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## Lake Washington School District

*School News and Events in our Community*

### District Tackles 2003-04 Budget

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The budget released by the Senate cuts millions in funding for K-12 public schools and students, including voter approved initiatives. I-732, which provides cost-of-living salary adjustments for teachers and other public school employees passed by 63 percent in 2000 and would be substantially reduced if the Governor's budget or the Senate budget prevails. The loss of I-732 funding is particularly critical for our staff as teachers salaries have not kept up with the high cost of living in our area.

I acknowledge the incredibly difficult position legislators confront this session, but the senate's budget is unresponsive to the long-term nature of the school finance problem in Washington. The economic picture for our public schools seems bleak. State support for schools is eroding and state law limits local funds that can be raised to offset this decline. Funding formulas for public education are broken and in need of a major overhaul. Lake Washington faces additional budgetary pressures due to declining enrollment, increased cost of utilities, and insurance.

We are also concerned by delays in funding I-728, the student achievement initiative. The Senate budget appears to be prepared to fund a small portion of the scheduled increase in funds for I-728; however, at the same time the Senate has completely cut existing money under the Better Schools Fund. The loss of Better Schools Funds will impact our efforts to increase achievement at schools with lower socio-economic factors, English Language Learners, and remediation for struggling students.



*Superintendent Don Saul visits with students and staff at International Community School.*

Lake Washington School District is prepared to continue the budget development process once legislative actions are complete. Unfortunately, reductions in state funding continue to challenge our ability to maintain current service levels for our students and community. As we prioritize shrinking resources we will be asking staff and parents for input.

The district is in the process of developing an on-line and phone survey for parents and community members to share their priorities as we work to provide a high quality of service and positive learning environments. Keep an eye out for our budget postcard, mailed home to all parents, which provides an overview of our district's budget situation and instructions to participate in the survey. It will take our collective efforts to continue and expand the standard of excellence established in this district and provide the education all of our students deserve.

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## Awards & Achievements

The **Lake Washington High School** yearbook was recognized for excellence in yearbook design and coverage by the Taylor Publishing Company. The advisor of the book is **Sarah Van Alstyne**.

Art teacher **Barbara Sampson** and her students from **International Community School** won top honors at the Regional High School Art Show held in February. ICS students won three out of the Five King County Executive Awards. The work now advances to the State High School Art Show.

**Eastlake's** Vice Principal **Jay Ellis** was recently published in the March issue of Voice of Washington Music Educators. His article, "*How to Build an Orchestra Program in a Time of Budget Reductions*," describes the district wide growth of our orchestra program.

**Andrew Rabirot**, drama teacher at **Inglewood Junior**, and his students recently brought to life the following stories: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin and *Gerald McBoing Boing* and *Daisy-Head Mayzie* both by Dr. Seuss. The troupe performed these stories at the Sammamish library and **Blackwell Elementary**.

Stanford University recently inaugurated the Teacher Tribute Initiative in which members of the freshman class were given the opportunity to acknowledge a former teacher or mentor. **International Community School's** **Andrew Ivy** and **Juanita High's** **Donna Metke** were both honored by former students.

**BEST High's** **Darin Detwiler** was recently awarded a Toyota Tapestry grant for \$2,500 to continue the school's work around a Senate Hearing Project. BEST was only one of 23 schools nationwide to receive the grant from Toyota and the only school in Washington State.

**Kamiakin** teacher **Carrie Stauffer** and her language arts students are helping pen pals in Tema, Ghana. The class has raised over \$1,100 to pay for school fees for 22 Ghanaian students. Students also contacted Kirkland Rotary to ask for assistance in providing books and the Rotary donated \$200. One of the students wrote Starbucks Coffee for assistance in the book drive and the company is now a partner.

On Thursday, April 10 educators from around the state will visit **Redmond Junior** and **Redmond High** to see examples of excellent life skills

## Local High School Teachers Honored for Academic Excellence

RadioShack Corporation has presented a 2003 RadioShack National Teacher Award (RSNTA) to **Kate Allender**, science teacher at **Redmond High**. Allender received a \$1,000 cash award. **Jill Van Glubt**, technology teacher at **Eastlake High** received a \$3,000 cash award. Both were among 110 educators receiving RadioShack National Teacher Awards this year for demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in mathematics, science, or technology.

In addition, Redmond and Eastlake will receive a \$500 RadioShack Tech Tool Grant. The school may use the grant to buy equipment, software, or supplies to enhance the learning experience for students in the classroom.



*Kate Allender, Redmond High*

"It is a great honor to be chosen to receive a RadioShack National Teacher Award," said Allender. "The most rewarding aspect of being a teacher is impacting a student so that attitudes and passions will turn to action, making the community and the world a better place."

