



Evergreen Public Schools

# GOOD NEWS REPORT

## Out and About



*Covington Middle School* teacher **Eric Dodge** was recognized recently at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Real Heroes Breakfast for saving the life of student **Mick Peede** last fall by performing the Heimlich maneuver. The sixth grader was choking on a chicken strip when **Dodge** responded immediately – saving the student's life.

## Student Awards & Accomplishments

**Lauren Powell**, *Evergreen High School*, has been selected as a 2009 Washington Aerospace Scholar. She and 259 other students will complete a NASA-designed curriculum in order to compete for four summer residency sessions.



Three students from *Evergreen High School* will be recognized by the American Association of University Women at the upcoming April 19 ceremony for their achievement in math, science and technology. Congratulations **Lauren Powell**, **Ashley Nguyen** and **Alina Castro**.

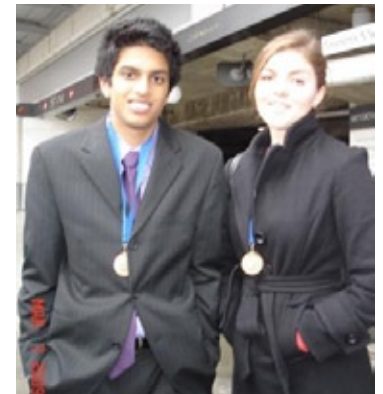
Student artists in *Evergreen Public Schools* were recently recognized at the ESD #112 Regional High School Art Show: Regional Awards (advancing to state) - **David Sun** and **Christine Rice**, *Mountain View High School*; **Ethan Doerr**, **Amelia Ringeisen** and **Taylor Jones**, *Union High School*. ESD 112 Awards - **Yevgeniy Mironichenko**, *Union High School*; **Adrienne Hurst** and **Taylor Turner**, *Mountain View High School*. Honorable Mention - **Lindsey Butler**, *Heritage High School*; **Robyn Dean** and **Alexis Nelson**, *Union High School*; **Adrienne Hurst** and **Luke Swenson**, *Mountain View High School*.

Students from *Mountain View High School* participated in the Letters about Literature program sponsored by the Library of Congress, the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, and Target Stores with five students chosen as semi-finalists. The reading and writing competition challenges students to write to an author about how they feel about how his or her book affected them. Congratulations **Rana Musa**, **Adnan Smajic**, **Lisea Bournes**, **Heaven Campbell** and **Candy Carter**

The following DECA students participated in the Area 9 competition and will advance to the state competition: *Evergreen High School*: **Hannah Protherton**,

**Elizabeth Ceja**,  
**Amanda Stephens**,  
**Kelsey Henderson**,  
**Masha Polozova**,  
**Erin Fleming**, **Megan**

**Bruckner** and **Andreas Martinson**. *Union High School*: **Dustin Flath**, **Manmeet Dosanjh** (pictured) and **Tristin Murphy** (pictured).



The following *Clark County Skills Center* students will compete at the state championships in the SkillsUSA statewide competition next month in Yakima after finishing in the top three in the recent southwest Washington regional **Stephen Dirocco** – *Mountain View High School* and **Valeriy Silanov** – *Union High School* in Automotive Technology; **Viktor Slivkov** - *Heritage High School* in Construction Technology; **Aaron Bruckner**- *Evergreen High School* and **Steven Nance** – *Mountain View High School* in Electro-Digital Technologies. The regional champions in Criminal Justice include **Isabella Cruz** and **Darya Koloyarskaya** from *Union High School* and **Tyler Rossmiller** and **Timothy Tite** from *Evergreen High School* – these students will not be competing in Yakima because there is no statewide competition for Criminal Justice.

**Marcus Kwon**, *Shahala Middle School* student, has been named a Washington state finalist in the 2009 National Geographic Bee. He will compete in Tacoma on April 3 for a chance to represent Washington in the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C.

**Brittany Brock** from *Evergreen High School* participated at the National Forensic League Qualifier on March 7 and will advance to represent the state of Washington in Oratory at the National Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama in June.



The winners of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library 2009 Bookmark Contest include first place winner **Ivy Ye**, *Illahee Elementary School*; **Bryce Gaffney**, *Orchards Elementary School* and **Samual Chih-Hsaing Kuo**, *Illahee Elementary School*. Each winner's bookmark will be reproduced and distributed among the districts' 13 library branches and each student will receive their original framed entry and will be honored at their home library celebrations next month.

