

Staff Kudos

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A “good” look at what’s happening around the Beaverton School District

ACMA Urban Design students weigh in on Beaverton Civic Plan

Students in the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy (ACMA) Urban Design course were asked by teacher Jon Gottshall, to “design a street they would be interested in designing” and their ideas are featured in the City of Beaverton’s Civic Plan.

Four students; Alyssa Scruggs, Heather Carr, Kylie DeHaven, and Galen Hefferman are featured in the [Civic Plan promotional video](#) as well as in local news stories: [KGW news story](#) [KPTV news story](#).



Teacher Jon Gottshall and Urban Design Students discuss ideas for “downtown” Beaverton.

McKinley Elementary School ESL Family Night a big success



More than 40 families attended an ESL Family Night at McKinley Elementary School this month. The evening’s events included discussion on the findings of research outlined in the book, *Nurture Shock*, including the importance of sleep. Parents participated in an activity that would help them establish a routine

at home for their students which provided visual support for their routines.

Parents in attendance were offered a copy of the book and will be invited to participate in future discussions, based on other chapters, with the McKinley ESL staff.



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Recognitions, Accomplishments and “Good News” featuring Beaverton School District Employees

Chehalem Elementary School awarded Fuel Up to Play 60 grant



Pictured from Left to Right: Debra Nicolai, Principal; Jaan Hoisington, Parent Volunteer; George Marsh, Oregon Dairy Farmer from Cornelius; Leslie Solomon, Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisor and PTO President; Fuel Up to Play 60 Student Leaders: Isaac Smythe, Alejandra Benitez, Zachary Sallee, Hayden Thornton, Melia Nordberg, Thomas Hall.

Chehalem Elementary School was awarded a grant check for \$3,000 on Jan. 25 to improve and sustain healthy nutrition and physical activity through the Fuel Up to Play 60 program.

Chehalem was selected for their successful family wellness night and winter holiday wellness kick off program (Mathletics). The wellness night featured “do anywhere exercise” from ADAPT Training in Beaverton and healthy foods from Subway, Uwajimaya, Qdoba Mexican Grill and milk from Oregon Dairy Council. The wellness night reached more than 300 people which included students, parents and community members.

Students left motivated to make healthy food and exercise a part of their winter break. Students tracked their progress to win certificates and extra P.E. classes.

“The family wellness night was a big success,” said Leslie Solomon, Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisor. “We look forward to sharing the event with other elementary schools in the district.”

Congratulations Chehalem Students and Staff!

BSD Transportation Department awarded EcoBiz Certification



Superintendent, Jerome Colonna, Administrator for Transportation, Jane Langlois, Deputy Director of Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC), Debra Taevs, School Board Chair Tom Quillin.

The Beaverton School District Allen Blvd. Transportation Shop and Transportation Support Center (TSC) sites have been awarded EcoBiz Maintenance Certification by the Pollution Prevention Outreach Team of the Portland Oregon Metropolitan Area.

The EcoBiz Maintenance Certification Program recognizes mechanical shops that reach the highest standards in minimizing their environmental impact. The goal of the program is to prevent and minimize pollution generated by small businesses in the statewide area. This is the first multi-media (air, water and solid waste) maintenance services certification program in the nation.

Congratulations to Jane Langlois and the entire Beaverton School District Transportation Staff!

Sustainability in the Beaverton School District

Nancy Ryles Elementary School, Submitted by: Doris Marks, Principal



Nancy Ryles Green Team with Principal Doris Marks and teacher Chelsea Putnam

Nancy Ryles Elementary School received its initial certification as an Oregon Green School in April of 2008, and recently created a Green Team to further improve the school's sustainability efforts. Parent volunteers Jean Powers and Nicole Tipping, along with staff liaison, Chelsea Putnam, lead the team of fourteen 5th graders. The newly formed team created the following mission statement:

“Our mission is to help the earth and save it from pollution. When we educate and empower our youth, they can grow up to teach their children to reduce, re-use, and recycle. This education in turn will lead to a greater preservation of our precious earth. We want to help not only our school, but our surrounding community, to be GREEN!” [Read More...](#)

Mountain View Middle School stands up against bullying



Ribbons on the fence at Mtn. View Middle School where students and staff are Standing up against Bullying.

Mountain View Middle School observed an entire week of activities and lessons devoted to bully prevention and awareness. The theme of the week was to “Stand Up” to bullying.

The week concluded with an event that involved all students and staff. Individuals wrote their names on a piece of ribbon, then class by class, tied them to the fence, creating a signal to the community that Mountain View Middle School will “take a Stand” against bullying.

Highland Park Middle School celebrates National Engineers Month

Submitted by: Chris Dieterle, Analyst, Portland General Electric

Matt Doyle, Science Teacher at Highland Park Middle School, invited me to give a presentation on engineering to his 7th Grade Science classes. Matt and his students made sharing my passion for engineering a very successful and enjoyable experience.

Matt had briefed his students about my presentation, was very effective in getting my PowerPoint presentation up & running, and I greatly appreciated his help in managing the Energy board game & tower building activities.

KUDOS to Matt - a great teaching asset in the Beaverton School District!