closed the achievement gap between the following student groups: low income and ELL.

Gildo Rey Elementary School will be honored at the 2011 National Title I Conference in Tampa, Florida, January 31-February 3, 2011. Gildo Rey will also receive state-level recognition and a \$10,000 award.

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

DECEMBER 2010:

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 12/17/10

Ilalko Elementary School's Green Team Launches Second Annual Holiday Lights Recycling Program

The Ilalko Elementary School Green Team kicks off its second annual holiday lights recycling program. The goal is to collect as many broken and unusable light strands and extension cords through January 21, 2011. 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 Elementary programs serving students with special needs.

Lights can be dropped off through January 21, 2011 at:

- Ilalko Elementary School front office, 301 Oravetz Pl. SE
- Top Foods Lake Tapps store, 1406 Lake Tapps Pkwy. SE
- Lakeland Hills Chiropractic, 1408 Lake Tapps Pkwy. E, Suite E105
- Auburn YMCA, 1620 Perimeter Rd.
- Advise Chiropractic, 4017 A St. SE, B101
- Roach Gymnastics, 1627 45th St. E, # D-103, Sumner
- Fred Meyer, 801 Auburn Way N
- Auburn Senior Center, 808 9th St. SE
- Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main St.

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.

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 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: 12/17/10

Eleven Auburn School District Teachers Earn National Board Certification

Eleven teachers in the Auburn School District have earned National Board Certification. They are:

- Meri Benedict, Activities Director/Health, ARHS
- Angela Rigley Berg, Language Arts, ARHS
- Katie Henry, Leadership/Health, AHS
- Karen Jenks, 5th Grade, Gildo Rey
- Corin Malone, Science, ARHS
- Eva Means, Spanish, AMHS
- Julie Moberg, PE, ARHS
- Cheryl Moyd, Social Studies/Psychology, ARHS
- Kimberly Nelson, ECE, Lea Hill
- Cheryl Nielsen, 4th Grade, Ilalko

- Meghan Wagner, Band, ARHS

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: 12/14/10

Olympic Middle School Student Selected to be a Student Ambassador to Europe

Alissa Jackson, an eighth grader at Olympic Middle School, has been accepted into the 2011 People to People European Heritage Student Ambassador Program, a program that provides international educational opportunities and cultural experiences for students. The program embodies the mission set forth by its founder, Dwight D. Eisenhower—to “promote peace through understanding” between individual citizens of the world.

Alissa was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to embark on a European adventure of a lifetime during the summer 2011. Student ambassadors will have the opportunity to:

- Go behind-the-scenes with a Member of Parliament
- Meet with a Swiss official
- Visit and get to know the Beefeaters (the official guards of the Tower of London)
- Perform a service project to help the citizens of Germany protect the natural beauty of the famous Black Forest

Alissa is currently raising funds to cover the travel expenses for the trip. The trip not only provides educational and cultural experiences, but three out of four students who travel with People to People as a Student Ambassador get into their first choice college.

Alissa currently holds a 3.6 GPA and hopes to attend Yale University. Alissa is an active community citizen, participating in Olympic’s community service club. She has lobbied Washington State Legislators and Senators for Basic Education Funding (2008) and Defining Basic Education (2009); she has earned the “President’s Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement” from former President George W. Bush; and she boasts Academic Achievement Awards for the past three school years.

For more information about how to donate to Alissa Jackson’s People to People Student Ambassador Program contact Olympic Middle School at (253) 931-4966; or contact Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 12/7/10

Rainier Middle School Robotics Teams Compete in FIRST LEGO League Regional Competition

On December 4, two Rainier Middle School Robotics Teams, Cyber-Medics and 10 LEGOs in a Bucket, competed at the FIRST LEGO League Washington State Regional Qualifier.

Team 10 LEGOs in a Bucket won first place in the robot performance category and the Champions Award, the highest award at the competition. Team 10 LEGOs in a Bucket will compete in the Washington State Championships on Saturday, December 11, at Liberty Junior High in Spanaway.

FIRST LEGO League is a robotics program for 9 to 14 year olds. It is designed to get children excited about science and technology—and teach them valuable employment and life skills. Teams, comprised of up to 10 children with at least one adult coach, have two primary activities:

1) Build and program a small robot to accomplish challenges; and **2)** investigate a research topic and prepare a presentation. Both activities culminate in a competition with other teams at a regional tournament. Teams that earn a judge award or attain a top score during the robot challenge are invited to the Washington State Championships.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 12/6/10

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School Student

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Seerat Mann, a fifth grade student at Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Seerat Mann is a top-notch student and citizen at Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School. Her fifth grade teacher, Ms. Root, reports, "Seerat is a wonderful role model. She always produces neat, thoughtful work. She listens and actively participates in instruction. Seerat is highly motivated and interested in learning new information. She regularly seeks clarification and attempts to further her knowledge. She pleasantly mentors other students. Seerat is simply a delightful person!"

Seerat is a responsible learner and strives for excellence in her work. Her favorite subject is math, and she also likes reading and science. Her high grades reflect her dedication toward learning. She met Washington State standards in reading, writing and math on the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). Seerat has received student of the month awards for AJ citizenship and academic achievement. She was a recipient of the AJ PTSA Accelerated Reader Medalist Award and a Soaring Thunderbird award winner, which recognizes students for demonstrating outstanding courtesy to others.

Seerat is one of the original student members of the AJ National Honor Society inducted in 2008. She played in this year's volleyball jamboree and was selected to participate on AJ's math team for the district-wide math competition two years in a row.

Outside of school Seerat enjoys sketching and reading books. She says, "I can't stop sometimes!" Seerat's future ambitions include becoming a doctor or scientist.

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

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Newsrelease: 12/6/10

Kristen Bruhahn 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 Kristen Bruhahn, in recognition of her volunteer support to Auburn School District, on Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kristen Bruhahn has dedicated over two decades of volunteer service to the Auburn School District, beginning in 1990 as a PTA parent and most recently chairing the district's Safe Walking Routes Committee. The Safe Walking Routes Committee annually reviews school recommendations for creating safe walking and cycling routes for children to travel to and from school. In the last five years, the committee's recommendations have helped secure over \$1 million in grant funding for creating safer routes to schools.

As the White River Valley Museum's bookkeeper and administrative assistant, Kristen is a financial steward and enjoys using her expertise to help fund-raise for numerous school programs. She launched the Auburn Mountainview High School football booster club when the school first opened. She was the PTA treasurer for both Hazelwood Elementary School and Rainier Middle School for a total of 12 years. Kristen has also served on the district's Boundary Committee; opened her home to numerous bond and levy coffee hours; and volunteered as a member of Hazelwood Elementary School's DIBELS Assessment Team that helps monitor the reading progress of students throughout the year.

At the White River Valley Museum, Kristen helps facilitate the partnership between the museum and district for educational programs. Students tour the museum itself as well as the recently renovated Mary Olson Farm, where students learn history about the White River Valley, farm practices and even spawning salmon.

According to Kristen, "I like to help kids and see the direct result of how finding resources benefit the students and their programs. It's all about helping students achieve their goals."

Kristen also served on the Communities in Schools Auburn Board for three years and recently traveled to Dallas with her husband's company to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. She is the proud parent of three Auburn School District graduates.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 12/6/10

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Lea Hill Elementary School Teacher

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Treena Daniels, third grade teacher at Lea Hill Elementary School, for her outstanding service on Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Treena Daniels's daily goal as a third grade teacher at Lea Hill Elementary School is to improve learning for all students. "It is my job to provide the best education I can for kids in my class to ensure their academic success," says Treena.

Treena believes students can achieve anything they put their mind to through hard work and a strong work ethic. "I try to model to students that hard work and dedication will help them succeed, because that has been the key to my success."

Treena's strong work ethic has led her to accept a number of leadership roles in her building, most recently being nominated by her peers as one of two teachers to participate in the district's first Auburn Teacher Leadership Academy (ATLA). ATLA provides Treena—and 49 other teachers—the tools to develop collaborative leadership skills and then share the expertise with others. Treena enjoys collaborating with her peers through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and actually helped implement PLCs at Lea Hill Elementary School last year.

Treena is currently a member of the district Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Committee and is one of a handful of teachers piloting the new standards-based report card. She is a member of Lea Hill's SIP Leadership Team and volunteered to go through the extensive GLAD training program this year. She serves on the three-person technology team responsible for troubleshooting all of Lea Hill's technology needs and is the building's in-service advisory representative.

Treena is the proud parent of a Lea Hill fourth grader and serves as the Lea Hill PTA co-vice president. Her after-school schedule is chock-full of sporting events and activities as she makes it a point to connect with her students and their families outside of the classroom. "Getting to know kids and families on a more personal level helps impact the classroom environment," says Treena.

Treena earned her National Board Certification in 2008 as a middle childhood generalist. She has a bachelor's in elementary education with a special education major from PLU and a master's in curriculum and instruction from Lesley University. She has taught for 16 years in the Auburn School District and is an Auburn High School graduate. When not collaborating with district colleagues, she is often found collaborating with her sister, an elementary school teacher in Olympia.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 12/3/10

Auburn School District Transportation Department Perfect on Winter Bus Inspection

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) recently conducted its winter inspection of all school buses within the Auburn School District fleet. All buses passed with 100 percent compliance, which means not one bus was put out of service. The inspection indicates all school buses are certified safe. The statewide average of "out of service" buses that do not meet WSP standards is typically 8 percent of a fleet.

Auburn School District has a dedicated team of mechanics, drivers and administrators who ensure students travel to and from school safely every day.

For more information contact Dennis Grad, transportation director, at (253) 931-4938.

JANUARY 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 01/26/11

Auburn High School to Host 15th Annual Auburn School District "Beyond High School Night"

Auburn High School will host the 15th Annual Auburn School District "Beyond High School Night" on Thursday, February 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center and adjoining areas.

This event is a "Must Attend" activity for middle and high school students and their parents in the greater Auburn area. Over 80 school representatives will be available with information, providing an opportunity to explore various post-high school options for high school graduates, including: four-year public and private colleges and universities, community and technical colleges, career training programs, apprenticeship programs, and military options. Breakout sessions ranging from "Finding the College that is Right for You" to "Paying for College" will also be available.

Contact Auburn High School counselor, Jon Morrow at 253-931-4719 ext. 1017 to learn more about this important evening event.

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 01/19/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to honor Terminal Park Elementary School Student

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Victoria Cegielski, a fifth grade student at Terminal Park Elementary School, for being an outstanding student on Monday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Victoria Cegielski is a fifth grade student in Terminal Park Elementary School's gifted education program. Victoria's affable personality and winning smile make her a great friend and citizen at Terminal Park.

In class, Victoria is an exceptional all-around student. Her teacher, Mrs. McIntyre, says, "Victoria is an exceptional student, friend and leader. She takes responsibility for her own learning. Victoria takes pride in her work. Her work is done on time and always with the highest degree of effort and accuracy. She is a leader in class with her positive attitude and excellent behavior. Victoria is truly a delight to teach."

According to Victoria's former music teacher, Dr. Timothy Root, "Victoria is extraordinary in her mature deportment, her ability to relate to adults, and in leadership skills amongst her peers. When I was agonizing over whether to retire from the district and move to Florida, I almost did not because I wanted at least one more year to work with Victoria and students like her. I consider it a privilege and an honor to have been her teacher."

Victoria's citizenship and amazing efforts extend beyond the classroom. Victoria is a student of Chinese and piano in addition to participating in the district orchestra program, ASB and volleyball. Victoria started swimming on a swim team last year and receives glowing remarks from her coach. Victoria also volunteers as a student helper at Holy Family Church. Victoria is a model big sister to her younger brothers and enjoys spending time with her family.

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

Auburn School District No. 408
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Auburn School District's Board of Directors to honor Child Nutrition Services Assistant Supervisor

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Carol Barker, Child Nutrition Services assistant supervisor, for her outstanding service on Monday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Child Nutrition Services assistant supervisor Carol Barker is a testament of commitment to the work of the district's child nutrition program. Carol not only ensures the smooth daily operations of the school's breakfast and lunch programs, but she also is responsible for coordinating all food orders, deliveries and menus; managing kitchen staff; overseeing the after-school snack program and summer feeding program; and maintaining the district's organic garden.

Carol goes above and beyond the responsibilities of her role in meeting the needs of the kitchens and students. She is willing to go the extra mile, literally sometimes, so all kitchen managers and staff serve the best breakfasts and lunches possible. At times this involves running to the store to get a missing ingredient and managing the fresh produce by growing it in the district garden.

Carol is a certified food handler teacher through the Washington Restaurant Association and teaches both school personnel and private King County organizations that desire to obtain their food handler cards. She is also certified to train child nutrition personnel through the Washington School Nutrition Association and National School Nutrition Association. According to Carol, "We have an awesome child nutrition staff. I enjoy working in the kitchens with them. I'm always looking for ways to help make their jobs easier and more efficient. They are all committed to our program and to serving healthy meals to the students of the Auburn School District. I can also tell you that I could not do my job without the support of our office staff. They work behind-the-scenes to keep everything running smoothly and efficiently. They go above and beyond their job assignments to help our program succeed. They are my unsung heroes."