The Lower Columbia River Music Educators Association Senior Division Solo and Ensemble Contest was held late January at *Heritage High School*. District winners will advance to the Washington State Solo and Ensemble Contest, to be held next month at Central Washington University. District first place winners include: from *Mountain View High School (MVHS)* **Jillian Andersen**, flute; **Rebecca Phillips**, clarinet, *MVHS* flute duet, *MVHS* double reed ensemble; **Ethan Cobb**, trumpet; **Michael Vandenberg**, multiple percussion, *MVHS* percussion ensemble; **Riley Crabtree**, piano; and **Sasha Reed**, viola. From *Heritage High School (HHS)* winners include **Rachel Helseth**, bass clarinet; **Logan Moss**, french horn; **Ryan Thoreson**, euphonium; **Casey Swart**, tuba, *HHS* large brass ensemble; **Dylan McCoy**, snare drum, and *HHS* chamber choir. From *Union High School (UHS)* **Rachel Stendberg**, mallet percussion; **Christina Arroyo**, soprano; **Natalie Parks**, mezzo soprano; **Austin Karn**, baritone; **Kris Molina**, bass, and the *UHS* men's quartet. From *Evergreen High School* the senior mixed quartet won the mixed small vocal ensemble division.

*Union High School* hosted a regional percussion ensemble competition that brought in judges from the national

percussion ensemble adjudication organization. After the competition, *Union* ranked second nationally in their division.

Congratulations to the following winter *Heritage High School* athletic teams for their excellence in the classroom as well as in competition. These teams have qualified for the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association Team Scholastic Award. This award is given to teams for maintaining high team GPAs. Distinguished Award - 3.00-3.49 - Varsity Boys Swimming - Coach **Dave Shoup** - 3.012; Varsity Wrestling - Coach **Donnie McPherson** - 3.018; JV Girls Basketball - Coach **Karrin Wilson** - 3.048; JV Gymnastics - Coach **Rachel Tamayo** - 3.057; Freshman Boys Basketball - Coach **Matt Kesler** - 3.058; Dance Team - Coach **Kimberleigh Anderson** - 3.307; Varsity Bowling - Coach **Sherry Myers** - 3.311 and Varsity Gymnastics - Coach **Rachel Tamayo** - 3.442.

The regional Science Olympiad competition was held recently at the Lower Columbia College in Longview with the following teams advancing to the state level next month: *Union High School* placed second and *Mountain View High School* took fourth place. Science Olympiad involves both academic and science skills and hands-on engineering abilities in 23 different events. Students compete in tests and "build it" events that require study, practice, and teamwork. *Union High School* students: **Albert Hong, Sunjay Cauligi, Kari Dobler, Meghan Cowan, Patty Tang, Auddri Rahman, Julie Zou, Aurnee Rahman, Brandon Wallace, Angela Sherman, Ankit Upaduyayula, Minerva Zhou, Rick Twelves, Paige Gehrke, and Garrett Schmahl.**

Congratulations to the *Union High School* Concert Choir for their outstanding performance at the first ever Northwest "Gold Standard" Choral Festival in Seattle. Thirteen choirs from Oregon and Washington were featured. *Union* was the highest scoring with performance scores of 98, 98, and 95 out of 100 and a sight-reading score of 55 out of 60.

The *Clark County Skills Center* selected **Kaile Rasmussen**, *Union High School*, as their February student of the month. **Rasmussen** is in the Cosmetology program at the *Skills Center*.



## School News

*Illahee Elementary School* students have been busy! Fourth grade student **Jason Kim** performed “Bach Double” on his violin at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland, Oregon

**Jessica Hou**, fourth-grade student at *Illahee*, won an Honorable Mention in the 2008 Institute for Global Environmental Strategies art competition. Her picture “TREES, Making a World of Difference,” was featured in a 2009 calendar for the month of March.

## Serving the Community

The *Clark County Skills Center* Dental Assisting program participated in a charity event on February 7 at Clark College called “Give Kids a Smile.” The 10-hour event offered free dentistry to children without insurance.

*Marrion Elementary School* students raised \$2,049.92 for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients fundraiser.

## Grants and Scholarships

Congratulations to **Seungjun Kim** from *Mountain View High School* who was among the nation’s top students who received Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement last month. **Kim** will receive a \$2, 000 scholarship from the Siemens Foundation for excellence in advanced science, technology, engineering and math courses. He and the other winners were named in the February 23 USA Today.

## Staff Achievements

*Heritage High School* teacher **Shana Kendall** has received the Murdock Partners in Science grant. It is a two-year grant supporting a partnership between a teacher and science professional from a university. **Kendall** will spend two summers working with a professor from *Portland State University* researching microbial life in the hot spring environment.

The district Transportation department held a fundraiser for the family of 13-year-old Alycia Nipp, who was murdered near her Hazel Dell home. Transportation spent two mornings serving breakfast sandwiches and raised a total of \$1233.23 to help the family with expenses.

Adaptive PE Specialist **Donna Schaefer** has won the Northwest Region Special Populations Award at the National



AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) Conference. **Schaefer** has worked for the district for 30 year and has been instrumental

in the building and shaping of the adaptive PE programs in the district.