



Evergreen Public Schools

# GOOD NEWS REPORT

## Out and About



The *Evergreen Public Schools* maintenance department recently participated in the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk and raised more than \$600. Pictured (left to right): **Joey Wunderlich, Jenifer Wunderlich, Chad Norton, Lori Watson, Dan Modrall, Makhaila Norton, Gary Fazio, Paige Fazio, Amie Hansen, Kathy Weeks, Brenda Loupe, and Randy Hall.**

## Student Awards & Accomplishments

The following *Mountain View High School* students have been named Washington Scholars: **Jeff Wang, Tim Lau** and alternate **Scott Castenson.**

Five students from the *Clark County Skills Center* won state championships at the 2009 SkillsUSA State Competition at the SkillsUSA Washington State Leadership and Skills Conference this month in Yakima. The students now qualify to compete for national championships at the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference, June 21-26 in Kansas City, Missouri. The winners are: **Steven Dirocco, Mountain View High School,** automotive service, **Daniil Kernazhytski, Heritage High School,** computer programming, **Sergie Shalagon, Heritage High School,** electronics technology and **Steve Nance, Mountain View High School,** quiz bowl.

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Washington Search for Young Scholars (WSYS) winners **Kaylee Gray, Frontier Middle School, Miranda Lan and Jessica Wilmoth, Wy'east Middle School, Patricia Chen, Fisher's Landing Elementary School, John Correy, Shahala Middle School, Andrew Harrah,**

**Alia Hidayat and Madison Spencer, Illahee Elementary School.** WSYS is a regional talent search for students in



grades 5-8. The goal of WSYS is to identify Washington's brightest young scholars. Students qualify by meeting score requirements on a standardized test.

Pictured: **Kaylee Gray and Dr. John Sahr,** Director of the Robinson Center for Young Scholars.

*Heritage High School* Future Farmers of America members attended the recent District 8 Career Development competition in Kelso, WA. with the following results: **Victoria Thompson, Amanda Thompson and Chelly Anson,** first place – marketing team; **Jade Thiriot,** third place – creed speaking; and **Amanda Thompson, Chelly Anson and Sylvia Hoel,** first place – sales team.

*Mountain View High School* musicians **Riley Crabtree** and **Spencer Stewart** performed their original compositions at the recent Hearing the Future 12<sup>th</sup> annual Young Composers Project concert at Lewis & Clark College.

Congratulations to the *Mountain View High School* band who attended the Columbia Basin College festival recently where they received two Gold awards, the outstanding music program award and a perfect score from the entire panel of adjudicators. Outstanding section awards were given to the horn section, trumpet section, baritone section, woodwind section as well as the jazz band saxophone and trombone sections. Outstanding soloists recognized were- **Quinn Middleman, Riley Crabtree, John Portin, Jeff Wang, Seungsoo Kim and Seungjun Kim.**

The *Union High School* Envirothon Team participated in the Southwest Washington Regional Contest last month against twelve other teams from Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties. In addition to winning the overall team competition, they also took home first place medals for winning the oral presentation, the soils station and the water quality station. The team will advance to compete at the State Envirothon at Lake Sammamish May 19-20. Team members include: **Patty Tang, Minerva Zhou, Catherine Nguyen, Victoria Do and Evan Fessler.**



Congratulations to *Heritage High School* co-ed cheer team who won the National Championship at the USA High School Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, CA. *Union High School* cheer team placed third in the competition.

*Frontier*, *Shahala* and *Wy'east Middle Schools* Excel students competed in the Washington State History Day contest last Saturday. Students had to first qualify at a regional competition. State results from *Frontier*: **Madison Snaric** - sixth place Von Braun web design and the Archivist award. *Shahala*: **Nolan Henry** – first place Jesse Owens documentary. *Wy'east* results: **Maddie Phillips, Saige Hawthorne** and **Vanessa Bliley** - first place in Group Performance; **Romessa Ahmed, Neesha Godbole**, and **Shika Kalevor** - third place in Group Performance; **Cassie Bliley** and **Abby Kadrmas** - sixth place in Group Performance; **Miranda Lan** and **Callie Hamilton** - first place in Group Documentary; **Joe Howard** and **Sam Howard** - third place in Group



Documentary; **Jeff Longust** and **Trevor Jones** - fifth place in Group Documentary. Student's who placed first, second or third in their category are invited to travel to Washington D.C. in June for the national competition. (pictured **Nolan Henry** and *Shahala* teacher **Nicole Garrio**)

The *Heritage High School* Chamber Choir performed in the Large Mixed Vocal Division last Friday at the State Solo/Ensemble Contest at Central Washington University. They competed against 21 other regional first place winners and took first place.