Carol began her career in the district's Child Nutrition Services Department as a cashier in the Cascade kitchen. Soon Carol became Rainier's assistant kitchen manager and then Cascade's kitchen manager. She helped open Auburn Mountainview High School before accepting her current assistant supervisor position.

Implementing healthy, nutritious meals in all schools is one of Carol's primary goals. "The key is educating our students on why it is important to make healthy food choices," says Carol. One way Carol and the child nutrition program educates students is through the organic garden. Carol works with classes of students during the spring in planting and tending to the garden and then monitors it throughout the summer, harvesting to supplement the summer feeding program. In the late summer and early fall the produce is used in the child nutrition program. Carol is also the leader behind the district's summer feeding program that provides over 100,000 free summer lunches to children ages 1-18.

Carol's commitment to health and education is contagious. Last fall she was asked to speak at the End Childhood Hunger Summit in Seattle. She was also recently named a 2010-11 Auburn School District Classified Employee of the Year.

Carol lives in Auburn with her husband and has 7 children and 21 grandchildren.

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

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**Auburn School District "TEAM Auburn—Commit to Fit"
Challenge Underway**

The Auburn High School (AHS) DECA Chapter, a student leadership organization for marketing and business students, is launching a district-wide "Commit to Fit" challenge.



The first series of Commit to Fit challenges will run through January 31. All district staff and students are encouraged to register and track their daily food intake and exercise habits. The elementary, middle and high schools with the most students and staff registered to participate will win prizes for their school. By registering, staff and students will immediately begin earning rewards for eating right and exercising.

AHS DECA members will host registration events during school launch events (see below for a calendar of events). Additionally, students and staff can register at www.committofit.org.

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. 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.

"Our vision is for every child in Auburn to be empowered to make consistent, healthy lifestyle choices. The entire community will support this culture shift which will create a positive educational, social and economic environment for the future," says campaign co-director Alyssa Wall. "We feel that through the Commit to Fit Challenge we can successfully register students and propel them to a healthier future." According to campaign co-director Mariah Sonsteli, "Our main objective is to provide students with the knowledge they need to break the obesity cycle and make a radical change in the future of health in Auburn."

TEAM Auburn—Commit to Fit Scheduled School Launch Events

January 13	Auburn High School – staff launch
January 14	Dick Scobee Elementary School – student/staff launch Mt. Baker Middle School – student/staff launch Auburn High School – student launch Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School – student launch Pioneer Elementary School - student/staff launch
January 19	Gildo Rey Elementary School – student/staff launch Lakeland Hills Elementary School – student/staff launch
January 21	Hazelwood Elementary School – student/staff launch Cascade Middle School – student/staff launch
January 25	Lake View Elementary School – student/staff launch
January 28	Alpac Elementary School – student launch Lea Hill Elementary School – student/staff launch

For more information please contact AHS DECA advisor Lori Jacobs at ljacobs@auburn.wednet.edu; or Amy Spence, public information officer, at (253) 931-4713.

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 01/11/11

Auburn School District Announces 2010-2011 Classified Employees of the Year

The Auburn School District has selected its 2010-2011 Classified Employees of the Year: Child Nutrition Services Department assistant supervisor Carol Barker and Washington Elementary School office manager Kathy Schumaier.

Carol Barker and Kathy Schumaier will be 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 2011 Washington State Classified Employee of the Year.

Carol Barker was nominated by deputy superintendent Mike Newman. Carol Barker is in her fifth year as the Child Nutrition Services Department assistant supervisor and has dedicated 22 years of service to the district. Mrs. Barker's primary goal is to offer and serve whole, nutritious foods to students. According to Mrs. Barker, "We hope to improve healthy eating for all kids by not only serving them nutritious foods but also teaching them how to eat healthier and enjoy what they eat." Auburn School District is on the leading edge of the food revolution thanks to Mrs. Barker's and the department's commitment to eliminate processed foods and serve fresh, whole foods. Mrs. Barker has helped implement multiple child nutrition programs including: an organic district garden that yields fresh produce for the district's lunch and summer feeding programs; a fresh fruit and vegetable grant for two of Auburn's elementary schools; a summer feeding program that serves over 80,000 meals to hungry children in Auburn throughout summer; and a first-ever whole foods cooking training that will be offered to 60 Auburn School District kitchen employees and eventually 500 kitchen employees throughout Western Washington thanks to a half-million dollar grant awarded to the school district.

According to deputy superintendent Mike Newman, "Mrs. Barker goes way beyond the responsibilities of her role in meeting the needs of our kitchens and students. She is willing to go the extra mile, literally sometimes, to make things work for our kitchen managers and staff in getting out the best breakfast and lunches possible. At times this involves running to the store to get a missing ingredient and even managing the fresh produce by growing it in the district garden." Mrs. Barker recently shared the success of the district's summer feeding program during the "End Hunger Summit" in Seattle and will continue to advocate for the health and well-being of all children in the Auburn School District.

Kathy Schumaier was nominated by Washington Elementary School principal Pauline Thomas. Kathy Schumaier is in her thirteenth year as the Washington Elementary School office manager and has dedicated 22 years of service to the district. Mrs. Schumaier's primary goal is to provide a welcoming, safe, learning environment for all students. She is the first person that greets you at Washington and sets the tone for the rest of the building. Her warm smile, friendly demeanor and strong work ethic are unparalleled. Mrs. Schumaier supports the smooth, daily operations of Washington including managing school budgets and substitutes; publishing school newsletters; organizing daily schedules and the principal's calendar; leading the school's American Cancer Society Relay for Life staff team; and participating on the school's safe walking committee, which was recently awarded a Washington Traffic Safety Commission grant to improve visibility of Washington's school crossing zones.

According to Mrs. Schumaier, "If you can help make a difference for a child when they come to the office scared, sick or unhappy, you have succeeded for that day." One of Mrs. Schumaier's favorite Washington traditions occurs during fall open house. "I take family photos and before the end of the evening we have printed, cut and displayed the photos on the school's Family Wall. It's our way of welcoming families into the Washington community," says Mrs. Schumaier.

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: 01/07/11

Auburn School District, Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce and Communities in Schools of Auburn to host Second Annual Middle School Career Conference for Middle School Students

On January 12 and 19, the second annual Auburn Area Middle School Career Conference will be held for eighth grade Auburn area middle school students. On January 12, the conference will be held at Rainier Middle School from 7:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. and then at Mt. Baker Middle School from 12:00 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. On January 19, the conference will be held at Cascade Middle School from 7:50 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. and then at Olympic Middle School from 12:00 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

Eighth grade middle school students from Valley Christian School will be participating in the event with students from Mt. Baker Middle School on January 12.

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

Earlier this month, students participated in career interest surveys to determine which career informational sessions they will attend during the conference. The career conference begins with an assembly followed by five sessions with representatives from local businesses, high school programs, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and the College Success Foundation.

Representatives from the College Success Foundation will highlight the foundation's College Bound Scholarship, which guides low-income seventh and eighth graders on the path to a college education by offering the promise of tuition when the student reaches college age. Students who sign a pledge by June 30 of their eighth grade year are eligible. Students promise to graduate from high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and seek admission to a college or university. The College Bound Scholarship is a state-funded financial aid program administered by the [Higher Education Coordinating Board \(HECB\)](http://www.hecb.wa.gov). Students may apply online at www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound.

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

FEBRUARY 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408

915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002

Newsrelease: 02/23/11

By: Kayla Seamster, Auburn Riverside High School staff reporter

Auburn Riverside High School Student Kat Cooper Nominated as a McDonald's All American and Featured in *Sports Illustrated* "Faces in the Crowd"

Senior Kat Cooper became one of a select group of basketball players in the United States when she was nominated as a McDonald's All American.

The top 100 finalists are named in early February. After four rounds of voting, 20 players will be named to two teams, East and West. The All American game will be played at the United Center in Chicago, IL, on March 30.

"This is the most prestigious high school all-American type of honor, basically honoring the best high school players in the nation," coach Terry Johnson said. "It is just a credit to her work ethic and talent."

Kat Cooper will also be featured in the February 21st *Sports Illustrated* "Faces in the Crowd" section. You can find Kat's feature at: <http://www.si.com/faces>

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408

915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002

Newsrelease: 02/23/11

By: Ericia Ward-Williams, Coca-Cola Foundation spokesperson

Auburn Riverside High School Student Ben Klontz Named as Finalist in 2011 Coca-Cola Scholarship Competition

Senior Ben Klontz has been selected as a member of the 2011 Class of Coca-Cola Scholars. Klontz was selected as a finalist from more than 2100 semifinalists for having demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and community involvement epitomized by past winners of this scholarship.

With the help of the Bellevue Bottling Co. and The Coca-Cola Company, Klontz will begin college next fall at the school of his choice.

Klontz is one of 252 high school seniors selected nationwide to compete for a scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. On April 14, Klontz will join other finalists as they travel to Atlanta, GA, the international headquarters of The Coca-Cola Company, to compete for 52 four-year college scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 four-year scholarships of \$10,000.

Over the four-day weekend, the finalists will interview with a National Selection Committee, tour local landmarks, engage with former Coca-Cola Scholars and participate in a range of activities including a community service project.

The 2011 Class of Coca-Cola Scholars will also be the guest of honor at the annual Scholars Banquet, which will not only celebrate their great accomplishments, but also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is one of the most-recognized and respected achievement-based scholarships in America. Created in 1986, the Foundation established a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders through college scholarships. Coca-Cola has provided nearly \$45 million since the Foundation's inception.

The program is open to all high school seniors in the United States from 26,000 high schools. Coca-Cola Scholars come from all 50 states and approximately 40% are minorities.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 02/23/11

Auburn Public Schools Foundation Being Formed and Seeking Trustees

An Auburn Public Schools Foundation is being formed and is currently recruiting trustees to provide resources, influence and leadership that enhance the educational goals and experiences of school district students. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the procurement of funding that supports students throughout the Auburn School District as opposed to the provision of services that other organizations may already provide. The foundation will work in a harmonious, collaborative fashion with other community organizations that provide resources and support for the Auburn School District.

Trustees develop policies and procedures for the operation of the foundation, fundraising and the oversight of the organization's finances, programs and performance for mission attainment. Trustees share a strong commitment for the provision of resources that enhance Auburn School District initiatives for student learning.

For more information about serving as a Trustee, please contact Anne Baunach or Crystal Goetz at (253) 931-4914 or (253) 931-4713.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 02/23/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Pioneer Elementary School Teacher Rod Powell

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Rod Powell, resource room teacher at Pioneer Elementary, for his outstanding service on Monday, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Rod Powell has dedicated 14 years to the children of Pioneer. Rod provides individualized instruction for children who qualify for special education services, including instruction in reading, writing and math.

On any given day, Rod works with over 30 students in grades K-5. The ultimate goal is to build a solid foundation for each student and close the achievement gap to help all students be successful in the general education setting. According to Rod, "Taking a student below grade level and using direct instruction so they work toward mastery of skills and up to grade level standard is a huge accomplishment for the student and teacher."

Rod's classroom boasts color-coded folders for each student and designated workstations for students to break into small groups to receive both group and individualized instruction. "I'm always looking for new curriculum and instructional methods to help my students," says Rod, "whether it's new technology or working in my PLC team to create new math problems or reading comprehension questions."

Rod is a member of Pioneer's SIP team; a participant on the district's iSucceed MATH training; and currently is piloting a handheld technology device that allows students to answer learning questions and take assessments. Rod earned his K-12 special education and K-8 regular education endorsements from Pacific Lutheran University.

Outside of the classroom, Rod is co-owner of Silver Aspen Ranch, a 25-acre horse ranch in Auburn that specializes in training and showing Arabian and Half-Arabian horses in reining, western pleasure and hunter pleasure. In the last 24 years, Rod and his wife's ranch have produced over 300 national champions. Rod enjoys the hard work of training and reward of competition and hopes to share these important life experiences with his students.

