

**WE EXPECT EXCELLENCE****WE INNOVATE****WE EMBRACE EQUITY****WE COLLABORATE**

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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 Pillars of Excellence and Collaboration.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### **WE Expect Excellence: Perfect score on U.S. Citizenship Exam – Edison Montiel-Espina**

Merlo High School Custodian, Edison Montiel-Espina, was sworn in as a naturalized United States citizen on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 - not only did he pass the test, he scored a perfect score!

Students and staff surprised Edison with a graduation walk through the halls of the school, cheering him on and giving him high-fives to celebrate his accomplishment. Edison has been the night custodian at Merlo Station High School for five years. He moved to the United States from Venezuela 16 years ago.

Congratulations, Edison!

#### **WE Collaborate: Clothes Closet coat donation – Beaverton Rotary**

The Beaverton Rotary Club recently donated more than 200 warm winter coats to the Beaverton Clothes Closet. Rotarians have supplied hundreds of warm coats for needy students for several years now. They also do clothing drives to support the Beaverton School District Clothes Closet and provide volunteers during days of service.

The Beaverton Rotary Club is an organization of local business and professional leaders dedicated to humanitarian service in everyday life and promoting understanding and goodwill through community programs. It has focused much of their work and fundraising by supporting our Beaverton students.

The following are a just a few of the contributions the Beaverton Rotary Club has made to students in the Beaverton School District: 4<sup>th</sup> grade dictionary project, Books for Kids, college and vocational scholarships, youth exchange and Interact Clubs at middle and high schools.

Thank you, Beaverton Rotary for supporting student success in the Beaverton School District!

**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.

**WE Collaborate: Flashing Crosswalk Installation – Bethany Elementary School PTO**

The Parent Teacher Organization at Bethany Elementary School (BSPTO) partnered with Washington County Land Use and Transportation, the District, and the Washington County Sheriff's Office to purchase and install a solar rapid flashing beacon (flashing crosswalk) at the entrance to the school on NW 174<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The PTO funded the \$35,000 project through school-wide fundraising efforts supported by parents, students and families. The signal will help drivers see pedestrians more clearly, as well as give a better visual reminder to slow down. There is an increase in walkers and bikers to the school which decreases traffic in the area.

Along with the new signal, the school has successfully implemented a walking school bus that gathers students on several routes on the last Thursday of each month, generally drawing more than 100 walkers in a large group.

Thank you to the BSPTO and all the families and students who helped support this important safety project!

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Edison Montiel-Espina, the Beaverton Rotary Club, and the Bethany Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.