Congratulations to the following *Union High School (UHS)* architecture students for their participation in the annual American Institute of Architects (AIA) contest sponsored by the Vancouver chapter of the AIA. This year the students had to design a commercial building with a residence above, in the city of Long Beach, WA. In the Advanced category: **Crystal Harris, Joseph Thobaben** and **Jerell Valerio**. In the Intermediate category: **Conner**

**Seat**, won best design and received a copy of Google Sketch up Pro and \$50.00, **Josue Garcia**, was recognized for best overall design and received a copy of Google Sketch up Pro and \$150. *UHS* Architecture was awarded \$100 for classroom use.

*Heritage High School (HHS)* Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club members attended the State FBLA competition recently with the following results: **Zhanna Vuziy** was elected as the Southwest (SW) region vice president, and **Amber Best** and **Zhanna Vuziy**, fifth place, management decision making. The *HHS* chapter placed third for the largest chapter in the SW region. Students making finals (top fifteen), but not placing in the top five: **Ryan Berg**, public speaking 2, **Rysta Bellar**, client service, **Dakota Tinker, Stephen Wu** and **Chris Clow**, web development, **Thoa Le** and **Rysta Bellar**, partnership with business, **Alexa Brittain** and **Ryan Berg**, emerging business issues and **Zhanna Vuziy**, future business leader.

**Karsy Eram** from *Marrion Elementary School* was selected a winner in the 2009 Watershed of Words Writing Contest for her poem, "Long Beach." The contest is sponsored by Clark County Public Works.

Congratulations *Heritage High School* photography student **Kristin Guest**



who won first place in the Triptych Photo Challenge category in the *Evergreen School District* Photo Challenge and **Jamie Roselle**, first prize in the Line Photo Challenge,

Photo by **Kristin Guest**

**Shelby Noble**, placed second and **Justin Levine** placed third.

*Pacific Middle School* ELL student **Artem Navotarskiy** won first place in his age bracket in the Big Dream Essay Contest held recently. **Navotarskiy** won a \$250 gift certificate to Best Buy, tickets to a Trailblazer basketball game and a spot on Big Suke sports radio show.

*Illahee Elementary School* student **Isaac Velazquez** participated in the Clark County Challenge Games on March 24th winning the 25yard dash and a medal for participation.

## School News

*Sunset Elementary School* has been chosen as an exemplary Positive Behavioral Supports School by the Washington Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) network. Schools implementing PBIS demonstrate reductions in discipline referrals, increased

pro-social behavior of students, and improvement in school social culture.

The World We Want - A movie featuring *Shahala Middle School* Project Citizen students was screened by the State Department and the Department of Education in Washington D.C. on April 24th. In addition, the film opened at the Audi Film Festival in Los Angeles last November and won the Audience Award.

Bluewater Productions President **Darren Davis** visited a fourth grade classroom at *York Elementary School* where



students shared their writing projects with the theme of Super Power. During the visit, students learned how rough draft writing with details comes alive when drawing expression and action in comic books.

### Serving the Community

*Orchards Elementary School* partnered with St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Summit View Church to provide 30 families with Easter baskets, which included food, laundry detergent and toiletries.

*Harmony Elementary School* students raised \$1,036.85 for Hats Off for Leukemia and Lymphoma during the week of March 23rd. Each time a student made a donation, they were allowed to wear their favorite hat all day.

### Grants and Scholarships

Congratulations to **Ignas Kazilas**, *Heritage High School* and **Jeffery Bunker**, *Evergreen High School* who were recently awarded WAVE (Washington Award for Vocational Education) scholarships. The award covers two years of tuition at any private or public post-secondary school in the state of Washington.

### Staff Achievements

**Barb Williams**, a student advocate at *Mountain View High School*, has been selected as a 2008 OSPI Washington Classified Employees Excellence Award winner and will be honored at a ceremony at the state capitol on May 15th. She was nominated by **Susan Asher** for the outstanding service she provides to both students and staff.

On Friday, April 10th, during sixth grade lunch at *Wy' east Middle School*, Security Officer **Ben Matthias** noticed that one of the students was choking on some food.

**Matthias** acted quickly and professionally. He assessed the situation and determined that he needed to step in and perform the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the food.