

Lake Washington School District *Connections*

School News and Events to our Community

Summer 2004

Redmond Mayor Gets Into “Sticky” Science

On May 27, Redmond Mayor Rosemarie Ives and DuPont field engineer Shane Campbell visited **Debbie Cutting’s** 4th grade class at **Horace Mann Elementary**. The visit was sponsored by the Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP) as a part of their “Science in the School Day” program. “Science in the School Day” is a program created to inspire, maintain and expand students’ interest in science and engineering. Mayor Ives invited CUSP, a partnership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and DuPont to help her emphasize the importance of science education in the lives of these students. She also asked for the help of Lake Washington School District’s **Linda Stevens** and Horace Mann Principal **Angie Krauss** to make this lesson occur.

“When we make education exciting and engaging, there’s no end to what children can accomplish,” Mayor Ives said. “Kids need hands-on educational experiences – especially in math and sciences – and that is why I have invited CUSP.” She chose Horace Mann because of her connections to the school – her son had attended Mann, and she lives near the school.

The hands-on experiment that this group performed, called the “Gumdrop Dome” challenged students to create dome structures using gumdrops and toothpicks. They then tested the dome theory by layering heavy schoolbooks on their dome-shaped creations to see how much weight the toothpicks and gumdrops were able to hold while in the shape of a dome. This experiment was designed to allow the children to grasp some of the general concepts of engineering. The hope was that the students left the experiment with a heightened interest in science, math and engineering, and had fun in the process.

Redmond Mayor Rosemarie Ives gets in on the fun as Horace Mann students build their gumdrop domes.



Click! Online

Want the latest technology news in the district? It’s just a *Click* away. The Summer 2004 issue of *Click* is now available online at www.lwsd.org through the News and Publications link (bottom of the page). Learn about the exciting technology initiatives and classroom projects throughout the district.

New Address, but We haven’t Moved

The district’s web address has changed to www.lwsd.org. The shorter address should make it easier for people to use as well as remember. Also, you can reach district staff by using the lwsd.org domain. E-mail formatted is first initial last name @ lwsd.org. (i.e. jdoe@lwsd.org)

Students Beautify Bus Stop

Please stop by the King County Bus Shelter at Northeast 85th and 158th Avenue Northeast in Redmond, in front of City Hall, to see the beautiful mural designed and painted by The Neighborhood Schoolhouse after school art students. This community project was done in partnership with **Alex Almerico**, an **Eastlake High School** senior, as her senior graduation project.

Congratulations to the following students from **Redmond, Einstein, Rockwell** and **Mann** Elementaries for an outstanding contribution to the beautification of the Redmond community: **Reyna Duenas, Leona Bonwell, Ben Fisher, Stephanie Zuel, Peter Budisana, Anna Yang, Yasavi Rollabandi, Nadia Lucas, Danny Lucas, Malik Hirsi, Devin Tucker, Casie Moe, Chloe Merino, Michael Rance, Lindsey Unger, Corbin Coleman, and Yenna Lee.**

Congratulations to the following **Inglewood** and **Redmond Junior** high students and adults who assisted as volunteers in the project: **Esmeralda Duenas, Rekha Talwar, Laura Wang, Deanna Tockey, and Ryan DeCoup-Crank.**

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Awards & Achievements

Stephanie Monaghan, a Humanities teacher at **Eastlake High School**, has been selected as the district's nomination for 2005 Washington State Teacher of the Year. Stephanie has had many responsibilities as a teacher at Eastlake, including coordinating the Senior Project, teaching in an integrative classroom, and helping to create the Extended Core Program. Stephanie also has many connections to the community as the staff representative to the PTSA. She has been highly recommended by her colleagues, supervisors, and her students for this award.

The Lake Washington PTSA Council announced the talented recipients of their 2004 Scholarship Awards. These recipients each received a \$1,000.00 college scholarship. The winners were: **Redmond High School - Tammy Guo, Eastlake High School - Alexanne Madison, Juanita High School - Jamie Vann, Lake Washington High School - Michael Wurga, International Community School - Allison Strother, BEST High School - Ashlee Henderson, Karen Bates Scholarship - Karie Berkas - Redmond High School, Adra Klein Scholarship - Laura McKenny - Lake Washington High School, Dr. L.E. Scarr Scholarship - Nicole Peterson - Lake Washington High School, At Large Scholarship - Sarah Jurick, Juanita High School, At Large Scholarship - Monica Shanta - Redmond High School**

Two students were awarded scholarships to attend Washington State colleges through the 2003-2004 Washington State Community Scholarship Matching Grants program from the State of Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board.

At Large Scholarship, attending a Washington college: **Loan Nguyen - Redmond High School, Nicholas Schmitt - Eastlake High School.**

Congratulations to **Inglewood Junior High** Academic Games Team! Inglewood played in the final four games of the National Academic League tournament during April. The team, coached

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Survival of the First Mock Trial Team at ICS!

