



**January 27, 2012**

**From Superintendent Bill Lahmann**

### **OHS Student Named Presidential Scholar Candidate**

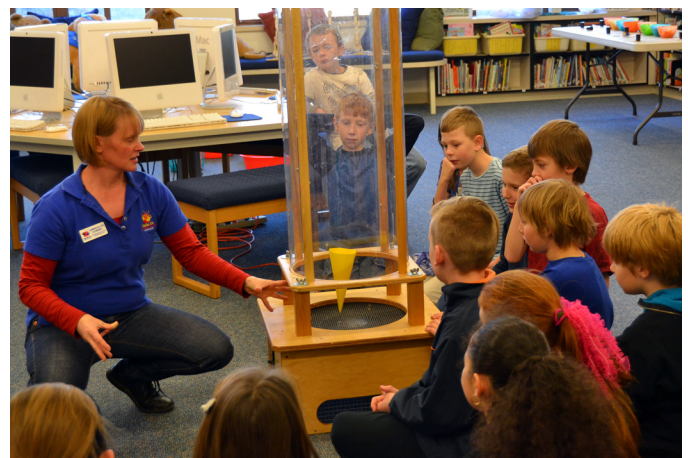
William Hoza, a senior at Olympia High School, was recently named as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. This prestigious honor is only given to 3,000 candidates across the country who then compete to be one of 141 finalists honored with an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. where they take part in a special ceremony with the President of the United States. Way to go, William!

### **Lundberg Named to Hall of Fame**

Congratulations to Dan Lundberg, who will be inducted into the Washington Music Educators Association Hall of Fame on Friday, February 17 at a special ceremony and concert in Yakima. Dan is one of only 10 music educators across the state of Washington who are inducted into the Hall of Fame every two years. There is no higher honor in any profession than recognition by one's colleagues. This award was established for the express purpose of recognizing each inductee for their outstanding contribution to the advancement of music education in the state. Dan's personal achievements and successes have helped champion the cause of music as a core to a quality education. I applaud Dan for his efforts and his contributions to our students and District!

### **Madison Celebrates the Fun in Science**

Thanks to Hands On Children's Museum (HOCM) and toy maker Rick Hartmann, Madison Elementary students had a fun-filled day of science. Students assembled catapults, constructed an airplane design that traveled through a wind tunnel and built wooden cars that raced along a race car ramp. Madison also enjoyed an all-school assembly where Rick Hartmann taught students about different types of science through toy making like force, perspective, gravity and more. Interestingly, Rick invented a motorized ice cream cone (so your wrists don't get tired while enjoying your treat) and the plastic wrestling ring used for playing thumb war. Thank you to HOCM and Rick for providing a memorable day for students and to Madison's PTO for organizing the event.



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## **Missoula Children's Theater Visits McLane**

If you're looking for something fun to do this weekend, attend one of the showings of The Pied Piper, presented by Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) and starring 60 McLane students. Touring for nearly 40 years, MCT travels the county and beyond to bring the opportunity of theater to children, providing a week-long program for students. The Pied Piper will show at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28 at McLane Elementary School. Admissions are typically very low. Thank you to the McLane PTSO for making this event possible for students!

## **OSD Teams Finish Strong at State Competition**

Both Avanti and Capital High Schools delivered impressive performances at the Washington FIRST Tech Challenge State Championships in Bellevue on January 15. Capital's team completed the seven qualifying rounds undefeated, earning a second seed position for the final elimination rounds. As captain of one of the elimination round alliances, CHS chose two partners for the final two rounds, but lost in the semi-finals. Congrats to CHS for an amazing run during their rookie season!

The Avanti teams struggled a bit early in the qualifying rounds, but both teams worked hard to tweak their software between matches. Their persistence paid off as another team took notice of their improvement and invited one of the Avanti teams to join their elimination round alliance. The Avanti team had their best performance of the day and helped the other team advance to the final round. Congrats to Avanti for their successful second FTC season and bringing home a State Finalist trophy!

In addition, Team Jag from Jefferson Middle School was one of 51 teams from around the state competing at the Washington State FIRST LEGO League State Championships in Kenmore on January 15. Teams were judged on their robot design, teamwork and the presentation of their research project. Team Jag took home first place and the Washington State FLL Research Award for their project on food safety. Congrats, Team Jag!

## **WMS Gears Up for Science Bowl**

The first-ever WMS Science Bowl team is gearing up for the Bonneville Power Association's Science Bowl tomorrow, Saturday, January 28 in Portland, Oregon. The team includes students Krishna Upadhyayula (8th Grade), Nitya Krishnar Kumar (7th Grade), Dyuti Nandy (7th Grade), Radnyee Manisha (6th Grade), and Ina LaGrandeur (8th Grade), who have been preparing for this competition since September. Science Bowl is an academic competition among teams of middle school students who answer questions in areas of life, physical, earth, space, energy and general science, as well as mathematics and current events. Winners of the regional science bowl will go on to compete in the national competition in Washington D.C. later this year. I wish the team good luck as they head off for their first competition!

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

- Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:30pm: Joint Board Meeting with Griffin School District at Capital High School
- Monday, February 13, 2012, 6:30pm: Regular Board Meeting at Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA)
- Monday, February 27, 2012, 6:30pm: Regular Board Meeting at Lincoln Elementary School