



WE EXPECT EXCELLENCE



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RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillar of Excellence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**WE Expect Excellence: Beaverton High School BeaverTronics Robotics Team**

BeaverTronics, Beaverton High School's Robotics team, and advisor, science teacher Heather Meiring traveled to Houston, Texas to compete in the FRC (First Robotics Competition) World Championship on April 19, 2017.

BeaverTronics started two years ago, in a parent's garage, with four students, and the help of Westview High School's Wildcats Team 1510. With a small grant from Daimler, they worked together to learn the ins and outs of the robotics world. While they didn't compete that year, they managed to build a working robot and attend a few competitions as spectators.

Last year, BeaverTronics grew to 16 team members, managed to raise enough money to compete in their rookie season, and even advanced to the PNW District Championship along with other teams from Oregon, Washington and Alaska. They won several awards in their local competitions, including the Rookie Inspiration Award, Highest Rookie Seed Award, and Rookie All Star Award. After their inaugural season, the team went hard to work on community outreach projects, extending their STEM knowledge to robotics teams in area middle and elementary schools via science fair and expo demonstrations, FIRST Lego League team mentoring, and even hosting a summer camp for 3rd-5th grade students in August 2016.

In this, their 2nd year, the team has grown to 26 students. They performed very well at their two local competitions in the Portland area, earning advancement to Spokane for the PNW District Championships and ultimately the FRC World Championship where they placed 18th out of 66 teams.

Congratulations, BeaverTronics!

WE Expect Excellence: Public Health Ambassador Award – Sexton Mountain ES Walking School Bus

As part of National Public Health Week (April 3-9, 2017), Washington County Department of Health and Human Services honored significant contributions to public health in Washington County with the 15th Annual Public Health Recognition Awards.

The 'Public Health Ambassador Award' recognizes an individual, family or small group in the community who has raised awareness of public health issues, developed projects with a lasting impact, and/or influenced systems or policy changes. The award was presented to the Sexton Mountain Elementary Walking School Bus Program for engaging in a healthy and active lifestyle by walking at least one mile to school, practicing safe pedestrian skills, and arriving at school energized and ready to learn.

District Goal: WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Congratulations, Sexton Mountain!

WE Expect Excellence: Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) State Champions – Bonny Slope Elementary School The Flabbergasted Phoenix Dragon Wizards and Stoller Middle School Silver Tornadoes

The Stoller Middle School OBOB team, the *Silver Tornadoes*, coached by Humanities teacher Adrienne Gillespie reigned supreme and won first place at the Oregon Battle of the Books state competition in Salem last month.

In the Elementary division, Bonny Slope Elementary School's *The Flabbergasted Phoenix Dragon Wizards* team won first place. The team was seeded as the #1 team after the pool play and won all five competitions leading to the championship.

Congratulations to *The Flabbergasted Phoenix Dragon Wizards* and *Silver Tornadoes*!

WE Expect Excellence: U.S. News & World Report #1 Ranking School in Oregon– School of Science & Technology

The School of Science and Technology (SST) has been ranked as the #1 High School in Oregon by U.S. News & World Report, and was awarded a Gold Medal.

Gold medals are awarded to the top 500 schools based on highest college readiness.

U.S. News & World Report analyzed federal and state government and private data for more than 20,487 public high schools across the country, and ranked more than 6,000 schools – only those that the data indicated were exemplary.

Oregon high school students are required to earn at least 24 credits to graduate. Many Beaverton students earn more credits. Students also must demonstrate mastery of essential skills, such as writing clearly and accurately, according to the Oregon Department of Education.

Congratulations, School of Science & Technology!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize the BeaverTronics Robotics Team, Sexton Mountain Elementary School Walking School Bus, the Bonny Slope The Flabbergasted Phoenix Dragon Wizards and the Stoller Silver Tornadoes, and the School of Science & Technology for their contributions to student success.