## Smith raises more than \$7000 for cancer treatment

**Samantha Smith Elementary** participated in a national fundraising campaign from March 3 through March 17 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to treat leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Lean On Me, which is the school's community service program, had hoped the school would generate \$3,000 during the campaign. The school was understandably delighted when its 632 students raised more than double that amount – a whopping \$7,053.20.

The 6th grade class of **Nancy Molamphy** alone collected nearly \$2,000. The 6th graders not only solicited support from their friends and family, but also from the entire community by researching the disease on the Internet, making poster signs and sharing their information with people while asking for donations at local shopping areas. The windy, rainy weather did not stop other classes from also getting out into the community asking for donations.

**Mary Trask**, chairperson for the Lean On Me program, said: "Since the class who collected the most money would be given a pizza party hosted by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and would also be awarded our school's Community Service Spirit Award, there was a lot of friendly competition between the classes. This helped inspire students to be creative in their fundraising and showed real leadership skills as they helped the public become aware of the No. 1 cancer disease among children less than 15 years of age. We are proud of our Samantha Smith students and their caring families."

In recognition of its outstanding efforts and results, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will present the school with a \$500 gift certificate, in addition to the pizza party.

# Students as well educated as any in the world.

Allender, an educator for three years, teaches biology, physics, and forensics. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry in 1999 from the College of Wooster. She received a Master of Education degree in 2002 from Western Washington University.

Van Glubt, an educator for 15 years, teaches material science technology and engineering. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in technology education in 1988 from Western Washington University. She received a Master of Education degree in computers in education in 1991 from Lesley College.

"I became a teacher because I hoped to have a positive impact on students' lives," Van Glubt said. "The most rewarding aspect of being a teacher is working with students, especially those who have been challenged by their education experience. I enjoy seeing their success."

The RSNTA recipients were recognized at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) convention, which was held March 27-30, 2003, in Philadelphia. Leonard Roberts, chairman and chief executive officer of RadioShack Corporation, presented the individual awards during a reception and dinner at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel on March 28.



*Jill Van Glubt, Eastlake High*

## King 5 WeatherNet coming to Rose Hill Elementary

**Rose Hill Elementary** is the proud recipient of a Lake Washington School District Innovative Technology Grant thanks to the efforts of **Dave Warnick, Jan Blaud, Joyce Teshima, Terry and Lorin Catudio**. Rose Hill will be joining the AWS School WeatherNet Program, familiar to most people via the "First Alert" weather broadcasts seen on King TV that feature live weather information from participating schools around Western Washington.

But it goes far beyond seeing the school name highlighted at the bottom of the television screen. In addition to studying meteorology and technology, Rose Hill's weather station will enable students to apply weather information to subjects ranging from science and math to geography and social studies. Math classes, for example, can use weather-related data for exercises in graphing, charting and statistics. Social studies classes can offer hands-on lessons in weather patterns and regional climates as they affect individual states.

Made of aluminum and plastic and mounted on the school's roof on a tripod, the station captures 27 different weather readings, including wind speed and direction, wind chill, heat index, temperature, barometric reading, humidity, dew point and the amount of rainfall by the day, month and year.

In addition a WeatherNet camera will allow us to track weather systems. It is a new design camera that pans, tilts and zooms to 300X. It will focus in on a leaf stem, tree bud or cloud formation. Live footage from this camera would be accessible through the Internet to any classroom and any home anytime. The new WeatherNet camera has just been introduced and is installed in only two schools on the East Coast. They are both located in Montgomery County, Maryland.

If all goes as scheduled, this system will be installed during the summer and operational in the fall of 2003.

## Awards & Achievements



programs for special needs students. These programs develop vocational, recreational/leisure, domestic, and social/personal skills based on the students' IEP goals and objectives.

**Lake Washington High** was a big winner at the Annual Roadster Show in Seattle. Instructor **Milo Dullum** and students walked away with six trophies. Individual students won four awards in the High School Challenge, while the automotive class won runner up awards in both Pedal Car Class and Club and Group Display.

Congratulations to the **Thoreau Elementary** Reading Rockets for a top-notch performance in the Global Reading Challenge Competition that took place at the Redmond Regional Library. They competed against **Blackwell** and **Audubon** reading teams. Thoreau Elementary now represents the Lake Washington School District in the Bellevue Regional Library semi-final challenge. They will be competing against the Issaquah, Mercer Island and Bellevue Reading Teams.

For the second year, Juanita High sent student representatives to the Washington State Model United Nations conference. Thirty-four of social studies teacher **Paul Miller's** students made up the delegation and out of those students **Laura Rosen, Matt Winkler, Ray Linford, William Phillips, Karuna Luthra, and Michael Smirnov** all received special recognition awards.

