

News from Hamilton Elementary

Earlier this week we held our first awards assembly of the school year. Hamilton Elementary meets monthly to honor kids and classrooms for their accomplishments. Each month we focus on an element of good personal character from a program called Project Wisdom. You may hear some of the positive messages shared by our students over our intercom each morning at around 8:10 AM. For September we honored students from each classroom who are off to a fantastic start. In October we will be looking for students who are excellent examples of respectful behavior. Our morning messages will reinforce this theme throughout the month of October.

Each month we also honor stu-

dents for their written work. Winners of the "Pencils of Power" award get to share their work with the principal and also have it displayed on the bulletin board in our office.

Perhaps the most coveted of all our regular awards are the Golden Broom, Golden Ladle, and Golden Umbrella. All month long classrooms compete for these awards by keeping their rooms neat and tidy, displaying good lunch line behavior, and handling themselves well during rainy-day recesses. While all classrooms do their best, several have been shameless in their pursuit of these golden awards. Ask your student who won this month. It's one of the highlights of our monthly assembly!



Aleks Toombs reads to his "Aunt" Leslie Higginson at Hamilton's Open House.



Student portraits are displayed outside of Mr. Jason Lynch's 3rd grade classroom at Hamilton's Open House.



Emily Johnson and Caleb and Lisa Joslin participate in Mrs. McCoy's Open House activities at Hamilton Elementary.

Our Mission:

- Hamilton provides a safe, positive, and challenging environment for children
- Staff encourages students to acquire skills and motivation necessary for independent lifelong learning
- Children will grow in their mastery of basic skills, cooperation, and self-management

In Memory of Mary Neil

Mary Neil was an outstanding teacher who served students, staff, and families with care, commitment and competence. The



Dry Creek staff was privileged to know and work with Mary Neil. Last week she lost her battle with cancer. All Port Angeles School District staff, please join us as we keep Mary in our thoughts as we celebrate and honor her life.

Beyond the Call of Duty



Linda Flotto, Hamilton Elementary's "Queen of the Playground" is surrounded by 5th grade students, Cody Mollway, Taylor Eichberg, Ben Rowland, Spirit Cooper, Nicole Childers, and Courtney Craig.

Weekly Meeting Schedule

October 3 Special Ed. Committee Mtg.
3:30-4:30 p.m. CSB
October 6 Instructional Leadership Team
4:00 p.m. CSB
October 7 E.C.E. Collaboration
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CSB

Current Job Postings

Credit Recovery Teacher .5 FTE
1-year only PAHS

BOARD BRIEFS • 9/13/05

- The board met September 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Elementary School for a regular meeting.
- The September 12, 2005 regular meeting minutes and September 19, 2005 special meeting minutes were approved.
- Hirings, resignations, and leaves of absence were approved.
- Hamilton Elementary School Principal Loren Engel reported that the school's 50th year anniversary will be celebrated next fall. Hamilton Elementary is looking for graduates of note to share their stories. Engel also reported on student learning improvements, noting the science and math results were promising.
- The Port Angeles Education Foundation President Steve Methner provided a detailed update on the current status of the foundation. He noted the addition of Cindy Turner to the staff who will assist with administration. He also noted the Celebrate Education fundraising dinner will be moved from May to February or March and reported on fundraising efforts.
- Legislative Representative Cindy Kelly provided a tabulation of legislative voting results. She noted WASL Graduation requirements for 2008 were strongly discussed and that WSSDA will provide opinions regarding this matter to legislature.
- Dr. Cohn announced the November 10-11, 2005 showing of Haley's Comet and that he has accepted the chairmanship of the Community Multi-Cultural Alliance. Dr. Cohn also noted he met with community members and press to discuss enrollment issues. He reported that KONP discussed the school's teacher collaboration time on their radio show. Additionally, Dr. Cohn reported the Continuous School Improvement Plans are being reviewed this week and that the General Advisory Councils will meet on October 6th at 6:00 pm in the PAHS Library.
- The Board approved the Literacy Month Proclamation.
- Jim Jones provided the first reading of the Policies and Procedures Review: 3000 Series and noted minor modifications.
- Jim Jones reported on enrollment issues noting a 159 FTE drop. Family wage jobs and affordable housing were sited as driving factors in the enrollment drop.
- An appeal to the school board regarding an expulsion was discussed.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Central Service Building board room.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.