"Sharing new ideas and experiences with kids is an invaluable part of education," says Rod. Rod is the proud parent of three sons. He and his family live in Auburn.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 02/16/11

Three Auburn Schools to Receive 2010 Washington Achievement Award

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education created the Washington Achievement Award to celebrate Washington's top-performing schools and to recognize achievement in multiple categories. The following three Auburn schools have been selected to receive this award:

Gildo Rey Elementary School for Special Recognition – Math

Hazelwood Elementary School for Overall Excellence – Elementary

West Auburn High School for Special Recognition - Improvement

The schools will be awarded for their achievement at an awards ceremony hosted by Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Washington on April 27, 2011.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 02/16/11

Auburn Riverside High School SkillsUSA Leadership Club Competes Well in Regionals

The following Auburn Riverside High School SkillsUSA Leadership Club students earned medals in the following competitions:

Computer Maintenance competition held February 12 at Renton Technical College:

- Computer Maintenance
 - Gold medalist: Bryan Rivera
 - Bronze medalist: Mario Rodriguez

Leadership competition held February 5 at Renton Sartori:

- Quiz Bowl
 - Silver medalists: Bryan Rivera, Arnold Rojas, Mario Rodriguez, Tyler Flynn, Billy Henline
- Job Interview
 - Gold medalist: Bryan Rivera
 - Silver medalist: Celina Aguiniga
- Job Skills Demonstration
 - Bronze medalist: Boris Melgar
- Extemporaneous Speech
 - Bronze medalist: Mario Rodriguez

Cabinet Making competition held January 29 at Auburn Riverside High School:

- Cabinet Making
 - Bronze medalist: Austin Fune

Electronics competition held January 8 at DeVry University:

- Electronics Technology (Advanced):
 - Gold medalist: Tyler Flynn,
 - Silver medalist: Alex Labish
 - Bronze Medalist: Riley Schultz
- Basic Electronics:
 - Gold medalist: Bryan Rivera
 - Silver medalist: Braden Mast
 - Bronze Medalist: James Clugston

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 02/07/11

Fourteen Auburn School District Students Selected for Participation in Phase One of the Washington Aerospace Scholars Program

Fourteen Auburn School District students are currently participating in Phase One of the Washington Aerospace Scholars Program.

They are:

- **Paige Jones**- Auburn High School
- **Richard Klimock**- Auburn High School
- **Phatthonin Malai**- Auburn High School
- **Miguel Santos**- Auburn High School
- **Brandon Shaneyfelt**- Auburn High School
- **Amber Valenzuela**- Auburn High School
- **Bryan Wicker**- Auburn High School
- **Jennifer Conner**- Auburn High School
- **Katharine Burkhauser**- Auburn Mountainview High School
- **Amanda Colella**- Auburn Mountainview High School
- **Supreet Ghuman**- Auburn Mountainview High School
- **Maiwah Huang**- Auburn Mountainview High School
- **Sara Jennings**- Auburn Mountainview High School
- **Sean McElmurry**- Auburn Mountainview High School

The students named above are among the 287 talented juniors from across the state that were accepted into the fifth year of Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS): a distance learning program with a NASA-designed curriculum covering the history of space exploration, the space shuttle, the International Space Station, the moon, and Mars.

From January through May, the scholars will complete ten lessons – submitting quizzes, math solutions, essays, and graphics concerning these topics every other week. Scholars will independently select a topic of interest for a final project combining an essay with a graphic. Based on their scores on the Phase One curriculum, up to 160 of the top performing scholars will be invited to an all expense paid Summer Residency at The Museum of Flight in Seattle.

During the Summer Residencies scholars will have the opportunity to work with professional engineers and scientists on the design of a human mission to Mars. In addition to the mission planning, selected scholars will have unique opportunities to tour engineering facilities, receive briefings by experts, and see for themselves what engineers do on a daily basis.

Furthermore, they will participate in hands-on engineering challenges, including rocket design, construction and launch; robotic rover design, construction, and obstacle course competition; and lander design, construction and deployment.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

MARCH 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/29/11

2011 All-Schools Food Drive Brings in Over 53,000 Pounds of Food and \$13,000 in Cash Donations

From February 21 through March 4, all 22 Auburn schools participated in the Seventh 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, 53,607 pounds of food was collected and \$13,270.68 was donated.

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

- Hazelwood Elementary School with 8,966 pounds and \$975 cash donations.
- Olympic Middle School with 4,164 pounds \$1,249.41 cash donations.
- Auburn Riverside High School with 4,056 pounds \$3,165.87 cash donations.

This year's total donation from the schools was an increase of 1,927 pounds of food. Each of these three schools will be recognized and awarded a trophy for their tremendous and generous efforts.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/29/11

Auburn Riverside High School Technology Students Compete Well

On March 24-26, Auburn Riverside High School technology students participated in the 2011 Washington Technology Student Association State Conference and Competition in Bellevue.

Drew Ridge was elected to the Technology Student Association State Office of Treasurer and the following students were competition winners and placers:

Architectural Model

4th Place **Courtney Shea** and **Kate Wallen**
5th Place **Brennen Herron** and **Ron Warren**

Computer Aided Design 2D Architecture

5th Place **Courtney Shea**

Dragster Design

1st Place **Jarrell Washington**
5th Place **Kate Wallen**

Engineering Design

3rd Place **Jarrell Washington** and **Andrew Ridge**
4th Place **Courtney Shea**, **Kate Wallen**, **Lauren Covey** and **Laura Lindell**

Technical Sketching and Application

3rd Place **Jarrell Washington**

Technology Bowl Written

3rd Place **Laura Lindell**

Transportation Modeling

1st Place **Kate Wallen**

2nd Place **Aaron Newell**

3rd Place **Nick Fawcett**

4th Place **Marvin Velasquez**

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408

915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002

Newsrelease: 03/29/11

Kelley Nybo Awarded Honorable Mention in 2011 Shoot for the Moon Award

Kelley Nybo, coordinator of payroll services for Auburn School District, received an honorary certificate of Honorable Mention for the WSIPC and WASWUG 2011 Shoot for the Moon award. Kelley was nominated by Lori Harding due to her dedication and determination on making the payroll department run as smoothly and efficiently as it can by taking the initiative to learn the system inside and out, and implementing and inquiring about what more the system can provide. Congratulations Kelley on your achievements and for your continued commitment and support within and for the Auburn School District.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408

915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002

Newsrelease: 03/25/11

**Lake View Global Reading Team,
Eager 2 Read, Takes Second Place
at Grand Challenge**

Congratulations to Lake View's very own "**Eager 2 Read**" in taking second place at the King County Library "Global Reading Challenge." The Lake View Team, representing South King County faced off against teams from the three other regions, who together, represented 56 teams and 1,701 students!

Captain Katie Ackerman states that she enjoyed the experience this year and



feels good about taking second place. Co-captain Aidan Oehler thought that the team earned second place and felt that the competition was good because he got to read books he wouldn't have read otherwise. Both agree that the team was a strong one and while not all members read every book, they were very strong in the books they did read making them all contributors to the team's success.

Thanks to all Lake View students who participated in this year's event—by supporting each other, all students can share in this year's success. Additional thanks to Parent Coach, Nancy Ackerman, Assistant Coach/Librarian, Jan Millgard, and Parent Coach, Karen Grant, for their assistance in preparing this year's teams.

Pictured above (left to right): Haley Pond, Ashley Jerke, Oscar Bravo-Leso, Aidan Oehler (co-captain), Devinne Cullimore, Daelyn Haws, Katie Ackerman (captain).

For more information contact Lake View Elementary School principal, Mike Weibel, at 253-931-4830 or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/22/11

Stephanie Keagle Named Washington Journalism Education Association Adviser of the Year

Stephanie Keagle, Auburn Mountainview High School language arts teacher, was named Washington Journalist Education Association Adviser of the Year at the WJEA State Conference at Auburn Mountainview High School on Saturday, March 19. This is an amazing honor to receive. Keagle was nominated by her students and was completely taken by surprise on the announcement of her being selected.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 03/22/11

Auburn School District Students Receive Awards at WJEA State Conference

Auburn School District students competed at the 2011 Washington Journalism Education Association (WJEA) State Conference on March 19 at Auburn Mountainview High School.

The following students received awards:

Auburn Mountainview High School:

Sean Heffernan:

Superior-Yearbook Feature Writing

Amanda Bowers:

Excellent-Newspaper Photo Editing

Honorable Mentions in the following:

Carly Anderson:

Yearbook Layout

D.J. Chitwood:

Newspaper News/Feature Photo

Daniel Feshchenko:

Yearbook Sports Photo

AnhViet Nguyen:

Sports Feature Writing

Melissa Halley:

Review Writing

Karissa Coen:

Newspaper/Newsmagazine Layout

Auburn Riverside High School:

Honorable Mentions in the following:

Kayla Seamster:

Editorial Writing

Shayla McGinness:

Review Writing

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408

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Newsrelease: 03/22/11

**Auburn High School Small Gas Engine/Power Technology Class Receives Donation
from STIHL NW**

Auburn High School's small gas engine/power technology class received 10 STIHL Model 441 chain saws along with four sets of pressure/vacuum test units specifically for these models from STIHL NW. The approximate value of the donation is \$8,500.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 03/22/11

Auburn School District
"TEAM Auburn—Commit to Fit" Going Strong

On March 4, Auburn High School DECA members and Rainier Middle School leadership students organized an all-school assembly to launch "Commit To Fit."



The assembly included educational activities and contests to prepare students to join the program. Students showed the website www.committofit.org and showed how to register and to record reward levels. Activities included a guest speaker, PowerPoint presentation to show serving sizes, and basic exercise and nutrition information. A relay race demonstrated easy ways to get in shape and challenge friends to do the same. Commit To Fit is now launched in all but three schools in the Auburn School District. To take advantage

of the program, be sure to log on and register, then track your rewards level.

The website www.committofit.org has undergone some recent updates. Beginning this week, members can create their own log in and track individual progress to reach reward levels.

Members simply enter their activities and the points and, once they reach the award level, the system will automatically generate the reward which will be sent out according to the following schedule.



The Commit To Fit Program currently has over 4,000 registered members. The first set of bronze level rewards was delivered the first week of March and included 139 rewards for staff and students. The awards delivery is set for the following days each month.

First Friday—Elementary
Second Friday— Middle School
Third Friday— High School
Last Friday – Support Services

Upcoming events include:

April 16, Healthy Kids Day at the Auburn YMCA
May 6, All School Assembly at Washington Elementary
May 13, Auburn Relay for Life
June TBD - Commit To Fit MVP Celebration

Please send your scheduled events to Lori Jacobs at ljacobs@committofit.org to add them to the event calendar on the website.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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**Auburn School District's Board of
Directors to honor Chinook Elementary
School Student**

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

Selena loves math and she is always reading. Selena is a very hard-working student. She has a good attitude and is very conscientious about always doing her homework. When Selena is successful at school she is very proud of herself. According to Selena, "Mom doesn't let me play until I do two pages of homework and read for 30 minutes. I usually read first."



At home Selena has a lot of support from her mom and big brother, Andrew. Selena's mother says she is very independent and hardworking. Selena can brighten up any room with her smile. She is a very happy person and smiles easily when talking about her family and school. She does her homework happily and is always asking questions. Selena's mother, a returning college student, states, "She is my inspiration!"

Selena's favorite hobby is riding horses. She is active in 4-H with her horse "Sonny" and has received several ribbons. She earned a first place ribbon recently in a horseback riding event. Because Selena loves to read, when Selena is on road trips she always has a book in her hand. Selena aspires to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She also wants to be a cheerleader. She loves to sing and dance.

Selena is part of the canoe journey activities and hopes to become a puller like her mother. According to her teacher, Ms. Minus, "Selena is very proud of her culture and is able to speak well about what it means to be a Native American."

Selena's favorite activities are the weekly girl's lunch with Mrs. Pratt at school, dancing and singing, and attending pow-wows where she is a jingle dancer. Selena also serves her school and community as a Safety Patrol officer.

Selena's teacher, Ms. Minus, shares that, "She works very hard whether she can do something well or struggles with it. Selena is very kind and caring of others and shows a great deal of empathy. She is a safety patrol officer and a self manager which tells us that she is kind, caring, safe, and responsible for her actions."

Pictured above (left to right): Carol Helgersen, Auburn School District Board President, Lisa Connors, Auburn School District Board Vice-President, Selena Hernandez, Ray Vefik, Auburn School District Board Director and Craig Schumaker, Auburn School District Board Director.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/22/11

Congratulations to Carol Barker, Child Nutrition Specialist for Auburn School District, PSESD's 2011 Classified Employee of the Year

press release via PSESD: www.psesd.org

Carol Barker has been with Auburn School District for 23 years and is responsible for the breakfast, lunch and snack programs in all of the district's schools. She also leads Auburn's nationally renowned summer food program, serving meals to community children who would otherwise go hungry during the summer months. In 2010, the program served over 80,000 meals at 49 sites in 44 days.



Auburn School District is on the cutting edge of the food revolution, and Barker's leadership has enabled the district to serve nourishing food to children while teaching them how to eat healthy and enjoy what they eat. Barker and her staff have been serving whole foods for several years, cooking from scratch and eliminating processed foods.

Under Barker's leadership, initiative and ability to collaborate, the district has started an organic garden, the bounties of which are served during school mealtimes. She volunteers her evening and weekend time to lead an after-school club for elementary students to help plant, water and care for the garden. Students learn about composting, the life cycles of plants, and how to calculate the yield of their planting efforts. High school horticulture students are also involved in caring for the garden and the district's 43 fruit trees. When this fresh organic produce is harvested, it is then used to provide healthy whole foods for student lunches and the summer food program.

Barker secured a grant through the King County Communities putting Prevention to Work, which will enable her to train over 60 district kitchen staff (and eventually 500 kitchen staff regionally) in whole foods cooking. Through this training kitchen staff will learn safe and efficient ways to create whole food recipes. In the long run, students will be the ones most affected by this training as they will be the recipients of nutritious balanced meals, which in turn leads to higher academic performance and a great start to leading and maintaining a healthy lifestyle as they grow up.

