

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

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

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the four Pillars of Learning – Collaboration, Excellence, Equity and Innovation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**Portland Tribune/Comcast Regional Spelling Bee Winner – Divya Amirtharaj**

Divya Amirtharaj, a seventh grader at Meadow Park Middle School correctly spelled “armamentarium” to defend her title and win the tenth annual Portland Tribune/Comcast Regional Spelling Bee. Divya beat 50 other spellers in 16 rounds. Divya is only the fourth repeat winner in the Bee’s 10-year history.

Divya has won an all-expense-paid one-week trip to Washington D.C., in May to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Congratulations, Divya and good luck in Washington, D.C.!

Physical Education Teacher of the Year – Cheryl Wardell

Cheryl Wardell, Physical Education teacher at Bonny Slope Elementary School was honored as the Northwest District Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) this month.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching performance at the elementary school level and the ability to motivate today's youth to participate in a lifetime of physical activity.

While she has been with Bonny Slope for six years, she has shown her commitment to physical education District-wide for the past 22 years. "Her commitment to the District is sincere. We feel very lucky to have her at our school," says Principal Kim Haskins. "Cheryl organizes the District's P.E. Showcase, has shared more than 70 model lessons on the TeacherSource website, a professional development resource for teachers, and has been known to mentor up and coming physical education teachers."

Wardell has also been heavily involved over the years in reviewing the district's health and physical education curriculum and a member of the Physical Education Program (PEP) grant committee which awarded more than \$300,000 to help align the District's P.E. standards to the state standards.

2014 Paul Zitzewitz Excellence in Pre-College Physics Teaching Award – Bradford Hill

Bradford Hill, physics teacher at Southridge High School has been selected to receive the 2014 Paul Zitzewitz Excellence in Pre-College Physics Teaching Award from the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT). This award is in recognition of contributions to pre-college physics teaching and awardees are chosen for their extraordinary accomplishments in communicating the excitement of physics to their students.

Hill has been at Southridge High School since 2006, where he also now facilitates a District-wide collaboration of physics teachers. He was a Knowles Science Teaching Mentor from 2009-2011. He was selected to help draft, align, create and test rubrics for the new Oregon state science Standards in 2009 and currently is on the Oregon Science Content Panel as Oregon considers adopting the Next Generation of Science Standards.

He received the 2013 Outstanding Classroom Science Teacher Award from the Oregon Science Teachers Association. From 2003 to 2008 he was a Knowles Science Teaching Fellow, and from 2012 – 2014 he performed original research in the Physics Department at Portland State University on characterizing dark current in Charged-Coupled Devices, under a Partners in Science Grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9, 2014 – Beaverton Teachers

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, 2014 and Tuesday, May 6 is National Teacher Appreciation Day. Beaverton teachers make a profound difference in the lives of nearly 40,000 students and in our community.

We are fortunate to have more than 2,130 teachers working in our classrooms, ensuring a quality education for each and every student, increasing graduation rates and preparing all students for college and career success.

The School Board supports the proclamation declaring May 5-9, 2014 as National Teacher Week and strongly encourages all members of the community to join in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to all students in the Beaverton School District.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Divya Amirtharaj, Cheryl Wardell, Bradford Hill, and all teachers in the Beaverton School District for their contributions to student success.

Teacher Appreciation Week- May 5 - 9, 2014

WHEREAS, Beaverton teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, Beaverton teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Beaverton teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, tracking individual student growth, counseling and coaching and performing community service; and


WHEREAS, our community recognizes and supports the role Beaverton teachers play in educating the children of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverton School Board proclaims May 5 - 9, 2014, to be **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beaverton School Board strongly encourages all members of our community to join in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to our children.

Adopted this 29th day of April, 2014.

Signed:


Mary VanderWeele, School Board Chair

Attest:


Jeff Rose, Superintendent