
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:

School Board Recognition Month – Karen Cunningham, Linda Degman, Jeff Hicks, LeeAnn Larsen, Tom Quillin, Sarah Smith, Mary VanderWeele

The Beaverton School District is joining the other 196 school districts throughout Oregon in celebrating "School Board Recognition Month" during January. In the Beaverton School District, we are very fortunate to have seven current school board members who are committed to helping *every* student reach their full potential; Chair, LeeAnn Larsen, Vice Chair, Sarah Smith, and members Karen Cunningham, Linda Degman, Jeff Hicks, Tom Quillin, and Mary VanderWeele do an excellent job of serving the District's students, parents, staff members, and the overall community.

The decisions they face are complex, challenging, and also rewarding. These men and women volunteer countless hours of unpaid time providing the best possible education for more than 39,000 students. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our community's public schools. This month we recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children

In the words of John F. Kennedy, "Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."

School board members continually put student achievement at the center of what they do and can engage educators as well as community members as they do it, please join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of all local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

Volunteer Appreciation (Hazeldale Elementary School) – Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Church: Trevor Sheffels, Barbara Rosenberger, Pastor Scott Peterson.

Members of the Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Church, led by Outreach Elder Trevor Sheffels, contribute countless hours volunteering and supporting the Hazeldale Elementary School community. Throughout the years, Hazeldale Elementary School and Cooper Mountain Presbyterian have built a relationship that enhances the success of students and staff in many ways.

The list of volunteer efforts and projects is long, and invaluable to the students and staff at Hazeldale and includes:

- SMART Volunteer Program, led by Barbara Rosenberger
- Grounds clean up – twice a year
- Back to School Picnic that includes large inflatables (three years in a row now)

- School Supplies for all Hazeldale Students, including purchasing and distributing to classrooms (four years in a row now)
- Volunteers at all school events (PTO sponsored and more)
- Annual Santa Breakfast
- Luncheons of appreciation for staff
- Helping teachers relocate/move classrooms
- Vision and hearing screening
- \$1,500 in books through the Scholastic Book Fair for Classroom Libraries (2012-13)
- Time and financial assistance with holiday help for Hazeldale families through the “Holiday Giving Tree” including homemade blankets.

“How do we say thank you to this wonderful group of people that do so much for our school. The Back-to-School Picnic, school supplies for all of our students, volunteers at all of our events, the Santa Breakfast, and much more. We are truly all touched by their generosity in countless ways.” states Angela Tran, Hazeldale Principal.

Thank you, Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Church, for your dedication and commitment to the students and staff at Hazeldale Elementary School.

Physical Education Teacher of the Year – Cheryl Wardell

Cheryl Wardell, Physical Education Specialist at Bonny Slope Elementary School was recently named the Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD). She has taught for 25 years.

Cheryl was also recognized as the top Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator in Oregon for the 2011-2012 school year. Bonny Slope Elementary School raised an impressive \$8,677.34!

Congratulations, Cheryl!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Karen Cunningham, Linda Degman, Jeff Hicks, LeeAnn Larsen, Tom Quillin, Sarah Smith, Mary VanderWeele, Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Church and Cheryl Wardell for their contributions to the School District.