Recently, Barker was invited to President Obama's "End Childhood Hunger Summit", to instruct other schools and organizations about the logistics involved in implementing healthy food programs, and is now mentoring other districts and communities who are interested in starting summer food programs.

Barker is an active member of the Washington School Nutrition Association, she was awarded the State and Northwest Region Louise Sublette Award for improvement to school meals program and has been honored as the Auburn School District PSE Employee of the Year.

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.

Pictured above (left to right): Dr. Kip Herren, Auburn SD Superintendent; Carol Barker, Auburn SD Child Nutrition Supervisor; Margaret Dam, Auburn SD Coordinator of Child Nutrition; Michael Newman, Auburn SD Deputy Superintendent

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/21/11

Auburn School District Board of Directors to Honor Bus Driver Kathy Geiszler

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Kathy Geiszler, bus driver, for her outstanding service on Monday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Kathy came to the Auburn School District with 13 years of driving experience in the state of Oregon. She brought to the Auburn School District a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children. Each day Kathy makes it her goal to provide a warm, safe, welcoming environment for each of her passengers. Kathy sets the tone for their day by greeting each child by name with sincerity and a smile. Throughout the bus route, she chats with them about their upcoming day and what they have ahead of them. In the afternoon, the students are excited to see their driver as they know she will provide them with a fun and safe ride home.

Kathy has excellent student management skills. Once a week she invites a student to come to the front of the bus and draw a smiley face with a dry erase pen on the bus wall. This program creates an opportunity for Kathy to learn their name and to get to know a little something about each of them.

Kathy is dependable and takes pride in her job. She maintains her equipment in show room condition. She has had perfect attendance for seven of the nine years that she has worked in the Auburn School District. Kathy has excellent driving skills. She has the ability to adapt to any piece of equipment in the fleet and has an incredible knowledge of the district, practically knowing the color of the house when you give her an address!

On the afternoon of December 16, 2010, while transporting kindergarten students, Kathy and her students were sitting in a turn-lane on C Street Northwest waiting for the red light to turn green so that she could make a left turn. While waiting at the intersection, a truck traveling at a high rate of speed violently struck a Ford Escape. The impact of the truck and Escape spun the car around and into a collision with the bus. Kathy remained calm throughout the entire event and called into dispatch. Kathy and her passengers were not injured.

Kathy not only has a great rapport with her bus passengers but her coworkers as well. One of her coworkers describes Kathy as "very honest and kind hearted." She loves her job and is truly an asset to our department.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/21/11

Joe Snyder to be Awarded Auburn School District Board of Directors' Gold Star Volunteer Award

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

Joe Snyder has dedicated four years of daily volunteer service to the Auburn School District. Joe is Pioneer's volunteer attendant for their Walk to Walk student exercise program which promotes fitness.

Known by staff and students at Pioneer as "Mr. Joe," he is a great influence on the children and is a valuable member of their Walk to Walk team. He is an excellent example of dedication and kindness.

The students and staff at Pioneer Elementary School benefit from Mr. Joe's service for Pioneer's Walk to Walk program. Mr. Joe helps children keep fit by helping punch motivation cards for lap runs and walks each day by students. He helps with set up when they have to have rainy day Walk to Walk and he's in charge of sections of children exercising inside the gym on rainy days.

Mr. Joe is a very dedicated volunteer that is amazingly reliable. He's a great influence on the children and is a great addition to their volunteer staff. Mrs. Gary says, "Mr. Joe truly cares about kids and they adore him. I am so glad to have his good humor and extra eyes with us during our Walk to Walk recess time with our primary students. He is also a great help in marking exercise progress cards during our third, fourth, and fifth grade Walk to Walk recesses. This is a key motivational factor in making our students successful. What a great teammate he is for our staff."

Joe approaches his task with enthusiasm and an amazing positive attitude. He's just an excellent volunteer!

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/14/11

Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School Robotics Teams to Compete at *FIRST* Robotics Competition

On Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, the Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School Robotics Teams will compete at the *FIRST* FRC Seattle Regional. The competition is open to the public of all ages and is free. It will be held at Qwest Field Event Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come watch the Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School teams' robots compete against robots from 100 different high schools! For an up close view of the robots, self-guided Robot Pit tours are available.

FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is a unique varsity sport of the mind designed to help high-school-aged young people discover how interesting and rewarding the life of engineers and researchers can be.

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve a common problem in a six-week timeframe using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in competitions designed by Dean Kamen, Dr. Woodie Flowers, and a committee of engineers and other professionals.

FIRST redefines winning for these students because they are rewarded for excellence in design, demonstrated team spirit, gracious professionalism and maturity, and the ability to overcome obstacles. Scoring the most points is a secondary goal. Winning means building partnerships that last.

Auburn High School coaches for this are, Ron Cughan, Chris Zawislak, Kenny White and Jan Erle. Auburn Mountainview High School coaches are, Mike Fawcett and Tim Scott. For more information contact Rob Swaim, director of career and technical education, at 253-931-4999.

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/14/11

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

On Tuesday, March 29, 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, Kiwanis of Auburn, and Soroptimists Club of Auburn are some of the conference sponsors. Approximately 40 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, Enumclaw 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 253-931-4999.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 03/10/11

Auburn School District 2011-12 Kindergarten Round-Up Schedule and Registration Information

Kindergarten registration for the 2011-12 school year begins on March 28. Elementary schools are open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

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 the fourth birthday.*
- **Polio** – **3 doses** *if last dose is on or after fourth birthday.*
- **Hepatitis B** (3-shot series at required intervals)
- **Varicella** (chicken pox) –**2 doses:** *1st dose on or after first birthday; 2nd dose at least 28 days after 1st dose. Blood titer or medical provider diagnosis is needed for verification of disease.*

You can also visit the Washington State Department of Health website:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/vaccine.htm>.

All Auburn School District elementary schools will host kindergarten round-up orientation activities for incoming kindergartners and their families for the 2011-12 school year. The schedule is as follows:

	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
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SCHOOL			
Alpac Elementary	310 Milwaukee Blvd. North Pacific WA 98047	Thursday, April 14	6:30 p.m.
Arthur Jacobsen	29205 132nd Street SE Auburn, WA 98092	Wednesday, April 20	6:30 p.m.
Chinook Elementary	3502 Auburn Way South Auburn WA 98092	Thursday, April 21	6 p.m.
Dick Scobee Elementary**	1031 14th Street NE Auburn WA 98002	Monday-Friday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Evergreen Heights Elementary	5602 South 316th Auburn WA 98001	Thursday, April 21	6 p.m.
Gildo Rey Elementary	1005 37th Street SE Auburn WA 98002	Wednesday, April 20	3:30 p.m.
Hazelwood Elementary	11815 SE 304th Street Auburn WA 98092	Tuesday, April 19	3:30 p.m.
Ialko Elementary	301 Oravetz Place SE Auburn WA 98092	Thursday, April 21	6 p.m.
Lake View Elementary	16401 SE 318th Auburn WA 98092	Thursday, April 21	4:30 p.m.
Lakeland Hills Elementary	1020 Evergreen Way SE Auburn WA 98092	Wednesday, May 4	3:30 p.m.
Lea Hill Elementary	30908 124th Avenue SE Auburn WA 98092	Thursday, April 28	4 p.m.
Pioneer Elementary	2301 M Street SE Auburn WA 98002	Wednesday, March 30	3:30 p.m.
Terminal Park Elementary	1101 D Street SE Auburn WA 98002	Tuesday, April 26	4:30 p.m.
Washington Elementary	20 E Street NE Auburn WA 98002	Wednesday, May 4	3:15 p.m.

**** Dick Scobee Elementary School** is piloting an open registration program. Parents are welcome to contact the school at (253) 931-4984 to set up an individual appointment to learn more about the kindergarten program being offered in the Auburn School District.

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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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 03/10/11

Auburn High School Choir Students Receive Top Notch Ratings

On Saturday, March 5, Auburn High School choir students participated in a SPSL League Solo/Ensemble Contest qualifying for state in four categories along with three alternates for state. Students receiving Superior ratings and qualifying for State contest in Ellensburg were:

- Chamber Choir Women's Duet of Alyssa Lonsbery and Nikka Badri -1st Alternate for State
- Alyssa Lonsbery - Mezzo Soprano Solo -1st Alternate for State

- Linda Karout - Alto Solo - 2nd Alternate for State
- Chamber Choir Women's Large Ensemble #1 and Qualified for State as Winner of the Category
- Chamber Choir Women's Duet of Linda Karout and Emma Glavish - Qualified for State as Winner of the Category
- Chamber Choir Men's Duet of Jordan Anderson and Travis Anderson - Qualified for State as Winner of the Category
- Morgan Warren - Alto Solo - Qualified for State as Winner of the Category

Students receiving Excellent ratings were:

- Bel Canto Girl's Large Ensemble #1
- Bel Canto Girl's Large Ensemble #2
- Cantabile Girl's Large Ensemble
- Chamber Girl's Large Ensemble #2
- Chamber Mixed Ensemble #2
- Chamber Mixed Ensemble #1
- Caiti Aronson - Mezzo Soprano Solo
- Lexi Reynolds - Mezzo Soprano Solo
- Hannagrace Santander - Mezzo Soprano Solo
- Chamber Women's Duet of Paige Jones and Rachael Wilson

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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APRIL 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/27/11

Auburn Riverside High School Students Place High in State SkillsUSA Contests

Auburn Riverside High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students competed at the Washington State SkillsUSA Competition on April 21-23 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. **Austin Fune** and **Tyler Flynn** have qualified to compete at the National SkillsUSA Tournament in Kansas City June 19-June 24, 2011.

Advanced Electronics:

Tyler Flynn – 1st Place
Riley Schultz – 2nd Place
Alex Labish – 3rd Place

Basic Electronics:

James Clugston – 1st Place
Brandon Mast – 2nd Place
Boris Melgar – 3rd Place

Cabinetmaking:

Austin Fune – 1st Place

Community Service:

Team Riverside won the Community Service Canned Food Drive

More than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students—all state contest winners—will compete hands-on in 96 different trade, technical and leadership fields at Nationals.

Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 04/22/11

The Rotary Club of Auburn, KMPS 94.1 and Auburn School District Partner to Bring Country Artist Sara Evans for 28th Annual Scholarship Show

Country singer Sara Evans will headline this year's Rotary Club of Auburn's 28th Annual Scholarship Show on May 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Auburn Performing Arts Center, 700 East Main Street, Auburn. Opening act for the evening will be Thompson Square.

Proceeds to benefit Auburn Rotary Scholarship Fund. In the last 28 years, the Auburn Rotary Scholarship Fund has provided \$780,000 toward student scholarships. The mission of Rotary for the scholarship fund is, *To promote the success of our students and the leaders of tomorrow by providing educational scholarships to area youth.*

Tickets are \$35 and available through TicketMaster®. You can order tickets by calling 206-628-0888 or online at, www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information call, 253-833-6633.

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This is a KMPS Exclusive Event!

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/20/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Olympic Middle School Eighth Grade Student

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Alec Dewing, Olympic Middle School eighth grade student, for his outstanding role as a model student and demonstration of ability to be an academic all-star, a successful athlete and a tremendous student leader. Alec will be recognized on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Alec is a strong student in the classroom. He has a high GPA, having nearly all A's, and is a true pleasure to have in class. All of his teachers know him very well due to his positive contributions in their classes. Alec positively participates in his classes demonstrating his confidence in his academic abilities.

This year, Alec competed in football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball.

One of Alec's strongest attributes is his gift of leadership. He has a spark about him that draws people to listen and follow him. Students are drawn to his spark and want to be around him. Alec is one of the first students we introduce new students to when they arrive at Olympic.

Staff has communicated their pleasure of speaking to Alec, commenting on his polite nature and positive attitude.

The following comments are from staff members about Alec:

He's a natural leader; quirky with a funny sense of humor.

Alec is a strong student in class. He turns in every assignment and is thoughtful about his work. Alec is willing to help his classmates and students are willing for him to help.

Alec will be a leader and be quite successful in anything he chooses to do. Way to go Alec!

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/20/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Dick Scobee Elementary School Librarian Anne Clark

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Anne Clark, Dick Scobee Elementary School librarian, for her outstanding service on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

The staff at Dick Scobee Elementary School are extremely proud of their librarian, Anne Clark. Anne goes above and beyond in everything she does, all for the benefit of the students at Dick Scobee Elementary School. She is a vital member of the staff and helps to make Dick Scobee Elementary School a great place for kids to learn and for adults to work.

This year marks Anne's 33rd year in public education. She began her career teaching in Maryland for two years, made the move to Florida where she taught for 11 years, trekked on up to South Carolina and taught there for a little over one year, before finally landing in Auburn where she has been for 19 years now. Through her career, Anne has taught every grade level K-5 and has been the librarian at Dick Scobee Elementary School for 10 years.

