
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:

National Title I Distinguished School honor (Greenway Elementary School) – Robert Matuszak

The National Title I Association recently named Greenway Elementary School a National Distinguished School in the category of *Closing the Achievement Gap*. Almost three-quarters of Greenway’s students are eligible for free and reduced lunch, more than half are students of color and more than a third are English language learners.

The school has made significant progress in closing the achievement gap for their low-income and Hispanic students, and in fifth-grade math, the school has successfully eliminated the achievement gap for their Hispanic students.

Principal Robert Matuszak attributes Greenway’s success to “a hard working, dedicated staff, collaboration through weekly teacher and principal learning teams, commitment to an inclusive school environment where all families are welcome and supported, individualized interventions provided in small groups and after school, classroom instruction that includes SIOP strategies and a constant reevaluating and fine tuning of our programs.”

Representatives from Greenway Elementary School will be honored at the National Title I Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, in January 2013, and will receive a \$5,000 award in recognition of their achievements in exceptional student performance and closing the achievement gap.

Congratulations, Greenway students and staff!

Volunteer Partnership Recognition (Aloha High School) Westside Community Church

The Westside Community Church has formed a very successful community partnership with the students and staff at Aloha High School. Members of the church coordinated a school grounds clean up prior to the start of the 2012-13 school year, including weeding, power washing, trimming and mowing.

Westside Community Church has a goal as part of their holiday offerings to raise \$10,000 to support the Aloha High School Principal’s Care Fund. The Principal’s Care Fund helps students pay for college admission fees, SAT/ACT tests, AP tests, sports and activity participation fees and items in the Aloha High School Care Closet.

“Westside Community Church is a community partner that is making a difference in the Aloha Community. They are selfless in their desire to meet the academic and social needs of our students. They give with a gracious and humble heart.” states Ken Yarnell, Principal.

Thank you, Westside Community Church for your partnership, service and dedication to the students at Aloha High School.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Greenway Elementary students and staff, and the Westside Community Church for their contributions to the School District.