



Evergreen Public Schools

# GOOD NEWS REPORT

## Out and About



Fifth grade students from *Crestline* and *Endeavour Elementary Schools* and *Vancouver Public Schools' Sacajawea Elementary School* submitted the winning entries for the Port of Vancouver's Name the Cranes contest. *Ursa Major* (pictured above with all three winning classes) was named by the *Sacajawea* class. **Toni Johnson's** *Endeavour* class named the second crane *Bigfoot* and the two cranes were collectively named *The Blues Brothers* by **Audrey Christina's** *Crestline* class. All three classes were treated to an awards ceremony, lunch and a tour of the port facility.

## Awards

For the third year in a row, *Mountain View High School* has made it into the top five percent of *Newsweek Magazine's* annual high school ranking list. This year the school received its highest ranking to date, 752 out of the top 1,500 high schools in the country.

The results of this year's Portland Rose Festival band competitions are as follows: Starlight Parade Sweepstakes Award – *Evergreen High School*. Out of State open division (bands with 100 or more performers) *Union High School* – first place, *Heritage High School* – second place and *Mountain View High School* – third place. Fred Meyer Junior Rose Festival Parade Out of State open division – *Frontier Middle School* – first place.

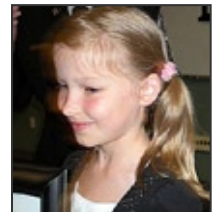


The following students represented *Heritage High School (HHS)* at the *Imagine Tomorrow* competition at Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman. **Robert Sale, Justin Lee-Battin, and Tylor Sproul** won the Most Innovative award and each received more than \$600 in software. Their team designed a floor that captures the kinetic energy created by walking and transforms it into enough electrical energy to light a hallway. **Aaron Cook, Larry Lucero, Gavan Johnson and Kyle Rouse** placed third in the Technological Challenge for their solar water heater bypass to heat algae-biodiesel fuel. **Seth Jordan, Greg Makar and Cody Washbond** designed a carbon converter that removes carbon dioxide and pollution from the air and transforms it into liquid fuel through a process of chemical, pressure and heat treatments. They hope to build a prototype, test it and compete again at next year's competition. **Kayla Harrington, John Hollenbeak and Evan Meyers** received a lot of attention for their

zero emissions alternative transportation option for downtown Portland. The team has been encouraged to seek out grants to put their plan into action next year.



*Sifton Elementary School* student **Deanna Trushin** was recognized at the Vancouver Fire Department's annual award ceremony celebrating local heroes. The third grade student summoned rescuers to her home when her grandmother had a heart attack.



Congratulations to the following student athletes who participated in the Special Olympics of Washington spring state championships last month. Gold medal recipients: Aquatics - **Chelsea Baxter, Union High School**, Athletics - **Patrick Blue, Jason Downey, CHOICE, Everett Lee Smith, Andrew Stekhuizen and Brandon McCullough, Union High School, Bryanna Zychowicz, Frontier Middle School, Spencer Boyce, Heritage High School**, Cycling - **Karen Hilby- Evergreen High School**, and Soccer - **David Ables, Mountain View High School**.

*Sifton Elementary School* third grade student, **Ashlee Murphy**, was one of 600 applicants to receive a

scholarship to attend the Dance Theater of Harlem. **Ashlee** will join other dancers in New York City for a six week program to study ballet, technique and lyrical dance.

Congratulations to the following *Mountain View High School* students who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout: **Bryan Eastes**, his service project included restriping a parking lot, and power washing and repainting handicapped parking spaces at Cascade Park Baptist Church. **Brent Eastes**, his work on the Cascade Park Baptist Church youth group house included re-siding and repainting the building. **Bloor Redding III** restored an outdoor storage facility at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church.



*Evergreen High School* freshman **Siarra Spruill** took first place in a karaoke contest sponsored by the Eagles Lodge.

### School News

The following student poets from *Orchards Elementary School* read their original works at the recent Flag Day Ceremony organized by the Fort Vancouver National Trust at Fort Vancouver National Site's bandstand on the Parade Ground: **Joanna Alvarez**, **Olivia Dietzman** and **Lindsey Hughes**. The event was presented by Veolia Water to honor our nation's flag, and to join citizens and communities across the country in the National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance.



The honor of leading the pledge fell to Staff Sgt. Patricia Haddon of Vancouver, who recently returned from a tour of duty in Baghdad. As she led the crowd in the familiar words, a giant flag was displayed by two dozen Boy Scouts.)

Congratulations to the following *Union High School* students for attending the DECA International Career Development Conference held at the Convention Center in Anaheim, California April 28-May 2, 2009. **Manmeet Dosanjh** and **Tristin Murphy** competed in the International Business Plan (IBP) Team Event. The purpose of the IBP event is to apply marketing skills in an international setting and prepare a written proposal for a new business venture.

*Mountain View High School's* Jazz 1 band culminated this school year's award winning season by recording a music CD. The CD and upcoming Portland jazz club performance cap a stellar year for Thunder musicians.

*Pioneer Elementary School* hosted the annual Young Authors' Conference on May 16, sponsored by the Lower Columbia Council of the Washington Organization for Reading Development. More than 800 students from Clark County schools gathered in small groups to discuss stories they have written. Portland author David Greenberg talked about what it takes to be a writer. He shared several stories to illustrate his point that words are powerful.

The Clark County Dive Rescue Team put on a water safety awareness program for fifth- through eighth-graders at the *Home Choice Academy*. The team covered swimming and boating safety, proper life jacket use, basic self-rescue, hypothermia dangers and "reach, throw, don't go" assistance techniques.



The following *Mountain View High School* graduates have been involved in student leadership at the collegiate level: **Peter Sterr**, (Class of 2005) President of WSU Vancouver – 2008-2009; **Dolly Nguyen**, (Class of 2006) Vice President of University of Washington – 2008-2009; and **Hana Lim** (Class of 2008) Vice President of Clark College

### Serving the Community

*Burton Elementary School* students participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, donating \$1,304 to the American Heart Association.

### Staff

School board member **Troy Thomas** has been elected secretary for the Vancouver-based nonprofit Children's Center. The Children's Center provides mental health services to children and families in Clark County.

Staff assistants **Theresa Sanderson** and **Sharon Terry** from *Sunset Elementary School* have been selected to receive a Job Performance Excellence Certificate from Public School Employees of Washington.