Anne wears many hats at Dick Scobee Elementary School. She is the building technology rep, the building assessment coordinator for all of the school's online and electronic assessments, one of the building AEA executive board reps and building support person, annual yearbook DVD creator, and the go to person for all the "help me's" and "fix its" and "my computer froze" comments building wide. She accomplishes all of this while continuing to run an amazingly organized and useful library and media center.

The following comments are from staff members about Anne's contributions to Dick Scobee Elementary School:

"Anne is great with helping find resources for ANYTHING you need that will help your students make connections and/or add depth to the topic at hand."

"Anne has not only been a trusted friend, but a very energetic and focused teacher at Dick Scobee Elementary School. She goes the extra mile when it concerns students as well as her colleagues."

"Anne always goes above and beyond to help me when I am looking for a resource to use in my classroom."

"Anne is always positive and extends her hand to help. She has so much patience with all grade levels of students."

"Anne is an amazing librarian and a caring advocate for all students at Dick Scobee Elementary School."

Anne is very deserving of this recognition and Dick Scobee Elementary School is thrilled to celebrate her accomplishment. Dick Scobee Elementary School, the Auburn School District, and the students are very fortunate to have her!

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 04/14/11

**Dick Scobee Elementary School One of 12 Schools in Washington State to Receive Funding from
WSU Extension's 'Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth' Project**

Dick Scobee Elementary School is one of 12 schools in Washington State that will receive funding through Washington State University Extension's 'Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth' project.

Washington State University Extension is the lead institution on a new 'Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth' project funded by a \$1 million dollar grant from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

Aimed at addressing childhood obesity and improving nutrition, the pilot project spans four states, will serve an estimated 2,800 students at 70 elementary schools, and will engage low-income students in the physical activity involved in growing food, learning life skills, and teaching science and math. The Cooperative Extension Services of Iowa State University, Cornell University and the University of Arkansas are collaborating with WSU Extension on the project.

The schools selected to participate in this pilot come from urban, suburban, and rural communities and have at least 50 percent of their students qualified to receive free or reduced-price school meals. The \$1 million pilot program is authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The announcement comes as First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative celebrates April as National Gardening Month.

Program information:

WSU [Press Release](#)
USDA [Press Release](#)

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/13/11

**Auburn Mountainview High School Students Score Well in 2011 National Financial Capability
Challenge**

Auburn Mountainview High School students competed in an online test in the 2011 National Financial Capability Challenge that was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Treasury and the U.S. Department of Education.

The following students scored in the top 20% of 84,000 high school students in the United States who participated in the competition:

Alanna Alegria
Jessica Nuttall
Mujahid Abdul-Aziz
Corey Chapman
Jacob King
Mecayl Luco

Congratulations on a job well done!

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/12/11

Auburn Students Help Their Community Commit to Fit

Posted by Dr. Rebecca Bunnell, ScD, Med, Program Director, Communities Putting Prevention to Work on April 11, 2011

<http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2011/04/11/auburn-students-help-their-community-commit-fit>

Auburn High School DECA Students should be very proud of their achievements with their Commit To Fit challenge. The program has been recognized and posted on Michelle Obama's national "Let's Move" website. The following article was posted by Dr. Rebecca Bunnell, ScD, Med, Program Director, Communities Putting Prevention to Work.

In Auburn, Washington, more than 30 percent of Auburn adults are obese, and the area is home to the highest levels of adult obesity in the Seattle-King County area. But Auburn High School students have embarked an effort to change that. The school's campaign, titled COMMIT TO FIT, encourages healthy behaviors and rewards participants for smart choices.

The students who created the program are members of [DECA](#), an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. With COMMIT TO FIT, the DECA students are achieving dual goals: they're learning how to manage a program while addressing an urgent issue in their community.



Pictured left: Students participate in a COMMIT TO FIT event at Alpac Elementary in Auburn, WA.

Since its launch in January 2011, the program has experienced a tremendous response. Over 4,000 students and school staff have registered on the [COMMIT TO FIT website](#) to participate in healthy activities. The initiative's popularity was immediate. Within three days of the website's launch, the DECA students had signed up over 800 participants, and more than 2,000 participants joined in just the first two weeks.

Participation in COMMIT TO FIT activities — such as 60 minutes of daily activity for one week, walking to school, making healthy food choices for one week or organizing their own healthy community events — generates points in an online account, and the points

are redeemable for rewards. The rewards for participants include coupons for area businesses. For example, Vision Quest, a local fitness club, is offering gym memberships and large discounts to help support the program and promote awareness of healthy habits.

COMMIT TO FIT and 21 K-12 schools in Auburn have held kick-off events to promote DECA's efforts. Alpac Elementary School held an assembly for 550 students in late January. At the assembly, DECA students led the younger kids in learning about healthy eating and physical activity with "MyPyramid" food group lessons, portion size education, and calorie-burning activities. The physical activities included a competitive hula hoop contest and relay races.

The DECA students' work is supported by Public Health - Seattle & King County, which received a Recovery Act-funded grant to help fight obesity and tobacco use as part of the [Communities Putting Prevention to Work](#) program. Public Health - Seattle & King County used a small part of this grant to fund student projects that help promote healthy eating and active living among school-age peers and change school culture around nutrition and physical activity.

In addition to helping build peer-to-peer learning and changing youth culture, Public Health - Seattle & King County hopes that the program will help the DECA students gain experience in promoting healthy lifestyles, building leadership skills, and learning how to effect change within an institutional system.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Auburn Educator Named School Employee of the Year
Child Nutrition Supervisor is starting "food revolution" in Puget Sound
press release via OSPI: <http://www.k12.wa.us>

Carol Barker, Child Nutrition Supervisor in the Auburn School District, is the 2011 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year.

State Superintendent Randy Dorn recognized the eight Regional Classified School Employees of the Year and announced the State Classified School Employee of the Year at a ceremony today in the Old Capitol Building in Olympia.

"Carol's innovative approach to her job and commitment to kids first is an inspiration," Dorn said. "All of this year's regional finalists demonstrate for us all the tremendous potential of our school employees. They are flexible. They are creative. They continue to develop their own knowledge to better serve our kids, and I'm excited to celebrate their accomplishments."

Barker and her fellow regional finalists were joined by their families, friends, colleagues, legislators, representatives from the state's educational service districts and various education associations.

Barker began working at the Auburn School District years ago as a bus driver and cafeteria cashier and steadily worked her way up through three different school kitchens to the position of Child Nutrition Supervisor. During the school year, Barker manages the breakfast, lunch and snack programs at 22



schools. She also coordinates Auburn's nationally recognized summer food program, which served 80,000 meals at 49 different sites last year.

Deputy Superintendent Michael Newman describes Barker as a "difference maker." She has been instrumental in Auburn's own "Food Revolution" by planning and implementing a district kitchen garden, creating recipes that use whole foods and engaging students and community partners in the care of the garden and orchard. Next year, Barker will help administer a new grant from King County Public Health to train 500 child nutrition employees across the region in whole food cooking. This fall she was a speaker at the 2010 End Childhood Hunger Summit in Seattle.

Barker is constantly looking for new challenges and ways to expand her own perspective. She has taken numerous continuing education courses through Central Washington University, teaches food handler permit classes, served as interim director of her department while the position was vacant last summer and even recruited the new director.

Pictured above are Randy Dorn, State Superintendent with Carol Barker, 2011 Washington State Classified School Employee of the Year.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/12/11

Auburn Mountainview High School Bands Successful in Southern California

Auburn Mountainview High School band students had a very successful trip to the happiest place on earth last week, Disneyland. The tour included a performance in California Adventures by the Auburn Mountainview High School Jazz Ensemble, a soundtrack session workshop backstage at Disneyland, and a performance by the Auburn Mountainview High School Wind Symphony at Disneyland's Plaza Garden Carnation Stage.

Special recognition was given to the Wind Symphony on an outstanding performance in Disneyland, and has been granted a two year window in which to return without audition, a trip which is currently being planned for the Spring of 2013.

The highlight of the trip for the students was the Soundtrack Recording session, part of Disney's Music Magic Days. A room filled with microphones, the students set with headphones and being led by "Beauty and The Beast" musical director, Mr. Tom Griffin. For an hour and a half, the students were taken on a journey of rehearsing and recording soundtrack music to Disney animated films including "The Lion King," "Dinosaur" and the opening sequence to "The Little Mermaid." If you have ever watched the extras on a DVD for a movie, and watched how a soundtrack is created, this was it! A very "real-world experience."

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 04/04/11

2011 Community-Wide Clothes 4 Kidz Clothing Drive to Run April 4-29

From April 4 through April 29, Auburn School District and Communities in Schools Auburn will hold a community-wide Clothes 4 Kidz Clothing Drive.

Students, families and staff members are encouraged to donate clean and gently used clothing and shoes and new (in package) socks and underwear to benefit kids in need in the Auburn School District. Donations from youth sizes S to XL through adult sizes XS to L are preferred. All clothing items will be donated to Auburn School District schools.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations:

Auburn Library
Hazelwood Elementary School
Fire Station 31 (by Fred Meyer)
Auburn Way Storage
Ilalko Elementary School
Lakeland Hills Homeowners
Auburn School District
Transportation Office

Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation
Mt. Baker Middle School
Terminal Park Elementary School
Valley Christian School
Dick Scobee Elementary School
City Hall and Annex (2nd Floor)
Auburn School District
Administration Building

For more information, please contact Communities in Schools Auburn (CISA) at cisauburn@comcast.net or visit the website www.auburn.ciswa.org/.

[Clothes 4 Kidz Flyer](#)

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MAY 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 05/27/11

Auburn High School Students Become First High School CERT Class in Area

The City of Auburn Emergency Management Office announced Friday, May 27, 2011, the addition of 11 new members to the area's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), bringing the total number of graduates in the local program to 354. The 11 new members graduated from the area's 19th CERT course which included 24 weeks of training. The training culminated in a hands-on practice exercise simulating an earthquake at Auburn High School.

Graduates included students from local area high schools. The students started in November and spent every PLC Monday at Auburn High School in the CERT class before any other students arrived. These 11 students are the first High School CERT class in the area.



Graduates of the class included:

Auburn High School:

Kenn Butler, Katie Carson, Maggie Elston, Emily Hennings, Emily Isham, Hawkins McDonald, Eliane Medina and Peter Youn

Auburn Riverside High School:

Jessica Guisinger and Reed Guisinger

Auburn Mountainview High School:

Jordyn McNab

CERT training is comprised of 24+ hours of classroom education and hands-on practice in topics including disaster preparedness, emergency management, fire safety / suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster communication, disaster psychology, and all-hazards identification and awareness.

Graduates have the opportunity to become registered emergency workers with their respective cities and the State of Washington, allowing them to aid in local and regional disasters. Graduates also have the opportunity to participate in local and regional continuing education activities, including training and field exercises. Courses are sponsored by the White River Valley Citizen Corps Council and taught by fire and emergency management professionals from the cities of Auburn, Pacific, and the Valley Regional Fire Authority.

For more information contact, City of Auburn Emergency Management at 253-876-1925, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/27/11

Gildo Rey Elementary School Named as a National Distinguished Award Recipient Through the 2010 Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools Recognition Program

Gildo Rey Elementary School has been named as a National Distinguished Award Recipient through the Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools Recognition Program for 2010-2011. Gildo Rey Elementary School is receiving the award for their significant progress in closing the achievement gap between students in Mathematics.

Gayle Paulie, Director of Title I/LAP and Consolidated Program Review and Larry Fazzari, Program Supervisor, will present the award to all staff and students on Thursday, June 9 at 10:15 a.m., at Gildo Rey Elementary School.

Schools are chosen based on the following criteria:

- Exceptional student performance in reading and/or math for the two most current school years.
- Significant progress in closing the achievement gap in reading and/or math for the two most current school years.

National award winners are honored at the National Title I Conference, receive statewide recognition and a cash award.

For more information contact, Robin Logan, principal, Gildo Rey Elementary School, at 253-931-4952, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/26/11

Enrollment Now Open for Auburn School District's 2011-12 Peer Model Preschool Program

Auburn School District is now accepting applications for the Peer Model Preschool Program. The program is open to children and families in the Auburn community.

The Peer Model Preschool Program is part of the Auburn School District Special Education Early Childhood program which serves preschool children with developmental delays. Auburn School District is excited to offer openings for children without developmental delays, three to five years old, to participate in an enriched learning environment focused on developing communication and language, social, self-help, motor and cognitive skills. Early literacy skills are emphasized and align with kindergarten curriculum. Peer models also learn leadership and helping skills by modeling appropriate play and communication for their classmates with developmental delays.

Program information:

Length of Program:	2 ½ hours per day, Tuesday-Friday. AM and PM sessions available
Age of children:	Three to five years olds. Children must be three by September 1.
Cost:	\$150 per month –OR–

\$125 per month when parent volunteers 10 hours per month to the program.

