



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

Tonight, the District recognizes the following for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

WE Expect Excellence: Bethany Elementary School ranked as one of 50 Best American Public Elementary Schools

Bethany Elementary School is one of TheBestSchools.org's 50 Best American Public Elementary Schools.

What makes an exemplary American Elementary School? According to TheBestSchools.org, "The best elementary schools know that their students are more than just empty brains waiting to be filled. Academic achievement—though important—is not the ultimate end goal for learning. A student's social, physical, and emotional wellbeing are just as important, if not more."

At Bethany, parents and the community are encouraged to actively participate in the children's education. There are more than 350 volunteers throughout the school and approximately 30-50 volunteers assisting the school on a daily basis.

Bethany Elementary School is committed to fostering an environment that creates responsible citizens in the school and the community. The PAWS program encourages students to be Positive, Academic, and Willing Students.

Bethany is a Level 5 school, which is the highest Oregon State Report Card rating. Parents are kept well informed of events and announcements through a weekly newsletter, social media and a school-wide texting service.

Congratulations, Bethany Elementary School staff and students.

WE Collaborate: Aloha High School Automotive Technology Program

"A good dose of what adult life is like." That is how Beaverton High School senior Laura Hyatt describes the Automotive Technology class she takes at Aloha High School.

The nationally certified program gives students options outside of the traditional four-year college or university career path. Students from each of the District's five comprehensive high schools participate in the class.

There are two year-round, 2 ½ hour classes. One focuses on engine performance and brakes, the other, steering, suspension and electrical. Ideally, a student would take one class during his/her junior year, participate in an internship over the summer, and then take the other class his/her senior year.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career 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.

The course is divided between the classroom and “working” days. During those working days, the Auto Shop at Aloha runs like any other small auto shop, with Auto Tech Teacher Louise Drow as the boss. “It’s not a hobby shop. We’re really trying to train these kids for industry, where they can make a livable wage,” says Drow.

Community support for the program is strong and partnerships with local businesses are critical to its success. At a recent Auto Shop open house, current and former students, community members, representatives from partners like Les Schwab Tires and NAPA Auto Parts, as well as several local dealerships were all present. Many of those local dealerships, like partner Beaverton Toyota, hire students to work part-time during their second year in the program. The dealership will even send some students to Clark College for further training.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Bethany Elementary School and the Aloha High School Automotive Technology Program for their contributions to student success.