



Evergreen Public Schools

# GOOD NEWS REPORT

## Out and About



The Evergreen School District Foundation received a \$5,000 donation from New Seasons Market during their grand opening in support of area schools. Pictured (l)-(r) front row - **Joan Skelton**, *Evergreen Public Schools* – school board president; **Todd Yuzuriha**, school board vice president; **Teresa Ohrt**, teacher; **Kris Green**, *Evergreen School District Foundation* president. Back row (l)-(r) **T. Westbrook**, Foundation vice-president of grants; **Claudia Knotek**, New Seasons Market community relations manager; **Park Llafet**, Foundation vice-president of marketing; and **Kathryn Berry-Jones**, teacher.

## Awards & Accomplishment



**'Purple Pandas'**  
**Cascade Middle School Team**

*Evergreen Public Schools* robotics teams participated in the recent FIRST LEGO League Robotics tournament held at *Salmon Creek Elementary School* with the following results:

*Burton Elementary School*–Rising Star Award;  
*Hearthwood Elementary School*–first place, Projects;  
*Image Elementary School*–first place, Core Values;  
*Cascade Middle School*– first place, Core Values;  
Rising Star Award and the ACE Award.

Congratulations to *Evergreen High Schools'* We the People team who won first place at the Congressional District Championship for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and will represent the region at the State competition in January. *Heritage High School* placed second and will also compete as they received a wild-card bid.

*Illahee Elementary School* students **Anika Hidayat** and **Elizabeth Xiong** have been selected as winners in the Washington Apple Education Foundation Year of the Apple art contest sponsored by Dow AgroSciences. Each artist received a \$150 cash prize and *Illahee* received a \$200 donation from the Foundation for the purchase of art supplies for the school. To view the winning artwork - please visit the website at [www.waef.org](http://www.waef.org).

Congratulations to the following students on being accepted into the 2012 All State Band, Orchestra or Choir. These students were selected based on audition and will be performing in Yakima at the Washington Music Educators Conference to be held over President's Weekend in February: **Quinn Carnahan** and **Jordan Stowell**, *Evergreen High School*; **Darian Evans** and **Roy Brown**, *Heritage High School*; **Alec Masson**, **Ryan Masson**, **Alicia Kwon**, **Natasha Harris** and **Lucas Hayes**, *Union High School*; **Sean Furcron**, **Kendrick Kim**, **Mikah Washburn**, **Douglas Do**, **Lydia Castro**, **Ryan Mallory**, **Austin Hass**, **Dylan Parmeter**, **Katie Kiboto**, **Brigitta Teuscher**, **Petya Grozeva**, **Cheyenne Carter** and **Wynter Carr**, *Mountain View High School*.

## Serving the Community

*Shahala Middle School* elective leadership teacher **Traci Johnson's** four classes worked with **Joy Temple** from Stewart Title on a sock drive for the Share House. The class that brought in the most socks was promised a food party. **Johnson's** morning seventh-grade class won the challenge with 94 pairs. In all 324 pairs of socks were collected for Share residents.

Students at *Union High School* assembled 100 Thanksgiving meal kits and several dozen partial meals for the Share House last month. They also collected gift cards and cash totaling \$1,600 for the charity.



*Legacy High School* staff and students held a food drive last month garnering seven boxes of canned food for emergency supplies for homeless families in the district's schools.

## School News



*Heritage High School* choir performed for the State Board of Education/Professional Educators Standards Board dinner recently receiving kudos and accolades from attendees on the performance.

*Harmony Elementary School* Art Discovery program leaders have partnered with Whole Foods Market store this past month to develop an in-store art gallery, Whole Foods re-usable bags featuring designs by students **Jake Knepper** and **Ryan Esperto**, and a paper Mache turkey for a table-top demonstration in the store. More than 80 students



**Ryan Esperto (l) Jake Knepper (r)** reusable bag designs.

*Orchards Elementary School* hosted a Dads and Doughnuts event last month sponsored by a grant from the Reading Is Fundamental program. More than 500 people participated and each student received a book to take home.



The *Evergreen High School* chamber choir performed for the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce fundraising luncheon at the Heathman Lodge recently, garnering a \$1,000 donation from **Jeanne Firstenburg** for the choir program.

## Grants & Scholarships

Wells Fargo donated \$1,000 each to *Crestline*, *Mill Plain* and *Orchards Elementary Schools* to help supplement funds for various programs in the schools.

## Staff



More than half of *Evergreen Public Schools* building staff participated in the 'Wear Red for Ed' event last month. On November 28, staff was encouraged to wear red to show solidarity for preserving levy equalization in the state of Washington. To view photo's submitted by the schools click on the district website at [www.evergreenps.org](http://www.evergreenps.org) and click the district's Facebook page. Also, for more information about Levy Equalization please click the following link: <http://www.evergreenps.org/AboutEPS/Pages/howLevyEqualizationhelpsEvergreenPublicSchools.aspx>