Early Childhood Programs are located at the following schools:

Alpac Elementary (253) 931-4976
Arthur Jacobsen Elementary (253) 630-2441
Chinook Elementary (253) 931-4980
Dick Scobee Elementary (253) 931-4984
Gildo Rey Elementary (253) 931-4952
Lake View Elementary (253) 931-4830
Lea Hill Elementary (253) 931-4982

For more information through June 20, contact one of the above school locations and ask to speak to the Early Childhood Education teacher. After June 21, contact the Student Special Services department at (253) 931-4927.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/26/11

Auburn School District Receives Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International

Auburn School District has been awarded the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award (COE) for fiscal year end August 31, 2010. 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 23rd 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 Report Program was designed by ASBO International to enable school business officials to achieve a high standards of financial reporting.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/24/11

Auburn School District's School-to-Work Community Lab Program and Tim's Cascade Snacks Work Together to Promote Student and Business Success

Since 2004, Tim's Cascade Snacks, an Auburn-based company, has participated in the Auburn School District's School-to-Work Community Lab program for special needs high school students, combining

academic and community work experiences to prepare students for vocational training or entry into the world of work.

Earlier this year, Tim's Cascade Snacks was one of 10 employers honored by the Association of Washington Businesses by Governor Gregoire for the 2011 Better Workplace Awards. Tim's Cascade Snacks received statewide honorable mention with an award for Job Training and Advancement for companies with 26-100 employees.

As a result of this award, Tim's Cascade Snacks was asked by the Northwest Food Processors Association (Oregon) to participate in a two-year grant through Hitachi Corp to conduct nationwide case studies of 10-12 'low wealth' employees and how the employers have helped to elevate these individuals. They chose, Jacob Hill, a former Auburn High School graduate as a case study.

In spring 2004, Jacob Hill was the first student to participate in the program. After his first semester at Tim's Cascade Snacks, he immediately started a paid position starting in summer of 2004. Jacob worked part-time while finishing high school and graduated Auburn High School in June 2006.

Jacob's work experience with Tim's Cascade Snacks involved starting in the position as a maintenance worker. Because of Tim's Cascade Snacks consistency in cross-training employees, providing employees with new skills in production and offering greater opportunities for advancement, Jacob was promoted to "Spicer" just over a year ago. Jacob is only one out of two staff at Tim's Cascade Snacks that are solely responsible for putting all the spices on the chips. Jacob's employment and advancement has been a success due to the opportunity in which Tim's Cascade Snacks had given him through their partnership with Auburn School District.

Tim's Cascade Snacks stated, "they wouldn't have found such a wonderful worker if it wasn't for the Auburn School District's School-to-Work Community Lab program." The partnership has proven to be a win-win situation for all involved.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/24/11

Auburn Riverside High School Senior Receives Scholarship at California State University at Bakersfield

Auburn Riverside High School senior, Brooklynn Hinkens, has received a full-ride scholarship and has signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at California State University at Bakersfield.

Brooklynn, a member of the Auburn Riverside High School Ravens girls' basketball team had been named to the SPSL North All-League First Team in February 2011 and also was selected to play on an all-star team at the Queens of the Hardwood all-star game on April 23, 2011.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/24/11

Auburn High School District Staff Step It Up in Let's Move! Pedometer Challenge

On May 16, 2011, Auburn School District administrative staff started their challenge against staff members of the City of Auburn and Pioneer Elementary School. The goal is to out step the other teams in the Let's Move Pedometer Challenge from May 16 through June 6.

The teams involved and stats as of May 23 are as follows:

Team Lewis, City of Auburn: 5,500,635 steps

Team Herren, Auburn School District Administration: 4,890,887 steps

Team Pioneer, Pioneer Elementary School: 5,152,615 steps

The City of Auburn information systems staff set up a website for all participants to be able to log their steps and progress for each day. If a participant has a walking partner that is not on a team, they can double their steps for that day. The challenge was sparked by the ongoing "Commit to Fit" campaign that was started by Auburn High School's DECA club at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: Revised 05/25/11

Auburn School District Announces 2010-2011 Teachers of the Year

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize the 2011 Teachers of the Year on Monday, May 23, 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—Lori Jacobs, Debbie Allison, and Treena Daniels. Two of the teachers, Lori Jacobs and Treena Daniels, 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 2012 national competition.

Lori Jacobs, Auburn High School Marketing and Business Education Teacher

Lori Jacobs is the Auburn School District 2010-11 high school level outstanding teacher of the year. Ms. Jacobs is known for building strong, lasting connections with her students and for creating successful programs that impact people throughout the school district and across the state.

Ms. Jacob's effective teaching skill, coupled with her passion for empowering students to be successful, has resulted in several extremely successful programs. Under her direction, the student store run by the marketing students has been a consistent source of revenue for the Auburn High School DECA program. The proceeds have allowed her to take students to numerous DECA conferences and competitions each year. Under her leadership, Auburn High School students have placed among the top competitors (with

two students taking home first place medals last year) at the yearly International DECA conference attended by thousands of high school students from around the world.

Ms. Jacobs has also been instrumental in the fundraising events run by the Auburn High School marketing program in relation to the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. Each year, her students raise thousands of dollars for this special cause and the fund raising activities she organizes to support Relay for Life are, by far, the biggest events of the school year.

Her leadership extends beyond the confines of Auburn High School and she strives to blend student and educational need with the local community, thus giving students a meaningful experience. This past year, as a result of a grant that Ms. Jacobs was instrumental in obtaining, the Auburn High School DECA program created the *Commit To Fit* program which has been adopted and instituted district wide.

Ms. Jacobs obtained her CTE teaching certificate from Central Washington University and serves as the current president of the Washington State DECA, having been recognized previously as the DECA Advisor of the Year.

Debbie Allison, Rainier Middle School Sixth Grade Science Teacher

Debbie Allison is the Auburn School District 2010-11 middle school level outstanding teacher of the year. Ms. Allison is recognized by her peers for her instructional effectiveness, her leadership in the school and district, and her commitment to children.

An avid student of effective assessment practices, Ms. Allison is regularly implementing strategies with her students, be they newly learned or proven practices. Her students are consistently at the center of her work and demonstrate a remarkable grasp of their own learning.

Ever pressing forward, this year Ms. Allison has made a concerted effort to strengthen her use of learning targets connected to standards and to make sure her students understand the targets and their relationship to what they are learning. A visit to her classroom shows that targets are not only posted in her classroom but that students can readily identify the targets, explain the requisite learning they need in order to reach the targets, and explain how the day's learning activity strengthens their understanding. Her students are crystal clear on what is expected of them.

Ms. Allison is known for the interest she shows in her students, her passion for her content, and her ability to get students engaged in the learning process but she is also admired for her leadership with her colleagues, giving support and training in areas such as Professional Learning Communities and formative assessments.

Thought of by others as an exemplary teacher, Ms. Allison has high standards for herself and her peers, works continually to strengthen her craft, and is collaborative and supportive of her colleagues. Above all, she loves children and models the way we all should strive to work with them.

Ms. Allison has a master degree in curriculum from City University.

Treena Daniels, Lea Hill Elementary School Third Grade Teacher

Treena Daniels is the Auburn School District 2010-11 elementary level outstanding teacher of the year. Ms. Daniels believes students can achieve anything they put their mind to through hard work and a strong work ethic. "I try to model to students that hard work and dedication will help them succeed because that has been the key to my success."

Ms. Daniels' daily goal as a third grade teacher at Lea Hill Elementary School is to improve learning for all students. She expresses her resolute viewpoint by saying, "It is my job to provide the best education I can for kids in my class to ensure their academic success."

As a current member of the district Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Committee, Ms. Daniels is one of a handful of teachers piloting the new standards-based report card. She is a member of Lea Hill's SIP Leadership Team and volunteered to go through the extensive

GLAD training program this year. She serves on the three-person technology team responsible for troubleshooting all of Lea Hill's technology needs and is the building's inservice advisory representative.

A strong work ethic has led her to accept a number of leadership roles in her building. Most recently, she was nominated by her peers as one of two teachers to participate in the district's first Auburn Teacher Leadership Academy (ATLA). ATLA provides her with the tools to develop collaborative leadership skills and then share the expertise with others. She enjoys collaborating with her peers through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and was instrumental in implementing PLCs at Lea Hill Elementary School last year.

Ms. Daniels is the proud parent of a Lea Hill fourth grader and serves as the Lea Hill PTA co-vice president. Her after-school schedule is chock-full of sporting events and activities as she makes it a point to connect with her students and their families outside of the classroom. According to Ms. Daniels, "Getting to know kids and families on a more personal level helps impact the classroom environment."

Ms. Daniels has a master degree in curriculum and instruction from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a bachelor of education degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. She has taught for 16 years in the Auburn School District and is an Auburn High School graduate.

For more information, contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/20/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Fifth Grade Student from Evergreen Heights Elementary School

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Daniel Spray, Evergreen Heights Elementary School fifth grade student, for his outstanding role as a model student. Daniel will be recognized on Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Daniel is a learner and takes this seriously. He's always up for extra work, research or extending his knowledge on any subject, going above and beyond what is expected. His mind is like a sponge, soaking up information and making connections. Daniel is by no means timid when it comes to learning challenges. He pushes himself to make that extra effort. Daniel has shown this in many ways. He was involved in the Global Reading project at the school, reading beyond classroom requirements, and competing with other students across the district.

Daniel has been recognized at Evergreen Heights as being a self manager. He sets a good example for others, knows how to solve problems peaceably, is concerned about others and their feelings, and is a good sport. He is respectful and maintains a positive attitude. He pays attention, follows the rules, asks questions, and is a great thinker and attentive listener. These qualities have earned him the respect of both students and staff.

For more information, contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/20/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Student Special Services Administrative Assistant Sherry Moore

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Sherry Moore, Student Special Services administrative assistant, for her outstanding service on Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Sherry has an eye for detail and attitude of precision as she performs her duties as an administrative assistant for the Student Special Services department. Her priority is clearly focused on students—she has such an understanding of the various programs and systems with which she manages that she navigates them masterfully as she guides families through home hospital services, teachers as they prepare to support students in alternate placements or others who require special equipment or supplies.

Serving as the person responsible for purchasing, budget revisions, payroll, extra time, time and effort, 4-parts and more, Sherry's historical recall encompasses a depth and breadth of the departmental budget that has proven critical in support of problem-solving regularly.

According to Sherry, "I've just had my 10 year anniversary with the district in March, and love working at the Annex. We have a great team at the Annex who really cares about families and students. There is such a positive energy from everyone working here, and that makes it a joy to come in to work every day."

What is appreciated most about Sherry, despite her proficiency in the details of managing her duties, is the compassion in her delivery of customer service. This genuine caring about the people we serve is more appreciated than she can ever know.

Sherry graduated from Business Computer Training Institute, and has been happily married to her husband Mark for 15 years. She has a son, Chris, and a 5 year old grandson, Kaysen. Sherry grew up and still lives in Kent, where she enjoys gardening, bird watching, and taking trips to Long Beach and the Oregon Coast.

For more information, contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn,
WA 98002
Newsrelease: Revised 05/27/11

Auburn Mountainview High School
Finishes in Top 25 in National Math
Contest

Auburn Mountainview High School has some of the best high-school mathematicians in the country, by finishing in the top 25 in the 2011 Collaborative Problem-Solving Contest (CPSC), a national mathematics



contest administered by National Assessment & Testing. While most math competitions encourage rote memorization, familiar problems, and quick mental reflexes, the CPSC presents schools with fifteen unique, intricate problems to be solved over the course of a week. Auburn Mountainview's students **Sam Fix, Tabitha Lovell, Sean McElmurry, Natalie Gray, Mikayla Chicquette, Eric Fletcher, Tyler Klasen, Andy Heiszler, Kyle Harris**, along with coach **Leslie Tauzer**, worked together using brainstorming, collaboration, research, and technology to solve the problems, gaining experience with skills that will be critical in college and their careers. *(Pictured above is the 2011 Auburn Mountainview High School Math Club with instructor Leslie Tauzer.)*

The 2011 Collaborative Problem-Solving Contest included creative problems accessible to students of all abilities, such as one asking teams to find efficient ways to spell out numbers by moving letter tiles on a game board. Other problems on the test started out simply, but progressed to some very difficult conclusions. One such problem involved maximizing the profit for a traveling salesman. Maximizing her profit after a single day was fairly easy, but doing so over an entire week proved to be a very difficult problem. There was also a single open-ended problem that asked teams to submit what they considered a good cryptarithm problem, answer, and solution.

In addition to their overall finish, Auburn Mountainview High School's student Eric Fletcher was commended for having the highest score on problem 15, which involved factoring large numbers exhibiting patterns, such as 2011 2011's written after one another (201120112011...).

National Assessment & Testing administers high-quality mathematics competitions throughout the year that high schools can participate in through the mail. Their contests cover a variety of formats, including individual and team tests, as well as a variety of difficulties, from an easier 100 problems in 30 minutes to this more complicated 15 problems in one week. To learn more about their contests, contact Tom Clymer at (206) 433-7320 or clymer@natassessment.com, or visit their website <http://www.natassessment.com>.

