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From Superintendent Bill Lahmann

Madison Students Surprised with Shopping Spree

Thanks to the generous and thoughtful individuals from First United Methodist Church Women's Group, 14 lucky Madison students received a shopping spree earlier this week at Old Navy. Store staff also provided a credit of \$20 per student and held a cupcake party afterwards for all the students. For the past few years, members of the church have reached out to Madison, providing necessary winter clothing for students. The day after the shopping spree, Principal Gayle Mar-Chun reported, *"Fourteen students were happily wearing new outfits today. What struck me were the two girls with their white go-go boots! They were constantly wiping them clean. I am certain that in 20 years, they will remember this day and their new white boots!"* My sincerest thanks to both First United Methodist Church and Old Navy for making this special day a possibility for our students!



Hansen Teacher Launches Successful Programs

I am always pleased to hear of the extra opportunities our staff offer students, and Hansen teacher Greg Skinner is no exception. He has launched Hansen University program, which aims at helping kids extend their skills in report writing, and holds a Math Club for fourth and fifth graders to prep students for the State Math Competition, which will occur in May. I hear Hansen students who are involved in these programs are seeing improvement in their academic achievement. Thanks for your extra efforts, Greg!

Lincoln Holds Science Fair

Young scientists at Lincoln Elementary held an informative and fun science fair last night. As a non-competitive exhibition for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, the Lincoln Science Fair encourages and fosters curiosity and engagement in science. Students had the opportunity to view and comment on their peer's work, and community scientists were on hand to ask questions. All-in-all, it was a very successful night, thanks to the many individuals involved in this very creative and educational evening.

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Fourth Graders to Visit Washington State History Museum

Thanks to grant monies from Target, Roosevelt fourth grade students in Sarah Adderley's, Marylin Gentz' and Thom Sherrell's classes will visit the Washington State History Museum later this year. The Target Field Trip grant is specific to providing students educational, historical and cultural experiences through field trips. This grant will provide funds for Roosevelt's fourth graders to learn and engage in the richness of Washington's history and culture. Congratulations, Sarah, Marylin and Thom!

Blood Drive at Top Foods

Kudos to CHS sophomore Noah McCord, president of the CHS Red Cross Club, for coordinating the many blood drives for our high school students. This year, CHS Red Cross Club is reaching out to the public by offering a blood drive on Tuesday, December 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Westside Top Foods. If you would like to donate, please drop by anytime! Individuals can also register online at www.captialredcross.org or sign up in person at the drive.

OHS Takes Stock Market Game by Storm

Congratulations to first-time economics teacher Jane McKillip and two OHS teams for winning first and second place in the annual Stock Market Game, which is a competition amongst 308 high school teams state-wide. Bryson Downs and Austin Bartlett took first place with a profit of \$30,211, which beat the S&P 500 by 20% over the 10-week game course. Joe Canfield and John Burdette finished in second place with a \$24,022 profit. Bryson, Austin, Joe and John will each receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond for their success in the competition. To date, OHS has won seven out of nine Stock Market Games over the past four and a half years. Congratulations to Jane and her students on a job well done!

Teacher-Librarian Wins Video Contest

Roosevelt's Teacher-Librarian Margo Hill recently won the Washington Library Media Association's (WLMA) Library Information and Technology contest for illustrating the Roosevelt library program with a very creative video. Margo is a member of ESD 113's Teacher Librarian Peer Coaching program, where teacher-librarian leaders work with their peers as coaches to identify ways that technology can enhance classroom education and student achievement. These individuals also support and provide resources for peers to develop technology skills and instructional strategies necessary for integration of technology into the classroom. You can view Margo's video at <http://animoto.com/play/1vjMtaTDz4d0GREY9E342A>. Great job, Margo!

Upcoming Board Meetings

- **Monday, January 9, 2012, 6:30pm:** Regular Board Meeting at Knox Administrative Center
- **Monday, January 23, 2012, 6:30pm:** Regular Board Meeting at Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA)
- **Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:30pm:** Joint Board Meeting with Griffin School District at Capital High School