

Past news stories

Nine teachers earn National Board Certification

(Jan. 7, 2006)

Nine Everett teachers recently earned their National Board Certification. Those who earned certification this year are Teresa Belles, Melissa Carlson, Mardean Francis, Elona Loewen, Melissa Richardson, Margaret Rider, Mary Kay Rockenstire, Kristina Schaffler and Jana Wilson.

These teachers met the national standards of the voluntary program which assesses performance by evaluating a teaching portfolio and methodology, student work samples, videotapes of classroom action and written analysis that is, on average, 60 pages long.

Nineteen Everett teachers who have previously earned their certification are: Dianne Lundberg, Dina Alberts, Noralee (Barney) Peterson, Lisa Baretta, Kristina Kee, Valerie Strong, Gregg Elder, Rachel Sadri, Ann Grahn-Morgan, Michelle Wiley, Britt Barer, Linda Adams, Debbie Clymer, Paula Furick, Susan Brown, Cindy Foster, Jack McLeod, Debra Ritchart and Debra Strong.

Red Cross honors "Real Hero"

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Cascade High leadership teacher Roberta Hasstedt buzzes around her classroom, asking the food drive committee for an update and recruiting volunteers for a Sunday evening activity. Her professionalism and apparent dedication to community service, along with the personal interest she takes in her students, make it clear she earned the Real Hero award the American Red Cross awarded her in December.

I try to teach my students servitude, tolerance and compassion, she says.

Hasstedt admired those values in Jonathan Keller, a student with cystic fibrosis who died last April. Tearing up at the mention of his name, she says she misses his positive outlook on life and trademark greeting, Wazzzuuuup?! Even in the hospital, Hasstedt says Keller was upbeat and eager to work.

Among her many service projects, Hasstedt honors Keller's legacy by organizing a team for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Great Strides walk and a school dance to benefit the organization.

Apple Award Achievement Grant

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Superintendent Carol Whitehead, former Principal Brian Fitch and Principal Janelle Phinney hold a \$25,000 check presented to Jackson Elementary by Buck Evans from the Washington State Board of Education. Jackson Elementary received the Apple Award Construction Achievement Grant for significant increase in the number of fourth-grade students meeting standard on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

Jackson receives award

(Oct. 11, 2005)

Students to Determine How to Spend Grant

Olympia - Students in 10 Washington public elementary schools will decide how to spend \$25,000 each school received through the State Board of Education for achieving the greatest gains on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). Warden Elementary (Warden School District, Grant County), Holmes Elementary (Spokane School District, Spokane County), Wilbur Elementary (Wilbur School District, Lincoln County) Jackson Elementary (Everett School District, Snohomish County), Mossyrock Elementary (Mossyrock School District, Lewis County), Marrion Elementary (Evergreen School District, Clark County), Kalama Elementary (Kalama School District, Cowlitz County), Blix Elementary (Tacoma School District, Pierce County), Washington Elementary (Hoquiam School District, Grays Harbor County), and Carbonado School (Carbonado Historic School District, Pierce County) demonstrated significant increases in the number of fourth grade students meeting the standards for mathematics, reading, and writing from academic year 2003-04 to 2004-05.

The grants may be used for capital construction projects on school grounds or on other public property in the community, city, or county in which the school is located. legislation (EHB 1998) directs that students determine how to spend the money.

"The Apple Achievement Awards honor students for improving their study skills and reaching higher academic goals," says Carolyn Tolas, State Board of Education president.

The Apple Award Construction Achievement Grants were promoted by state Rep. Hans Dunshee, chair of the House Capital Budget Committee, and are made possible by funding provided by the state Legislature in the past session. Originally implemented through state budget language, Representatives Sullivan and Santos led the effort to establish the program in statute. Winning schools were identified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Board of Education gives administrative oversight to this grant program.

Results of the 2005 administration of the WASL were announced on August 31 by Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson and are posted on OSPI's Web site, <http://www.k12.wa.us>

Jackson student named "Outstanding" National Achievement Scholar

(1/5/05)

Nicole Massengale from H.M. Jackson High is recognized as an "Outstanding Participant" in the National Achievement Scholarship program for Black Americans. Students qualify by scoring in the top 5 percent of 120,000 Black Americans who took the PSAT.

Four students "Commended" in National Merit Scholarship program

(12/15/04)

Pooja Patel and Maria Walters from H.M. Jackson High, Andrea Woods from Cascade High and Peter Lee from Everett High received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise.

They will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards. To qualify, they placed in the top 5 percent of more than 1 million entrants.

United Way gifts hit all-time high

(12/15/04)

Everett Public Schools' employees raised more than \$96,800 to support the community through the United Way of Snohomish County fundraising campaign this year.

Board member honored

(12/15/04)

Sue Cooper, Everett Public Schools' board member, was honored by the Washington State School Directors' Association for 20 years of service.

Two receive prestigious scholarships...

(11/24/04)

Everett High students Kylene Johnson and Whitney Linette Teague have been selected to receive Washington State University Crimson Regents Scholarships. According to WSU, this award is given "only to a select group of the finest and most promising high school scholars in the state."

