



Evergreen Public Schools

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Out and About



Sam Mwanje with Rotarians from Muyenga, Uganda presents dictionaries to more than 250 students at a ceremony held July 22, 2009. The books were purchased with funds raised by the UHS Interact Rotary Service Club

The *Union High School (UHS)* Interact Rotary High School Service Club has been awarded the Presidential Citation from Rotary International for the second year in a row. Club members participated in service projects that improve their local and international communities including: Working with other high school interact clubs to raise more than \$2000 to purchase dictionaries for a library in Kampala, Uganda; delivering dictionaries to third grade students in Evergreen; and Earth Day tree plantings.

Student Awards & Accomplishments



Mountain View High School's ASB president **Kyra Smith**, left, with "Twilight" actress **Rachelle Lefevre** pose together at the July 4 Vampire Baseball event at PGE Park. **Smith** performed the National Anthem at the fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Congratulations to the *Mountain View High School* Wind Ensemble which has been selected to perform at the Keynote Lecture at the 2010 Washington Music Educators Association conference in February.

School News

More than 30 students in *Evergreen Public Schools* participated this summer in the Educational Service District #112 Youth Workforce Programs. These include Youth Workforce Career Academics (Health Care, Construction, Public Safety, Business Technology and Infrastructure) and the Summer Youth Employment Program and were funded under the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Students earned up to two class semester credits for the work-based learning through the cooperative program.

Heritage High School has been distinguished as a fully accredited school by the Washington State Committee of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS). Certification was contingent on the completion of the school's 2009 School Improvement Plan.

Serving the Community



A group of students from *Mountain View High School's* Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2 bands performed at a school supplies fundraiser at Fisher's Landing Assisted Living Community last month. The group, Truly Jazz, dressed in 50's garb and performed jazz and pep band tunes for the residents. Front row: **Riley Crabtree**. Middle row from left: **Mikah Washburn, Patrick Yun, and Kaitlyn Lee**. Back row, from left: **Sean Furcron, Wesley Pipoly, Connor Simons, John Portin, Matt Lyons, and Chris Gaylor**.

Seventy-five “Sam fans” participated in a head-shaving fundraiser last month for St. Baldrick’s. The event raised \$22,000 for cancer research in memory of **Sam Marx**, a 2007 *Evergreen High School* graduate who died of cancer July 29 at the age of 20. The event included live bluegrass music, square dancing, a silent auction, and food. Guests included Mayor **Royce Pollard**.

Mountain View High School DECA students donated \$97.74 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon. The organization grants wishes to children with terminal illnesses.

Staff Achievements

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Because of the generous donations of school employees, local businesses and community members close to 200 students began the school year with school supplies they otherwise could not have afforded. The following businesses were very supportive of the school supply drive: Wells Fargo Financial - Chkalov Drive branch, WaferTech, JCPenney - Mill Plain branch, Sharp Labs, Knowledge Learning Corporation, Nautilus, T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation, Logitech, Miller Nash, and *Evergreen Public Schools’* employees.

The *Evergreen Public Schools’* Career and Technical Education department received a grant for \$30,000 to expand programs at *Heritage High School*. Funding will be used in the field of Green and Sustainable Design and to explore the development of a biofuels certification program.

The districts’ elementary student assistance specialists (SAS)’s helped connect more than 375 students in our district with donated school supplies. Supplies were donated by several community businesses and churches including New Heights and Good Shepherd and Kaiser Permanente.