For more information, contact Terri Herren, Auburn Mountainview High School principal, at (253) 804-4539 or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/18/11

AP Testing for Auburn High School Students a Success

During May 2 – May 13, AP testing was held in Auburn School District. AP testing was conducted at Grace Community Church. This is the first year that Auburn High School and Auburn Mountainview High School students tested together. On Wednesday, May 11, the testing group consisted of 149 students who took the AP English Language and Composition test. The testing went well and was impressive with the amount of students participating.

For more information, contact Jon Morrow, Auburn High School college/career counselor, at (253) 931-4719 ext. 1017, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.



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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/12/11

Auburn Riverside High School Girls' Tennis Team Captures Class 4A Academic State Champions Title

For the second year in a row, the Auburn Riverside High School girls' varsity tennis team has captured the Class 4A Academic State Title for girls' tennis with a combined team GPA of 3.920. The title was based on the combined grade point averages of the 10 varsity tennis players.

For more information, contact Doug Aubert, Auburn Riverside High School athletic director at 253-804-5154, or contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/14/11

Auburn High School Senior Automotive Student Recipient of Tacoma Corvette Club Scholarship

Cory Hall, senior automotive student at Auburn High School, is the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship awarded by the Tacoma Corvette Club.

Cory is registered at Green River Community College for the Automotive Program starting in the fall and also currently interns at Gosney Motor Parts.

For more information, contact Fred Donaldson, automotive instructor at Auburn High School, at 253-931-4880 ext. 1803, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/12/11

Communities in Schools of Auburn Recipient of WASA Community Recognition Award

On Wednesday, May 11, Communities in Schools of Auburn was honored at the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Metro Region 110 Community Recognition Awards luncheon for the support of the group to students of Auburn.

The award is presented to a community member or group in recognition of contributions to education. Recipients are non-WASA members and are recognized at the regional level based on their benefit to students; leadership; motivation; success; history of service; recognition by others and cooperation/coordination with a local school district.



Communities In Schools of Auburn (CISA) serves eight focus sites: five elementary and three middle schools.

- Communities In Schools of Auburn helps students in need throughout Auburn and has both after-school and day-time tutoring programs at elementary and middle schools in the downtown core.
- Last year, 765 of Auburn's students received individualized support and 3,735 students received whole school support.
- Of those students, 205 received Food To Go (a weekend feeding program also known as the Backpack program), 296 were served by Students in Need (direct purchases), 147 received after school and day time tutoring, and 117 participate in goal setting programs.
- Already this year, CISA has logged 4,489 hours of staff services to students in Auburn.
- They have provided \$66,000 worth of level II services to 458 students.
- They have provided \$65,254 worth of level I services to 3,751 students.
- 91% of the students participating in their tutoring programs showed academic improvement.
- 100% of the kindergarten students at Gildo Rey Peer Tutoring program achieved grade level benchmarks while 100% of the 4th/5th graders showed improved tests scores or grades (students in the lower 10% were eligible to participate in this program).

For more information, contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

Pictured left to right: Clarissa Ruston, Communities in Schools board member, Arlene Pierini, executive director for Communities in Schools of Auburn; and Ethelda Burke, superintendent of Tukwila School District and WASA Metro Region 110 member.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: REVISED 05/12/11

Commit to Fit Crew to be Featuring During Seattle Storm Half-time

On May 29, the Auburn High School Commit to Fit crew will be featured during half-time at the WNBA Seattle Storm's game at 2 p.m., at Key Arena.

During the half-time presentation, activities and accomplishments will be shared. The presentation will also include the Ilalko Elementary School Jump Rope Team, Pioneer Elementary School Circus Arts, and other amazing activities by students. The Commit to Fit program has been a big success for the Auburn School District in fighting the epidemic issue of childhood obesity.

Tickets for the game are \$12. For information on purchasing tickets for the game on the May 29, please contact Dee Dee Goodspeed at dgoodspeed@auburn.wednet.edu. For more information regarding the Commit to Fit program, please contact AHS DECA advisor Lori Jacobs at ljacobs@auburn.wednet.edu or ljacobs@committofit.org, or contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/05/11

Terminal Park Elementary School's Traffic Safety Patrol to be Featured on KING 5 News' "Tracy's Lil' Traffic Buddies"

On May 19, Terminal Park Elementary School's traffic safety patrol will be featured on KING 5 News' segment, Tracy's Lil' Traffic Buddies, hosted by Tracy Taylor, KING 5 Morning News Traffic Anchor.

Terminal Park's traffic safety patrol program is run by Andrew DeFrancesco. Mr. D, as he is known by his students, takes on the responsibility of training all students, supervising them and making sure the students



walking to and from school are able to do so safely. Mr. DeFrancesco stresses the importance of reliability and alertness with his group. This provides students an understanding of their responsibility for the collective group of students at Terminal Park.

"Through his leadership and the students' commitment to excellence, there has not been a traffic-related incident since I've been here," states Tim Carstens, who has been principal of Terminal Park Elementary School since 2003. Mr. Carstens also states, "Mr. DeFrancesco works diligently with his students to not only connect what they are doing to student safety, but also to stress how they are providing a service to the community and doing their civic duty as a member of the community."

"Tracy's Lil' Traffic Buddies" airs after 6:30 a.m. on KING 5 and after 7:30 a.m. on KONG 6/16.

For more information, contact Tim Carstens, principal, Terminal Park Elementary School, 253-931-4978 or contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 05/04/11

Auburn Riverside High School Band Students Compete Well at WIAA/WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest

On April 29 and 30, 22 Auburn Riverside High School band students competed at the WIAA/WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Central Washington University.

Auburn Riverside captured excellent and superior ratings. The following solos/ensembles received excellent or superior ratings:

- Michelle Rabena (percussion soloist)-Excellent
- Karley Thurston (alto sax soloist)-Excellent
- Austin Bastrom (oboe soloist)-Excellent
- Jacob Hillard (tuba soloist)-Excellent
- Caleb Thompson (percussion soloist)-Superior

- Trombone Duet-Excellent
- Percussion Quartet-Excellent
- Large Percussion Ensemble-Superior
- Brass Quintet-Superior

This event provides the opportunity for the finest of Washington's high school music students to hear each other in a competitive situation.

The ensemble contest includes "small" and "large" ensembles in seven categories: woodwinds, brass, percussion, strings, women's vocal, men's vocal and mixed vocal.

There are 29 solo categories, including seven woodwind categories, five brass, four percussion, four strings, six vocal, piano, guitar and harp.

For more information, contact Meghan Wagner, Auburn Riverside High School director of bands, at (253) 804-5154 or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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JUNE 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 06/30/11

Auburn Riverside High School Students Compete Well at 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

Auburn Riverside High School students, Austin Fune and Tyler Flynn, competed well at the 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, June 19 through June 24, in Kansas City.

Austin Fune finished 10th place out of 43 competitors in cabinet making.

Tyler Flynn finished 9th place, out of 30 competitors in electronics technology.

The projects that Austin and Tyler had to compete in were very difficult and competition was very tough. More than 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students—all state contest winners—competed hands-on in 94 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts.

Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.

In addition to the competitions, the students participated in the Timberland Day of Community service. Austin and Tyler worked along with 350 other students to plant fruit trees and clear brush at a neighborhood community center. The focus of the project was to establish a fruit orchard for the neighborhood.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 06/14/11

Washington Elementary School to Receive Washington Green School Award

On Friday, June 17 at 2 p.m., during Washington Elementary School's end of year assembly, Rebecca Meredith from Washington Green Schools, will honor Washington Elementary School with a Level 1 Washington Green School certification and a Washington Green Schools flag.

To achieve certification at Level 1, the Washington Elementary Green Team conducted a rigorous assessment of waste reduction and recycling on its campus. As a result of the assessment, the Green Team carried out a recycling project which resulted in nearly 50% reduction in solid waste. In addition, the Green Team project resulted in nearly \$950 in savings.

This student driven project was made possible with the support of the entire staff with special thanks to Washington's head Custodian, Bernard Botz, and Kitchen Manager, Tracy Burns, without who's support this would not have been possible.

The statewide Washington Green Schools program provides a free web-based structure, tools, and resources for public and private K-12 schools to use to reduce their campus environmental footprint and utility costs. Student leadership and community service are also key goals. Schools assess and take action in [energy efficiency](#), [recycling and waste reduction](#), [toxics reduction and indoor air quality](#), [transportation and outdoor air quality](#), and water quality and conservation on campus.

Any K-12 school in the state can register and participate in this five-level program. Interested schools can find out more information and create an account online at <http://www.wagreenschools.org>.

Washington Green Schools was developed by environmental and education experts throughout the state and is currently funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information contact Pauline Thomas, principal of Washington Elementary School, at 253-931-4988 or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 06/10/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Fifth Grade Student from Lea Hill Elementary School

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Jamie O'Donnell, Lea Hill Elementary School fifth grade student, for her outstanding role as a model student. Jamie will be recognized on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building. Jamie is the model of a great student at Lea Hill Elementary School. She entered the fifth grade with a great attitude toward learning and has maintained it throughout the year.

Jamie's excellent attitude towards learning reflects first in her excellent classroom behavior. Her learning behaviors are always on task. Jamie can be counted upon to work independently or with others with zero problems. Jamie has not earned a single Think-Time this year at Lea Hill.

Jamie's attitude also manifests itself in her grades. She consistently earns 3's and 4's on her formative and summative assessments in subjects such as vocabulary, comprehension and mathematics. Her cursive handwriting is especially exceptional.

Jamie shows her pride in her school by being a founding member of the Lea Hill recycling squad, The Green Team. She works hard during recess and lunch times to lessen Lea Hill's environmental footprint. Jamie also volunteers in the primary grades to help out teachers and younger children.

Extracurricular activities are big parts of Jamie's education. She participates in elementary band and plays the clarinet. This year, Jamie participated in the Breast Cancer Walk in honor of Mrs. Mansour, a teacher at Lea Hill who has survived a recent battle with cancer. Jamie handed out water bottles during a recent Breast Cancer Walk. Jamie also participates in every Lea Hill ASB Spirit Day.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 06/10/11

Auburn School District's Board of Directors to Honor Jeff Grose Executive Director of Capital Projects

The Auburn School District Board of Directors will recognize Jeff Grose, executive director for capital project, for his outstanding service. Jeff will be recognized on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jeff is an exceptional leader in the Auburn School District. His leadership, along with his technical skills and knowledge in planning and design, have allowed the district to remodel and upgrade existing schools and build new schools, the most recent ones being the construction of Auburn Mountainview High School, Lakeland Hills Elementary, and Arthur Jacobsen Elementary. Jeff began working in the Auburn School District in August 1980.

Jeff is providing the oversight on the six-year Capital Improvements Levy which was approved by the community in November of 2009. Improvements are in the process of being made at 25 district facilities. These improvements are part of the long-range Facilities Master Plan. Over the past two years, Jeff has provided the leadership to the Auburn High School Modernization and Reconstruction project. This project is in the planning stages and Jeff has lead the Design Review Committee, work with 36 sub-committees of staff from all three comprehensive high schools to develop the educational specifications and design for the school. In addition, Jeff has been providing the leadership working with the architects, engineers, and other consultants on this key project. Jeff is also recognized for his thoughtful, common sense, and detailed approach to all the projects. The architects and engineers comment on his outstanding organization and communication skills. Those of us that work with him on committees are amazed at his tracking of details and tasks.

Jeff is an avid swimmer and a model for fitness. On top of this, he is also a nationally recognized Lacrosse referee.

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Jerry Kerr 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 Jerry Kerr, in recognition of his volunteer support to Rainier Middle School, on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.

Jerry Kerr has been volunteering at Rainier Middle School for the last two years. Jerry not only helps staff with after-school tutoring in the library, he has also rallied other parents to assist. When other volunteers are unavailable, Jerry fills the void himself coming in atleast twice a week on his own.

The students and staff at Rainier benefit from Jerry's many hours of volunteer service and critical academic support he provides to students. He selflessly gives of his time assisting children who need his help.

Jerry retired from teaching 10 years ago after a distinguished career in classrooms from kindergarten to sixth grade. He came to teaching after a brief stint in the Army including a tour in Viet Nam as a radio operator. Jerry returned home and often helped out in the classroom where his wife was a teacher. This experience prompted him to become a teacher himself.

Jerry loves to volunteer in schools because he has seen firsthand, as an educator and a parent, what a difference it makes when parents become involved in the school house. When Rainier Middle School's PTA put out a call for parent help for tutoring, Jerry said showing up as often as possible was the logical next step.

He loves watching the kids work and helping them progress. He says that when it comes to technology, the payback is that he learns almost as much from them as he teaches.

Students love working with Jerry too. "He helps me check out books and find things I'm interested in," commented one student. Another student said, "With Mr. Jerry's help, I'm doing better in my classes and I get more of my work done."

His support has been vital to the students of Rainier who would not otherwise have an academic mentor available to them.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 06/07/11

August 2011 High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) Retake

Students who were in grades 10, 11 and 12 during the 2010-2011 school year and non-enrolled 12th grade students who elect to take the August 2011 HSPE in one or both content areas: writing and reading (End-of-Course is not offered during the August administration) are eligible to participate in the August HSPE administration. This includes students who did not meet standard, who did not participate in testing or who have transferred from out-of-state.