The students will receive "significant financial support for their education at WSU," the university says.

Nationally certified list grows

(11/24/04)

Linda Adams, Dina Alberts, Britt Barer, Debbie Clymer, Gregg Elder, Paula Furick, Kristina Kee, Dianne Lundberg, Noralee (Barney) Petersen and Michelle Wiley are the latest Everett teachers to earn National Board Certification. Achieving this certification requires many hours of work to assure that the teacher is knowledgeable about student learning and uses that knowledge to work effectively with students.

Eisenhower recycles cell phones, cartridges

(5/25/04)

Eisenhower was selected as a winner of the Terry Husseman Sustainable School Award from the State of Washington Department of Ecology and received \$500 because of the school's recycling efforts. Three students represented the school at an awards ceremony: Courtney Kenmir and Nicholas Morley for ink cartridge and cell phone collection and Jesse Downey for cardboard and paper collection.

Linda Adams, Dina Alberts, Britt Barer, Debbie Clymer, Gregg Elder, Paula Furick, Kristina Kee, Dianne Lundberg, Noralee (Barney) Petersen and Michelle Wiley

Student's art ranks in top 10

(Published 4/12/04)

The artwork of Jackson High School senior Taryn Polich is one of ten student art pieces in the nation to be selected for a national tour and exhibit. Taryn won a silver award in the Scholastic Arts High School Visual Arts competition. Her creation, a ceramic shoe titled "LaChassure Chic" will be part of a national tour for a year and exhibited at the Corcoran Museum of Fine Arts in Washington D.C. for the following year.

Staff, students help others

(Published 1/8/04)

Almost every school and department in the Everett Public Schools contributes to charitable organizations throughout the year. Here are some recent contributions:

- The transportation department raised \$1,073.05 through a holiday auction. The money raised was distributed to

Snohomish County Center for Battered Women and Christmas House.

- Through the help of staff, students, PTA, student council, and community partners — Grace Lutheran, Mervyn's, and Kid's Country Day Care — Emerson Elementary helped 44 families and 111 children with food and gifts in the Emerson community.
- James Monroe Elementary collected 1,800 items of food to support the Salvation Army Food Bank.
- Silver Lake Elementary helped 21 families with holiday gifts and made donations to the local food bank to support those in need.
- Jackson High students delivered 300 gifts to Hawthorne Elementary and donated \$226.08 and 3,892 cans of food to the Salvation Army Food Bank to support families in need during the holidays.
- The Pre-Vet Science classes at Cascade High collected 400 cans of wet food and 50 bags of dry food for pets in the community. The food collected was donated to the Everett Animal Shelter.
- Jackson High DECA students volunteered at Teen Hope, an emergency overnight shelter for teens ages 13 through 17, by painting, inventorying food, and doing yard work. Four DECA students have become mentors through the Mentors Matter program with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Food service recognized for excellence

(Published 1/8/04)

James Monroe Elementary was recognized as Best School/Industry/Institution Food Service Establishment by the Snohomish Health District. Cathy Rupe, kitchen manager and her assistant, MaryLou Sturlaugson, were recognized in February, 2004.

Cascade magazine wins national award

(Published 1/8/04)

Last year's Tyro, Cascade High's literary magazine, won first place in the American Scholastic Press Association national magazine competition.

Jackson girls take league

(Published 1/8/04)

Jackson High School was the league champion or co-champion in five out of seven WESCO sports: girls' soccer, girls' cross-country, boys' cross-country, boys' tennis and football. Girls' swimming was second in the league and volleyball finished fourth in the league.

Students help others

(Published 1/8/04)

Eisenhower eighth-grade art students created fall table centerpieces for an auction to benefit Children's Hospital. The auction was a project of Remax Northwest Realtors.

The Cascade Service class will provide a safe Halloween alternative for elementary students from 5-8 p.m. on October 31 in the school cafeteria. They will furnish games, candy and a haunted house. They are asking those who attend to donate two cans of non-perishable food or \$1.

Teacher honored by state group

(Published 10-2-03)

Cascade teacher Joye Melby has been selected as 2003 Washington Art Educator of the year by the Washington Art Education Association (WAEA). This award is the most prestigious award given by the association and was presented at the WAEA fall conference on October 10.

Ginny Lane, president of the WAEA, said, "The board was unanimous in its desire to recognize and honor all the work Joye has done, over time, in the field of art education."

School promotes physical fitness

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North Middle School started an intramural program at lunch for students. Activities will include softball, Frisbee golf, three-on-three basketball, pickleball, Frisbee football, sideline basketball, badminton, Ping-Pong, croquet, flickerball, flag football, volleyball, and a free-throw contest in partnership with the Everett Elks Club.

Students place in National Merit competition

(Published 9/30/03)

A senior from Everett High has been notified that he qualified as a "Semifinalist" in the National Merit Scholarship Program and will be considered for a Merit Scholarship award.

Eight additional students have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise as "Commended" students in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered.

