
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. The following recognitions feature an example of WE Collaborate, and an example of WE Expect Excellence, two of the four Pillars of Learning.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

WE Collaborate: Bonny Slope Elementary School Fourth Grade Classroom Websites

The Bonny Slope Elementary School focus for the 2013-2014 school year is celebrating the notion of WE. Staff recognizes that team efforts will help to move forward the District's four Pillars of Learning – Excellence, Collaboration, Innovation and Equity.

Fourth grade teachers at Bonny Slope Elementary School exemplify the Pillar of Collaboration. They have created classroom websites with resources for students and parents. The websites have information regarding their classroom activities, academic targets, general news and student work so the whole fourth grade community at Bonny Slope knows what is happening in the classroom at all times.

Each teacher's page is similar with tabs for Units of Inquiry, a Student Blog, a Teacher Blog, a Book Lovers Blog and Resources such as volunteer information, helpful web links, learning targets, homework and documents.

The use of classroom websites is streamlining parent communications; bringing the classroom home and offering up-to-date information on instructional practices like the Common Core State Standards. The websites are also creating a vehicle for student involvement in their learning. Each day, each of the fourth grade classrooms has a student blogger who will capture and reflect on the day's learning. This empowers students to have a voice in his or her education and to document and record the great thinking that is happening in the classrooms.

By collaborating with each other, parents and students, the Bonny Slope Elementary School fourth grade teaching team has expanded the walls of the classroom and opened the door to endless learning possibilities for all students, and open and honest communication.

WE Expect Excellence: Work Experience Student-run Screen-Printing Business

Liz Baer, Transition teacher at Sunset High School, was awarded two grants, one from the Target Corporation and one from the Beaverton Education Foundation (BEF), to support the development of the Work Experience program shirt screen-printing business – Shirts for Students - at Sunset High School. Students in the Work Experience Program have the opportunity to learn relevant work and life skills, such as organization, attention to detail, marketing, customer service, overcoming obstacles, learning to be flexible, and staying disciplined to complete projects from start to finish.

With the combined grant dollars, materials and equipment necessary to run a heat press and screen-printing business were purchased. In September and October of 2013, the students completed two large orders for customers and gained invaluable knowledge about starting a business from the ground up.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the program has expanded to Westview High School. Students in the Work Experience Programs at Sunset and Westview, under the direction of the Transition Program Assistants at each school market their business with flyers at student Club Days during the first week of school. The students are responsible for the entire business process from concept design to shirt delivery. Each student is able to determine his or her individual strength that contributes to the process and then build on that skill.

Shirts for Students has filled orders for many clubs and organizations at Sunset and Westview high schools. The program is able to process one to two jobs per month charging \$5 - \$7 dollars per shirt, depending on the complexity of the design, with the income being used to sustain the program with supplies and equipment.

The possibilities for this project are endless and the students are passionate about its success.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Bonny Slope Elementary School fourth grade teachers and the Beaverton School District Work Experience Program for their contributions to the School District.