

From Professional Development to Practice with Engaged Young Scientists!

PURPOSE

There is always something new to learn when you are an elementary teacher! The latest professional development has been with the Foss science kits. With newly published k-10 Grade Level Expectations in hand as well as a new curriculum, teachers are enhancing their skills in the area of science instruction. The kits are designed with lessons that align with Washington EALRs.

All teachers are engaged in active learning communities with building peers, observing lessons, reflecting on classroom practice, and examining student work samples.



Dry Creek staff collaborating, planning and preparing a coaching lesson.



Fifth grade Dry Creek students saturate a solution of H₂O and citric acid.

ENGAGEMENT RIGOR

Teacher learning and student work is rigorous! All students are engaged and getting the opportunity to learn about systems through active inquiry and opportunities for direct application of newly acquired skills.

RESULTS

Students learning remains enthusiastic, engaged and aligned with standards. The cohesive curriculum builds from kindergarten with a strong content foundation that will bring district system results for WASL 2015 and the class of 2017. We salute the continuous professional growth and teaching that our elementary teachers engage with in reading, writing, math, and yes, science too!



Second grade Dry Creek students proudly share their results with balance and motion.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." Albert Einstein

This article is dedicated to the newest learner and member of the Dry Creek staff:
Matthew Kenneth Vogtman, born, January 24, 2005 to kindergarten teacher Teresa (McKeen) Vogtman, 1996 PAHS graduate.



Students from the Port Angeles Dance Center provided interpretive dance for the Martin Luther King Assembly on January 14, 2005.

January 31st Deadlines

- Annual Sick Leave Buyback forms are due in the payroll office.
- Last day for TRS 3 plan members to change their rate option. Forms are available from Jill in Human Resources or Wende and Sonja in Payroll.
- Last day for TRS 2 and SERS 2 plan members to switch to TRS and SERS plan 3.

Be sure to cast your levy votes by February 8th!



From the Personnel Office

Openings

Para-Educator—Leave Replacement 2004-05 5.5 Hours Franklin

For further details on these positions, please refer to "Job Opportunities" on your email system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1	Spec. Ed. Tech Training	8:15—2:45	CSB
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February 1	Spec. Ed. Tech Training	6:30—8:30 p.m.	CSB
February 3	Kindergarten Ext. Day Meeting	2:30—3:30 p.m.	CSB
February 3	Principal Meeting	4:00 p.m.	CSB
February 4	Learning Support Teacher Mtg.	12:00—3:00 p.m.	CSB

- The board met at 7:00 p.m. in the CSB Board Room for a regular meeting.
- Minutes of the regular meeting of January 10 and special meeting of January 18 were approved.
- The consent agenda was approved as submitted.
- **Doug Hayman** reported on Fairview Elementary School's year to date progress.
- **Scott Harker** and **Leslie Goodrum** reported on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program.
- **Randy McHone** reported on the results of the PACE levy phone campaign.
- **Robert Worthy** gave an update on the food services program.
- Community member **Mike Brown** commented on the quality of math textbooks in Port Angeles School District.
- Student representative **Sarah DeBey** reported that Winterfest had been very successful.
- **Jessica Schreiber** reported on the recent City Multi-Cultural Task Force meeting. She announced also the annual Italian night dinner and auction, February 15 at the high school cafeteria, and the event January 20 celebrating the success of the United Way Campaign.
- **Cindy Kelly** reported on the Camp Waskowitz Student Diversity Summit. She said they are expecting 25 schools to participate, and hope to have a team from Port Angeles.
- **Superintendent Gary Cohn** reported on the following items: (1) Congratulations to Brad Boudreau and Chuck Lisk on making the visit from the Mutsu students a huge success, better each year; (2) Two meetings held recently with the Lower Elwha Tribal Leadership; (3) Recent Gates Foundation Meetings featuring work and trainings focusing on rigor; (4) Raul Vasquez being welcomed into the district at the last meeting; and acknowledging him for his time and effort in getting to know the district; (5) Preparation of Angeles Composites space to start the Composites Program; (6) Attending Senior Business Faire, which was very well done again this year, with the students themselves demonstrating greater confidence; and (7) The pending Chamber of Commerce January 31 levy presentation.
- **Michelle Reid** and **Doug Hayman** gave an update on science curriculum progress.
- The establishment of a Counseling and Student Support Services Task Force was approved.
- 2004-05 committee and school assignments for the board were approved.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building. A special meeting will be held February 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Central Services Building for CSIP review and analysis.