

# Olympia School District

## Friday Update



**Wednesday, November 23, 2011**  
**From Superintendent Bill Lahmann**

### **ORLA Receives Traffic Safety Grant**

Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA) recently received a \$7,500 grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission for school zone flashing traffic safety lights. This will certainly create a safer environment for pedestrians and vehicles in this area, as well as for ORLA students, staff and campus visitors. Congratulations!

### **Hayes Named Washington Science Teacher of the Year**

Charleen Hayes, 5th grade teacher at Hansen Elementary, has been named Elementary Science Teacher of the year by the Washington State Science Teacher Association. Charleen is recognized for her excitement and enthusiasm for teaching science, effective delivery of scientific content and processes, and promotion of science education beyond the classroom. Congratulations, Charleen, on this incredible honor!



### **Aaron Davis Honored as Principal of the Year**

Please join me in congratulating Reeves Middle School Principal Aaron Davis, who was recently honored as the Black Hills Region Principal of the Year by the Washington School Principals Association. Aaron now moves on to compete for Washington State Middle School Principal of the Year. Just last week, OSD received word that Hansen Principal Ernie Rascon was named Elementary School Principal of the Year for our region. This is quite an honor for our District -- two OSD principals recognized in the same year. These awards are a huge compliment to all the teachers and staff at Reeves and Hansen, as well. Keep up the good work!

### **Special Thanks to the OSDEF**

I was pleasantly surprised when I learned that over the weekend, the Olympia School District Education Foundation (OSDEF) sold more than 2,000 wreaths to raise funds for 5th grade outdoor education at Camp Cispus in Randle. In fact, the OSDEF sold 500 more wreaths than last year and raised more than \$28,000 to ensure our students can take part in this amazing three-day outdoor learning experience. I personally want to thank the parents, students, OSDEF board members, and staff who sold wreaths. I also want to specifically recognize and thank Pioneer Elementary parent and OSDEF board member Ryan Hall for coordinating this fundraiser each year. I sincerely appreciate all the extra effort put forth for the life-changing benefit of our students.