OSPI releases WASL scores, ESEA lists

(Published 9/15/03)

The Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction released WASL scores at 10 a.m. today that show Everett fourth-, seventh- and tenth-graders performing at about the same level as last year. Information about districts and schools in the state designated as not making "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) under the new federal law was also released. On all levels tested, Everett continually enrolled students' WASL scores exceeded the state "uniform bar target" for the percent of students reaching standard in each subject at each grade level.

Everett Public Schools had to meet targets in 111 different categories in order to be judged under the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act (otherwise known as the No Child Left Behind Act) as making "adequate yearly progress." These categories include Asian, African American, Hispanic, Native American, economically disadvantaged, English Language Learners, special education and other groups. The district made "adequate yearly progress" in 85 percent of the categories (94 of the 111 required categories). The district did not make "adequate yearly progress" in 17 of the categories. Ten of those 17 categories were special education and English Language Learners: the district was required to administer the test to all special education students and all ELL students, even if those students have not yet learned English. All student responses on the WASL must be in English.

Jefferson hosts summer book room

(Published 9/15/03)

Jefferson Elementary purchased high-interest guided reading books and put together a book room this summer to enhance their reading program. The school also received a new roof and entryway.

Emerson students study killer whales

(Published 2/19/04)

Emerson Elementary's fourth- and fourth-fifth-grade classes recently spent time with independent researcher, Jeff Hogan of Killer Whale Tales. Students learned about Puget Sound orca whales and participated in a variety of hands-on activities.

Everett Silvertips visit Jackson Elementary

(Published 2/19/04)

Everett Silvertips' hockey team members have visited Jackson Elementary to be interviewed by students, help students with writing assignments, teach hockey skills, and scrimmage with students and staff. On March 10 the students and their families will have a chance to cheer for the team and show their appreciation for its involvement when the Jackson Elementary choir sings the national anthem before the Silvertips game.

Cascade horticulture students display work at garden show

(Published 2/19/04)

Cascade High horticulture students and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members set up two displays at the 2004 Flower and Garden Show.

"The hard work and dedication of all of the students involved really paid off and many are looking forward to participating in future events that will allow them to showcase their skills," said teacher Jenny Steele.

For more information about Cascade's horticulture program visit <http://cms.everett.k12.wa.us/cascade/jsteele/Home>.

Woodside warms hearts

(Published 3/19/04)

Woodside students participated in project "Helping Hands — Warming Hearts" and collected socks, shirts, hats, belts and pants for those who need them. Students donated 579 items for distribution to homeless shelters in the Puget Sound area by the Seattle Emergency Service Center.

Gateway teacher to participate in World Library Partnership

(Published 3/19/04)

Pattie Selby, teacher-librarian at Gateway, has been selected to participate in the World Library Partnership's 2004 Inform the World Library Skills Exchange program in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Selby will live with a host family for a month and travel through rural areas and work side-by-side with other librarians from around the world on projects that foster reading and information literacy.

Home school program receives grant

(3/19/04)

Susan Watkins and Patty Pote, teachers in the Homeschool Alternative Program, received an \$1,800 Care and Share Grant from the Greater Everett Community Foundation to encourage philanthropy in school-age children. Students chose to adopt Doyle Park and create a native plant garden walk in the park. The class has been working with the Everett Parks Department and Snohomish County Waste Water Department. They plan to also involve the neighborhood association in the project.

Locke and Bergeson recognize Madison Elementary

(Published 3/18/04)

Madison Elementary School is one of only 18 schools out of 2200 in the state to be honored in the past 18 months for their reading achievement. Governor Gary Locke and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson were at the school March 18 to honor the achievement of students, staff, parents, and volunteers.

We wish we could clone you and spread you across the state. What you have done is absolutely incredible, said Governor Gary Locke.

Madison is featured on the [Washington State School of the Month Web site](#) for their continued improvement in reading.

Cedar Wood receives grant

(Published 3/4/04)

Cedar Wood Elementary received a \$930 grant from the Toshiba America Foundation for the "Tambark Creek Watershed Project." The funds will enable 80 fifth-grade students to conduct an investigation of their local watershed, make predictions about the local water supply and test their theories.

Heatherwood hosts dads

(Published 3/4/04)

Heatherwood Middle School had 140 guests at Dinner with Dad, a sit-down dinner hosted by the leadership students.

Cascade teacher recognized by peers

(Published 3/4/04)

Jeanine Steele, Cascade agricultural science teacher, has been selected as Outstanding Young Teacher by District 1 of the Washington Association of Agricultural Educators. She will be competing with eight other teachers with three to five years' experience for the state title. If selected, she will represent Washington at the national convention of the National Association of Agriculture Educators next spring.

H.M. Jackson choir places first

(Published 3/4/04)

H.M. Jackson's jazz choir received first place in the High School Vocal Competition "AAAA" and the vocal rhythm section received first place in the High School Vocal Competition "AAAA/AAA" Combo at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

"I was very proud to see the hard work and dedication of these young musicians pay off and bring a positive representation of the student body," said Janet Hitt, choir teacher.