

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



Dear Colleagues,

As this school year draws to a close, once again we look forward to a wonderful summer break with family, friends, and colleagues. As we prepare for summer, I want to take this time to thank each of you for the excellent work you do every day for the students in our district.

This has been an **incredible** year. Just this week, we learned from OSPI that \$29,000 is being awarded to Port Angeles School District, recognizing and rewarding our noteworthy academic progress combined with significant gains in closing the achievement gap. Also this year, nine Port Angeles schools earned the state Academic Improvement Award. Five schools ranked in the top 10% on the state's "high performing schools" list. Standard & Poor's put us on their top 15 list of "outperforming" districts. This new award consists not only of recognition, which we very much appreciate, but a financial reward that we sorely need. It's the icing on what is already a superb cake. We really are achieving our vision of *all students reaching high standards and graduating prepared with knowledge, skills, and abilities to choose a successful future*. A **huge** thanks is due to the teachers and staff who have made all of these achievements possible.

Each of us are part of a great team. This work of education that we all do is not a single effort, but a joint effort. We could not have come this far if we had not worked together as a team. Again, thank you so much.

I wish for you and yours a healthy, relaxed summer vacation. I look forward with you to another amazing year in 2005-06. May it bring even greater rewards.

For now, have a wonderful summer!

Gary



**Reading Buddies**

*Tawny Burns, fifth grader, and Maizie Reidel, first grader, both read together weekly as part of Dry Creek Elementary School's "reading buddies" program.*



**Rider Crew Meets**

*Rider Crew members meet with advisors, Rachael Ward and Dana Snell, on Tuesday to start planning for fall's new Freshman class.*

**BOARD BRIEFS – June 13, 2005**

- The board met at 7:00 p.m. in the CSB Board Room for a regular meeting.
- The consent agenda was approved as submitted.
- Board members extended their compliments and farewells to outgoing Student Representative **Sarah DeBey**. Incoming Student Representative **Olivia Bailey** addressed the board after being introduced by Sarah DeBey.
- Native American Elder of the Year **Elaine Grinnell** was recognized by the board.
- **Ed Upton**, who represents the custodial unit, received recognition by the board on behalf of his co-workers. Maintenance department representative **Chris Baker** received recognition on behalf of his department.
- **Middle school students** gave a report on their May 19-29 trip to Mutsu, Japan.
- **Scott Brodhun** introduced the coaches and the spring sports they represented. Each coach recognized their outstanding athletes.
- Roosevelt PTO President **Wendy Hoine** reported on the Olympic Cycling Classic.
- **Cindy Kelly** reported that June 24-25 she will be at the WSSDA meeting in Seattle. She reported also on attending a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- **Jessica Schreiber** reported on attending school concerts and Native American graduation, and, on behalf of PACE, presented Ms. McLaughlin with flowers in appreciation of her work on behalf of the levy.
- **Nancy McLaughlin** noted that she was impressed with the Native American graduation celebration.
- **Jeff Hinds** reported that he attended both the Port Angeles High School Career and Technical Education Awards and North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center Awards events, along with those events mentioned by Mrs. Schreiber.
- **Cindy Kelly** added that she had attended many of the events mentioned by the other board members.
- **Clyde Rasmussen** gave a brief update on the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center Summer School Program.
- **Michelle Reid** presented the 2005-06 Assessment Committee Report.
- **Michelle Reid** distributed kindergarten report cards, grades 1-2, and 3, 4, and 5, to be piloted in the 2005-06 school year.
- **Jim Jones** presented the 2004-05 final enrollment report.
- **Nancy McLaughlin** moved that the board accept for first reading the board policy 1000 series, offered by the Board Policy Review Committee, as amended. The motion was seconded by **Jeff**, voted and passed with all in favor.
- **Ron Spanjer** presented a review of the Collaborative Time Task Force Report. The board decided to return to this topic at the next meeting.
- **Dr. Gary Cohn** gave a communications plan report. The board asked that more detailed information, and a recommendation, be presented at the June 27 meeting.
- **Jessica Schreiber** presented a complaint against **Cindy Kelly**, and made an introductory statement explaining her reasons for putting the complaint forward. Cindy Kelly's response is expected June 27.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 27, 7:00 p.m. at Choice Community School. There will be a Community Conversation at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

**From the Personnel Office**



**RECENT OPENINGS**

.5 Kindergarten/.5 Support Teacher (1-year only)	Fairview
Fourth Grade Teacher	Dry Creek
2nd to 3rd Grade Teacher (Looping)	Dry Creek
English Teacher	Choice
8th Grade Language Arts Teacher	Roosevelt
Multiple ESY Positions (See Job Opportunities for Specifics)	District

*A full list of open positions can be accessed on Job Opportunities or our district website at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org)*



**Upcoming Events**



June 20-21	Asst. Principal Interviews	a.m.	CSB
June 20	Special Board Meeting	4-9 p.m.	CSB
June 22	Principal Interviews	8 a.m.-2 p.m.	CSB
	General Admin. Mtg.	3-5 p.m.	CSB
June 23	Policy Committee	5:30 p.m.	CSB
June 27	School Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Choice
June 30	Principals Mtg.	4 p.m.	CSB