



News and Notes

2011-12 Number 15 December 16, 2011 **ENJOY WINTER BREAK! SEE YOU ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3!**

★ **2012 Washington State Classified Employee of the Year Nominations Now Open**

To nominate, go directly to www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/ClassifiedEmployees.aspx and click on "Nominate a great school employee today" in the blue box in the right column! Nominations close January 6, 2012. (Nomination letter required.) Need help? Call [Tina Smith-O'Hara](mailto:Tina.Smith-O'Hara@k12.wa.us) at x3703.

★ **2012 History Teacher of the Year Program, Statewide Call for Nominations**

The National History Teacher of the Year award honors outstanding American history teachers from around the country. Washington selects one state finalist every year as Washington's History Teacher of the Year and forwards that candidate to the national program. Nominations for teachers, grades seven through twelve, are now online at www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/memos2011/M072-11.doc. Deadline February 1, 2012.

★ **CenturyLink/OSPI Teachers & Technology Grant Program - Apply Now for the 2012-2013 School Year**

CenturyLink (formerly the Qwest Foundation) Teachers & Technology grants are designed to fund projects that use real-world technologies to enrich standards-based curriculum and support student-centered instruction. \$10,000 will be awarded each to nine teachers or teacher teams who propose a learning project that meets the requirements of the program and is selected for funding by a state-level review panel. Applications are due Tuesday, February 7, 2012. www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Grants/Competitive/CenturyLink/default.aspx

★ **Above and Beyond!**

Hamilton Staff Donate to the Peninsula Home Fund to Support Local Families

So far the Hamilton staff has collected \$225 for the Peninsula Home Fund. Join them in contributing to this wonderful cause – check the PDN for more information! Thanks, Hamilton!

★ **Above and Beyond!**

Thanks, Hamilton PTO, and everyone who brought baked goods for the PTO holiday bazaar. The PTO raised over \$1,000 for Hamilton Elementary. Also, the Hamilton Book Fair brought in nearly \$1,500, which means the PTO raised about \$2,500 for Hamilton in just one week. Thanks, PTO, for your hard work!

★ **Above and Beyond!**

Stevens Middle School food services personnel collected all Yoplait yogurt lids from morning breakfast and is sending them in for breast cancer research. Thank you, Laura Stephens, for "managing" over 400 yogurt lids, which will translate into 10 cents per lid for cancer research. Laura cleans, flattens the tinfoil-type lids, and saves them for this cause. You are amazing!



★ **Thanks, LoAnn Linn and Mickey Branham!**

The word is out - Mickey Branham passed the Dry Creek gratitude dragon to LoAnn Linn. Mickey says LoAnn is a hard worker that is a caretaker for our learning community! Thanks Mickey and LoAnn for making DC such a great place to be!

Pictured – LoAnn pictured with a few favorite friends.



★ **Congratulations, Jefferson and Hamilton Jumping Jack Participants!**

Port Angeles students participated in the “Let’s Jump” challenge on October 11 to best the current Guinness Word Record. Hamilton classes: Teachers Joe Glatz (3rd Grade), Brook Anderson (3rd Grade), Helen Bunch (4th Grade,) Jessica Baccus (5th Grade) and George Kheriaty (5th Grade) and Jefferson classes: Teachers Leah Bauman (6th Grade), Marilyn Mattie (2nd grade) joined First Lady Michelle Obama in breaking the record. 300,265 people jumped; the old record was over 20,000.

★ ***Across the Board*** – The School Board of Directors will post news of interest in *News & Notes* after each Board meeting during the 2011-12 school year. **Please visit [BoardDocs](#) for support documents. Enter via the “Public Site.”**

December 12, 2011 School Board Meeting Notes

The Oath of Office was administered to returning/re-elected Directors Steve Baxter, Patti Happe, and Cindy Kelly.

Directors elected Dr. Patti Happe as the new Board president and Lonnie Linn as Board vice president for a one year term, effective immediately.

Reports:

Enrollment - The District’s total enrollment for Dec. 2011 (not including Skills Center, Running Start or American Academy) is 3,484.05 compared to 3,638.36 in Dec. 2010. This is 154.31 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 24.84 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the Average FTE over the entire School Year.

Elementary Reorganization – proposed closure of Franklin Elementary not approved. [Board Statement](#)

Board & Committee Assignments – click Board Assignments [here](#) to view.