
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the Board recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Art Literacy Program partnership with Beaverton Education Foundation – Melody Ball, Jill Bogle and Kristine Baggett

The Beaverton School District Art Literacy Program is a volunteer-staffed elementary and middle school art education program that consists of volunteers who go into classrooms to give a PowerPoint presentation on an artist which is followed by a hands-on art project with students. There are more than 1,170 trained volunteers serving the District's 33 elementary schools and 8 middle schools.

Volunteers are trained for every lesson they teach by a site-based coordinator at each school. The program's curriculum is based on more than 100 artists. At the elementary level, the arts education focus is on the Elements of Art. The middle school program varies slightly, the artist lessons closely tie to the Social Studies curriculum for 6th to 8th grade students. The arts focus for the middle school program is on the Principles of Art.

Recently, the Art Literacy Program partnered with the Beaverton Education Foundation (BEF) and several other local businesses on the "Slide to Digital Equipment Fundraiser" to convert all of the current Art Literacy materials to PowerPoint and digital images.

The relationship between the Beaverton Education Foundation and the Art Literacy Program was established in the spring of 2011 and a fundraising plan was put into action to enable every school have the necessary equipment to utilize the newly digitized materials. This fall, the BEF wrapped up their fundraising efforts and the equipment was purchased and delivered into the hands of the school coordinators this January. Every school program now has the equipment it needs to continue to deliver Art Literacy lessons to thousands of Beaverton students.

The Art Literacy program coordinators and volunteers are extremely appreciative for the completion of this project, which has been ten years in the making, through the extraordinary support and efforts of Kristine Baggett, the BEF Board, the BAL Board and the School District.

Intel Champion's Award Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League Champion Tournaments – Team AFOOFA and LEGO Ninja Warriors

Beaverton School District students were a strong force at the 2011 Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO Champion Tournaments in January. First Place for the Champion's Award, the most prestigious award of the tournament, was awarded to two teams - Team AFOOFA and the Lego Ninja Warriors.

The Champion's Award recognizes a team, or teams that embodies the FIRST LEGO League experience, by fully embracing the program's Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and Project.

The FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Championship Tournaments consist of teams of 9-14 year olds that have won qualifying tournaments across the state and region. These teams have used off-the-shelf LEGO robotics kits to construct and program ingenious working robots, which complete as many missions as possible on a playing field. Each year FLL teams embark on an adventurous Challenge based on current, real-world issues. Guided by a team coach and assisted by mentors, the kids:

- Research and solve a real-world problem based on the Challenge theme
- Present their research and solutions
- Build an autonomous robot using engineering concepts

The 2011 challenge was Food Factor: Keeping Food Safe. Congratulations, Team AFOOFA and Lego Ninja Warriors!

(Team coaches will introduce their teams)

NCWIT 2011-12 Regional Award for Aspirations in Computing – Angela Butterfield, Junior at Health & Science School

Angela Butterfield, a junior at Health and Science School, was recently awarded the NCWIT 2011-2012 Regional Award for Aspirations in Computing.

Sponsored by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), Oregon Computer Science Teachers Association, Oregon University System, and Lewis & Clark College, the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing offers both a national and local "affiliate" competitions to generate support and visibility for women's participation in communities nationwide. A panel of 22 regional judges from the computer science industry and NW colleges selected Angela based on her academic history, technical skills, aptitudes, experiences, leadership abilities, outreach to others, and future college plans.

Angela, her school principal, and computer/technology teacher will be honored at an awards ceremony at Lewis & Clark College in April.

Congratulations, Angela!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Melody Ball, Jill Bogle, Kristine Baggett, Team AFOOFA, the Lego Ninja Warriors and Angela Butterfield for their contributions to the School District.