This year, the Lake Washington School District's **International Community School (ICS)** offered a new Criminal Justice class for 11th graders, from which they created their first ever Mock Trial Team. These brave young people participated in the 15th Annual Mock Trial Competition this Spring, at the King County Superior Courthouse and actually survived two rounds of competition. Judge William L. Downing hosted the competition, but many other Superior Court Judges also volunteered their time to hear the cases.

Students participating in the Mock Trial included: **John Frasene, Will Enger, Sebastian Robertson, Nichole Cecil, Erin Poffenberger, Sarah Fisher, Hayley Darling, Maresa Edwards, Matt Pearlman, Saman Kouretchian, Lauren Courlas, Pavlos Papanicolaou, Elle Wyant, and Allison Strother.** A Jury Panel made up of real attorneys awarded certificates for "outstanding witness" to Haley Darling and Allison Strother. They also awarded a certificate for "outstanding attorney" to Sarah Fisher.

LWSD Wins TCA Scholarship!

The Information Technology and Telecommunications Association (TCA) has generously offered a \$1,500 scholarship to NEVAC-district schools, to help pay for technology improvements, further the Information Technology initiatives in the schools, and to provide students with a more rewarding introduction to the technology that is shaping their future.

Through an application process, the Lake Washington School District has been chosen to receive this year's scholarship. Their proposal was for a "ViewSonic airPanel", a wireless interactive portable display unit to be used in their Digital Imaging/Animation/Web Design classrooms at **Lake Washington High School.**

Lake Washington will have this airPanel ready to go for classes this September. Congratulations to Lake Washington! And, a sincere "thank you" to the TCA for their generous contribution to our schools and students!

Elementary Students Join PNB - "Poetry in Motion"

Students from **Muir and Rose Hill Elementaries** joined dancers from the Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB) to celebrate dance, children, and the arts, as part of the ballet company's Discover Dance Community Performance at McCaw Hall this spring.

The narrated performance featured PNB Company dancers, PNB School Professional Division students and several guest artists. Serving as the culminating event following intensive in-school residencies, Seattle and Eastside students also performed original choreography learned in PNB's innovative Outreach program, Discover Dance. Students from Graham Hill, Summit, Daniel Bagley, Eastgate, John Muir and Rose Hill presented *Poetry In Motion*, with poetry-inspired choreography, music, sets, and spoken-word.

Legislators Receive a "Special Education"

In response to state-wide complaints by school districts about under-funded special education programs, several members of the Washington State Legislature visited schools to see these programs in action. The goal of these visits was to show Legislators quality programs for challenged students and to share with the visitors the costs of operating such services.

Ross Hunter visited **Emily Dickinson Elementary** and **Redmond Junior High**, Rodney Tom and Glen Anderson visited **Robert Frost Elementary** and **Kamiakin Junior High**, Toby Nixon visited **Redmond Junior High** and **Redmond High School**, and Luke Esser visited **Samantha Smith Elementary** and **Emily Dickinson Elementary.**

Eastlake High School Teacher Honored for Academic Excellence

RadioShack Corporation has presented a 2004 RadioShack National Teacher Award to **Shaun Monaghan**, a math teacher at **Eastlake High School**. Monaghan is among 110 educators receiving RadioShack National Teacher Awards this year, for demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in mathematics, science or technology. He receives a \$3,000 cash award.

"I became a teacher so I could work with young people and get them enthusiastic about math," said Monaghan. "This award recognizes that my life's work has value." Monaghan, who has taught for 14 years, teaches math analysis/statistics and advanced algebra. "Teach fewer topics and make learning active are my secret classroom techniques," said Monaghan. "This allows me to take the time to help each student understand the big ideas."

Monaghan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in 1985 from Michigan State University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics in 1989 and his teaching credentials in 1990 from the University of Washington. He is working toward a Master's degree in math at the University of Washington. He is also a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Monaghan is one of two high school educators in Washington who received a 2004 RadioShack National Teacher Award. RadioShack has awarded cash and prizes to 1,550 individuals for their commitment, excellence and innovation in the classroom since the RadioShack National Teacher Awards program began in 1988. The program is open to all accredited public and private high schools. Award recipients are selected from a nationwide competitive call for applications. The selection process includes judging applicants on their commitment to education and their implementation of innovative classroom teaching methods. A panel of distinguished educators selects the honorees.



Kamiakin Kids Make Waves at Ocean Policy Forum

Carrie Stauffer's seventh-grade Service Leadership class at **Kamiakin Junior High** researched the state of our oceans, and then drafted a letter to Governor Locke which stated their concern. As a result, the class was invited to attend a forum where this letter was read aloud by student **Kelly Manalo**. The forum was held at the Seattle Aquarium in May and included distinguished guests from around the state, including keynote speaker, Governor Gary Locke, other elected officials, tribal leaders, bureaucrats and members of the national commission.

This event was covered by the Seattle P-I, who identified Manalo as having "stole the show," when she informed the Governor how students felt about the unhealthy and polluted state of our oceans. "We are losing Nemo, Free Willy is now deceased and at this rate even SponBob's pineapple home under the sea is polluted," said Manalo. The information compiled at this meeting will be taken by Governor Locke to a meeting of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the first national re-thinking of ocean policy in more than 30 years.