August administration will be from August 8-10 at **Auburn Senior High School**. (See HSPE schedule below).

Students must register for the August HSPE between **June 1-26** at www.k12.wa.us/testregistration or by calling 866-400-9275 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please have your child's State Student Identification (SSID) number, located on the front of the HSPE Score Report, available when registering.

Students must bring the following to the August HSPE testing:

- Official school or government picture ID (required)
- Spring 2011 HSPE Individual Score Reports (if available)
- Pre-registration confirmations (if available)
- Bring lunch

You can learn more about state testing by visiting www.WAtesting.com or call 253-931-4950.

August 2011 High School Proficiency Exam Retake Schedule

Date	Check In Time	Assessment
August 8	8:00 AM	Writing Day 1 - testing begins promptly at 8:30
August 9	8:00 AM	Writing Day 2 - testing begins promptly at 8:30
August 10	8:00 AM	Reading - testing begins promptly at 8:30

For more information contact Julie DeBolt, coordinator of assessment and NCLB, at 253-931-4950, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Auburn School District to Host Free Summer Lunches for All Childrens Ages 1-18

The Auburn School District will offer free lunches to children ages 1 through 18 from June 27-August 26, Monday-Friday. Last summer more than 80,000 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 meals (the schedule is subject to change)
Click [-here-](#) for printable schedule:

Les Gove Park – East Side (9th St SE) Lunch (11:30 am – 12:30pm)
910 9th Street SE

Brannan Park Lunch (12:00 pm – 12:30 pm)
611 28th St. NE

Memorial Park Lunch (12:00 pm – 12:30 pm)
Park Ave & Auburn Way N

Cedar Lanes Park Lunch (12:00 pm – 12:30 pm)
25th and K Street SE

Game Farm Lunch (12:00 pm – 12:30 pm)
3030 R Street SE

Mt Baker Middle School (front lawn) Lunch (11:15 am – 11:45 am)
620 37th Street SE

Rainier Middle School (front lawn) Lunch (12:40 pm – 12:50 pm)
30620 116th Avenue SE

Dick Scobee Elementary School (front lawn) Lunch (11:35 am – 11:45 am)
1031 14th Street NE

Alpac Elementary School (front lawn) Lunch (12:00 pm – 12:30 pm)
310 Milwaukee Blvd North

Terminal Park Elementary School (front lawn) Lunch (11:30 am – 11:45 am)
1101 D Street SE

The Meadows at Lea Hill Lunch (11:30 am – 11:40 am)
12525 SE 312th Street

The Park at Auburn Lunch (11:10 am – 11:20 am)
510 "M" Street SE

Auburn Square Lunch (12:45 pm – 12:55 pm)
3740 "H" Street NE

The Seasons at Lea Hill Lunch (11:55 am – 12:10 pm)
12722 SE 312th ST

Firwood Circle Apartments (Closes August 25th) Lunch (12:15 pm – 12:45 pm)
313 37th Place SE

Cedar Pointe Apartment Homes Lunch (12:20 pm – 12:30 pm)
2935 "O" Street SE

Burndale Homes Lunch (11:00 am – 11:20 am)
1723 K Street NE

Cedar Ridge Apartments Lunch (12:20 pm – 12:30 pm)
30819 124th Ave SE

4th Street Estate Apartments Lunch (11:15 am – 11:25 am)
1111 4th Street NE

Colonial Court Apartments Lunch (12:40 pm – 12:50 pm)
1210 30th Street SE

Pacific-Algona Community Center Lunch (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)
100 3rd Avenue SE

Lea Hill Homes Lunch (11:00 am – 11:10 am)
SE 319th & 118th Pl SE

Auburn Gymnastics Center Lunch (11:10 am – 11:25 am)
1604 15th St. SW, Suite 104

YMCA Lunch (11:35 am – 11:45 am)
1620 Perimeter Rd

Sherwood Gardens Lunch (12:45 pm – 12:55 pm)
2901 Auburn Way S

City Hall Plaza Lunch (12:45 pm – 12:55 pm)
25 W Main

Pyung An Presbyterian Church – (June 27- July 29) Lunch (11:05 am - 11:20 am)
526 12th St SE

Family of Grace Community Church Lunch (11:00 am – 11:15 am)

31317 124th Ave SE

Washington Elem School (20 E St NE)

**7/5-7/28 Breakfast 8:25-8:35 am & Lunch 11:35-11:45 am Tues-Thur, and
8/3-8/26, Breakfast 8:25-8:35 am and Lunch 11:35-12:00 pm Monday-Friday**

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Breakfast 8/8-8/25, 8:50-9:00 am, Monday-Thursday

Terminal Park Elem (1101 D St SW)

Breakfast 8/1-8/15, 8:30-8:40 am, Monday-Thursday

Mt Baker Middle School (620 37th St SE)

Breakfast 7/18-8/14, 8:15-8:30 am, Monday-Thursday

Lea Hill Elem (30908 124th Ave SE)

Breakfast 8:20-8:30 am and Lunch 11:30-11:40 am 8/1-8/26, Monday-Friday

Pioneer Elem (2301 M St SE)

Breakfast 7/11-8/18, 8:15-8:35 am and Lunch 11:30-12:00 pm, Monday-Thursday,

Evergreen Heights (5602 South 316th)

Breakfast 8/1-8/18, 8:50-9:00 am, Monday-Thursday

Olympic Middle School (1825 K St SE)

Breakfast 7/11-7/28, 8:50-9:00 am and Lunch 12:00-12:10 pm, Monday-Thursday

Auburn High School (800 4th St NE)

Breakfast 7/11-8/4, 7:45-8:00 am, Monday-Thursday

Gildo Rey Elem (1005 37th St SE)

Breakfast, 8/8-8/25, 8:45-9:00 am, Monday-Thursday

Dick Scobee Elem (1031 14th St NE)

Breakfast, 8/8-8/25, 8:25-8:35 am, Monday-Thursday

The schedule is subject to change. For the most up-to-date 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 e-mail Carol Barker at cjbarker@auburn.wednet.edu or visit the website at

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

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Auburn School Board Announces Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award Winners

Terminal Park Elementary School, Olympic Middle School and Auburn Riverside High School are the 2011 Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award Winners. Auburn Riverside High School is a second year recipient of this award.

The award annually recognizes one elementary school, one middle school and one high 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.

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 06/01/11

Washington Elementary School Principal Pauline Thomas and PTA Wellness Committee Member Linda Graves Honored at Washington State Healthy Schools Summit

On Wednesday, May 25, and Thursday, May 26, at the Washington State Healthy Schools Summit, Pauline Thomas, principal of Washington Elementary School and Linda Graves, PTA Wellness Committee member, were recognized for their commitment of improvement to student health at Washington Elementary School.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shared on all the wonderful things happening at Washington Elementary School for the improvement in a healthier environment for students. Pauline Thomas was especially honored for being the only administrator in the state of Washington who included the Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) into Washington Elementary School's School Improvement Plan (SIP).

The Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) is a partnership between the Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction that seeks to ensure healthy schools and healthy, successful students by coordinating effective policies and programs, and encouraging school, community and family involvement through shared information and communication. Washington's CSHP is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to the CDC, a coordinated school health approach brings together school administrators, teachers, other staff, students, families, and community members to assess health needs; set priorities; and plan, implement, and evaluate school health program activities.

Coordinated School Health focuses on integrating efforts across eight interrelated components:

- Nutrition services
- Physical education

- Health education
- Health services
- Mental health and social services
- Healthy and safe school environments

For more information contact Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent,
at 253-931-4917.

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JULY 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 07/28/11

Auburn School District Transportation Department Scores Exceptional Results on Washington State Patrol Bus Inspection

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) recently concluded its annual inspection of all school buses within the Auburn School District fleet. All buses passed the inspection with exceptional results according to Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn.

Auburn School District has a dedicated team of mechanics, drivers and administrators who ensure students travel to and from school safely every day.

For more information contact Dennis Grad, transportation director, at (253) 931-4938.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 07/25/11

Auburn School District Automotive Technology Program Wins National AYES School of Excellence Award

Auburn School District's automotive technology program was awarded the National Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) School of Excellence Award during the 2011 National AYES Training Conference in Seattle on July 18-21.

The award recognizes Auburn School District's automotive technology program for providing its students exceptional internship experiences with local dealerships and independent repair facilities. The automotive technology program received a \$250 gift card to Snap-on Tools. In addition, the instructor of the program, Fred Donaldson, received a \$100 gift card to Cabela's.

AYES is a partnership between the school program and local dealerships and independent repair facilities to provide students with an internship experience, while allowing industry partners the opportunity to "grow their own" technicians. Through an application process, employers select academically and technically talented students to work full-time summer internships, receiving one-on-one training with a line technician/mentor. The program provides students an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skill to work in the real world. Many students who participate in the program are hired full-time after graduation.

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

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 07/06/11

Get Up and Get Out—Summer Drop-in Program Hosted at Olympic Middle School

Olympic Middle School, the City of Auburn and other non-profit organizations are hosting the summer drop-in program, "Get Up and Get Out."

The program is free and is being held at Olympic Middle School, 1825 K Street SE, Auburn, from July 11 through August 26, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., for all grade levels. Students to meet in the back of the school for daily calendar.

Activities will include soccer, basketball, kickball, playground fun, water fun and daily lunch and snack.

For more information, contact Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation at 253-931-3043, or Ruth Johns, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 253-931-4917.

Click [here](#) for informational flyer.

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AUGUST 2011:

Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 08/25/11

Mt. Baker Eighth Grader Donates Uniforms to Gildo Rey Elementary School Choir

Adam Berry, an eighth grader at Mt. Baker Middle School, donated enough funds for Gildo Rey Elementary School to purchase uniforms for the student choir.

Berry fundraised nearly \$800 from school district staff, families and local businesses, enough money to purchase 68 embroidered polo shirts for the student choir.

Berry was inspired to give back to his former elementary school after noticing the Gildo Rey choir was the only school not in uniform during a district-wide choral concert in October 2010. Berry decided that the fundraising project was a perfect opportunity to complete his Eagle Scout community leadership project. The shirts were delivered to Gildo Rey and will be used for student performances during the 2011-12 school year.

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Auburn School District No. 408
915 4th Street Northeast, Auburn, WA 98002
Newsrelease: 08/23/11

Auburn High School Student Wins Auburn International Farmers Market 2012 Poster Design Contest

On Monday, August 16, Nikita Miskevich, a recent graduate of Auburn High School, was honored as the winner of the Auburn International Farmers Market 2012 poster design competition. The Auburn Arts Commission and Auburn City Council selected Miskevich's poster design to help advertise the 2012 market season.

The first and second runners-up were also student designers from Auburn High School: Margaret Bruhn '12 and Britanni Rodriguez '13.

Nikita Miskevich developed his design skills through the Career and Technical Education program at Auburn High School. Miskevich was a student of Ms. Sarr's Drawing I and II, and Graphic Design I and II courses. He will be a freshman at Western Washington University this fall.

All three student designers were recognized by the Auburn City Council and Auburn Arts Commission during the August 16 council meeting.

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 08/18/11

Auburn School District Students to Celebrate Importance of Breakfast with OSPI State Superintendent Randy Dorn

On Monday, August 22, OSPI State Superintendent Randy Dorn will enjoy a nutritious breakfast with Auburn School District summer school students at Washington Elementary School at 9:30 a.m.

Auburn School District's Child Nutrition Services Department—regionally recognized for its whole-foods, farm-to-school approach to school nutrition—serves a higher percentage of breakfasts than most school districts in Washington State. Nearly 4,000 breakfasts are served every day during the school year.

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Our goal is to ensure students have healthy and fresh food selections all day long," says Margaret Dam, coordinator of Child Nutrition Services. "We have developed a model where students can conveniently pick up their breakfasts and eat right in their classrooms before school starts. We also offer a wide variety of healthy breakfast foods such as scrambled eggs and breakfast sandwiches, whole grains and breads, fruit and vegetable bar, and low fat milk. We direct students to fresh fruits and vegetables rather than fruit juices and processed foods."

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

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Auburn School District No. 408
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Newsrelease: 08/15/11

Auburn Mountainview High School Graduate to Serve as Navy Women's Soccer Team Captain

Auburn Mountainview High School graduate and senior defender Kate Herren will serve as the Navy women's soccer team captain for the 2011 season. Herren and the women's soccer team are currently midway through their preseason training schedule and are gearing up for the August 19 season opener at High Point.

"Kate is a fantastic leader and she has embraced this role," said head women's soccer coach Carin Gabarra. "She is a role model in how she acts on and off the field, how she works in school and how she approaches the military side of the Academy. In everything she does, she always does her best. She wants to excel and she does the right thing. She will make great choices and she will be a fantastic leader for us."

Herren is the most experienced member on the current roster, having played in 61 games over the first three seasons of her career. Herren played in all 20 games a year ago and ranked second on the team with five assists and third in minutes played (1,462).

For more information contact Matt Muzza at (410) 293-8778.

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