Students at the **Environmental and Adventure School** spent a week at a wilderness recreation facility owned and operated by the U.S. Navy. In partial payment for our use of the facility, students are completing four nature interpretive signs for the wilderness area. The facility director was so impressed with the students' initial designs and planning that he has acquired funding to pay for the creation and mounting of the signs. District graphic designer **Carol Brozman** is helping students with the project.

**Yling Miller**, a 9th grader from **International Community School**, won 1st Place in the Washington State Music Teachers Association piano competition. This is one of the toughest piano competitions of the year and teachers usually send their strongest students.

Kudos to the **Rose Hill Junior** boys and girls basketball teams for finishing the season with records of 10-0.

## Music Education – and all that Classical Jazz!

The 35 students in the Music Ensemble at the Lake Washington School District's **International Community School (ICS)** have had a very full and rewarding year. There is an eclectic group of varying ages, grades (7 -12), and skill levels that combines both band and orchestra instruments under the talented, and very patient, leadership of their director, **Michael Chapin**. By the Winter Concert in December, it was amazing how well coordinated they sounded! **Allison Strother** participated in the All-District High School Honor Band. **Korry Ogami** represented ICS in the All-District Junior High Honor Orchestra.

The ICS participants in the All-District Junior High Honor Band included **Ray Horton, Anders Eliassen, Sojung Yi, and Matthew Zhou**. The entire ensemble participated for the first time this year in the Northlake Orchestra Festival at Woodinville High School on March 11th. They also performed on center stage for an international crowd on March 26th at the Crossroads Shopping Center and were warmly applauded by parent, shoppers, and diners alike.

Upcoming events include a Spring Concert at ICS and the second annual Senior Graduation Ceremony at the Kirkland Performance Center.

## Acura of Bellevue Donates Vehicle to Lake Washington High School Auto Program

Acura of Bellevue donated a 2001 Acura MDX to **Lake Washington High School** on April 8. The school will use this donation as an instructional aid in their automotive technology program.

As part of an ongoing effort to maintain its leading edge in automotive technology, American Honda and its Honda and Acura dealerships provide training resources to outstanding automotive technology programs in high schools, community colleges, and vocational schools. Greg Pardee, general manager of Acura of Bellevue, sees the vehicle donation as an opportunity to ensure that qualified technicians will be available for hire in the future.

"With school budget cuts on the rise and the increased complexity of automotive technology, offering students up-to-date training resources is almost impossible without help from the industry," commented teacher **Allan Pedersen** of Lake Washington High School.

American Honda's Industry Education Department provides approximately 300 cars each year for donation to secondary and post-secondary schools throughout the nation.

## Juanita High School Scholars Shine in Math and Business Education

Several **Juanita High** students continue to be recognized for their academic efforts, especially in the area of math. The school's Math Olympiad Team has been very active and is enjoying tremendous success this year. Of particular note, JHS students **Brent Allen, Dale Bustad, Aaron Dahlen, Jon Frost, Chang Rong Kung, Christina Montalvan, Michael Saldana, Phil Shahrivar, Lake Washington High** students **Yulia Tess Hsuing, Kuznetsove and Bin Mei** and **Allison O'Neill and Lianna Wood** from the **International Community School** won eighth and sixteenth place trophies at the Washington State Math Championships held in February as well as three more trophies at the Garfield Annual Math Extravaganza. They are coached by parent **Joe Frost**.

In addition, ten students from Juanita scored high enough on the American High School Math Exam to advance to the next round of selection for the International Math Olympiad Teams. Approximately 15,000 students in the US reach this round, so ten students from one school is very impressive. The students who qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination are: **Brent Allen, Andrew Armstrong, Dale Bustad, Howard Chan, Jon Frost, Alex Guenser, Robert E. Lee, Ray Linford, Michael Saldana and Alex Wu**.

Marketing students competing in Juanita's DECA program advised by **Lovenia Smith** have also been very successful competing throughout the state. **Sean Isacson** received fifth in state in Food Marketing and the team of **Shyanne Aho and Brian Bell** won fourth in E-Commerce Management Decision Making. As a result of their success at the state competition, they will be traveling to the International Career Development Conference this April in Orlando. They will be joined by **Alyssa Alldredge and Suzanne Gallagher** who have been chosen to participate in the Leadership Development Academy.

And finally, Future Business Leaders of America students advised by **Lori Finn**, have qualified for their state competition to be held in Spokane. They are **Shaun Finn, Annie Hahn, Liz Hughes, Sydney Shortt and Marlon Torres**. Congratulations to all!

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