Awards & Achievements

by **Jackie Coons**, did an outstanding job representing their school and the district. **John Sexton, Kelly Christison, Christina Hanke, Maxwell Lee, Nuha Elkugia, Caitlin Evans, Kevin Mulholland, Patrick Hutchins, Adam Avery, Natalie Johnson, Jina Lim, Kathryn Lingel, Alexa Keizur, Philip Wu, Anthony Jackson, Claire Jones**

Genevieve Paul, a sixth grader from **Lakeview Elementary** was inducted into the Safety Patrol Hall of Fame at the Key Arena this spring. She attended an Awards Banquet where she received a \$50.00 gift check and an AAA School Patrol Hall of Fame T-shirt. Lakeview Elementary receives a \$300.00 traffic safety grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

The 2004 Sammi Awards Celebration, (**Sammamish Acknowledges Magnificent Moments of Inspiration**) was held this spring at Skyline High School. Performers for this year's celebration included: the **Margaret Mead Choir**, Small Hands on Art, Gotta Dance, Hwang's TaekwonDo, Patrick Shelton, and Natural 7. This year two Lake Washington employees from **Mead Elementary** were recognized for their outstanding contributions: **Diane Moffitt** for the Arts and **Jim Anderson** for Learning Promotion. **Elizabeth Arnold**, a student at Mead, was awarded the Trevor Price Children's Award for her leadership and compassion towards others.

Seniors from across the district have earned prestigious recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Matthew Winkler, Juanita High School**, was named the George C. Glass Memorial Scholarship winner; **Tammy Guo, Redmond High School**, and **Nikolas Sherrow-Groves, International Community School**, won Boeing Merit Scholarships. **Lauren Rosen, Juanita High School**, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The ASB at **Rose Hill Junior High** recently initiated a fundraiser for the American Red Cross \$846.84.

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Milo Dullum Named NEVAC Teacher of the Year

Milo Dullum, a teacher at **Lake Washington High School** has been named the 2003-2004 NEVAC Teacher of the Year. As was stated on his nomination form, he is "a highly skilled instructor, who is industry certified and instructionally competent. He believes in his students and continues to offer increasing opportunities for success."

Each year, NEVAC gets the opportunity to honor a "Teacher of the Year" and a "Support Person of the Year." The criterion for nomination is that they have provided exemplary work and their contributions to NEVAC students have been above and beyond their job requirements.

Lake Washington School District has outstanding NEVAC programs, in large part due to the great teachers and wonderful support these programs have. Last year, the "Support Person of the Year" was from Lake Washington, Vicki Carlson. Milo has gone out of his way to develop student leadership opportunities. He volunteers his time to allow his students to extend their learning beyond the school day, and is constantly taking steps to improve himself as an educator. A resource assistant from Northshore School District who spends time in Milo's class said, "He provides excellent technical training for the students while holding them accountable for themselves, their attitudes, and their personal safety. ...He goes the extra mile to provide additional opportunities for them to learn."

Brigitte Tennis Honored with 2004 DisneyHand Teacher Award

Brigitte Tennis, a seventh grade teacher at **Stella Schola Middle School** at Rose Hill Junior High was selected from more than 150,000 nominees to be recognized as a 2004 DisneyHand Teacher Awards Honoree. From the 150,000 nominees, only 39 were selected to participate in an Awards Gala in July. Tennis and her guest will be flown to Southern California to join the 38 other teachers being honored and will attend unique professional development programs that focus on innovative approaches to teaching, learning and leadership. She will participate in exclusive VIP events and parties, be honored by Mickey Mouse at a ceremony at Disneyland Park, appear in a parade down main street, and receive a new glamorous look from "costume designer to the stars" Ret Turner. They will be choosing four award-winners – Elementary School Teacher of the Year, Middle School Teacher of the Year, High School Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Tennis' creative hands-on approach to her 7th grade class, combined with her general enthusiasm to teach, has earned Tennis a DisneyHand Teacher Award. The honorees were chosen by a selection committee composed of distinguished educators, including members of the American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Education Association, and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Disney will be awarding \$10,000 to each, and their schools will each receive \$5,000. "These teachers personify excellence in the classroom, and we are pleased to recognize and reward their creativity, commitment and dedication to their profession, students and communities, and provide them an opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices," said Michael D. Eisner, chief executive officer, The Walt Disney Company.

Mike Town Wins Amgen Award

Mike Town, a teacher at **Redmond High School**, was one of two teachers in Washington State who won the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence. The award honors public or private school science teachers, grades K-12, who demonstrate outstanding science teaching and who have a great impact on the lives of their students. Winners are selected based upon evidence of the nominee's creativity and effectiveness in the classroom, their application and development of the best practices in science education, their motivational ability, their mastery of the subject matter, and their instructional skills. Mike received the unrestricted \$10,000 award at a ceremony in Seattle.

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