

Olympia School District

Friday Update



February 3, 2012

From Superintendent Bill Lahmann

OHS DECA Team Finish Strong a Local Competition

Forty-six marketing education students from Olympia High School scored in the top five of their respective events for an opportunity to compete at the State Career Development Conference in early March in Bellevue. DECA members competed against nine other area high schools and the closest competing school qualified 28 students. Special thanks to coach David Eby for all his extra efforts to see that our students continue to excel in the classroom and in competition.

Congratulations to the following students who took first place in their events: Accounting, Allison Foster; Business Financial Services, Devon Parmon; Business Services Marketing, Chase Wood; Quick Serve Restaurant, Tori Dittmer; Buying & Merchandising, Amber Stanley and Stephanie Rager; Hospitality Services, Melissa Flynn and Colin Evans; Entrepreneurship, Jared Sjolin; Advertising Campaign, Madison Murphy; and Hospitality and Tourism Selling, Megan Schmitt.

Food Services Intern Developing Nutrition Data

Marlyne Perez is a dietician intern doing her preceptorship with the Food Services Department and her main focus has been developing a nutritional data format that our school nurses can use in monitoring the foods, ingredients and nutritional facts we serve our students. This will be especially useful for nurses who need carbohydrate information for our students with Type 1 and 2 Diabetes. The information will be posted on the Food Services website when complete (target of March 1). Another charge for Marilyn was to develop a theme menu, and today she created a Super Bowl at Olympia High School that was a huge hit with students. Thanks Marlyne for your contributions to our District and to Paul Flock, Food Services Director, for finding innovative ways to continue improving our services for our students and staff.

OHS Students Take Part in *Poetry Out Loud* Competition

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. It begins with a classroom competition and recently every English teacher at OHS held competitions in their classes, with the school winner eventually competing in the Puget Sound regional competition. Regional winners move on to the state level and then state winners move on to nationals in Washington D.C. in the spring. In the last four years, OHS has sent at least one student to the state competition. Roughly 1,000 OHS student will memorize and recite a poem this year through Poetry Out Loud!

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Avanti High School, Reeves Middle School and Jefferson Middle School Receive 2011 Washington Achievement Awards

I am so proud of the students and staff at Avanti High School, Reeves Middle School and Jefferson Middle School who were recognized this week with the Washington Achievement Award for their incredible academic performance. The Washington Achievement Award is awarded collaboratively with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the State Board of Education (SBE) and is based on the Washington Achievement Index. The award celebrates schools for overall excellence and special recognition in: language arts, math, science, graduation rate, improvement and closing achievement gaps. It honors schools at an annual ceremony hosted by the SBE and OSPI.

This year Avanti was recognized for its overall excellence in Language Arts, and Reeves and Jefferson were honored for their overall academic improvement over the last few years. Schools are selected based on their statewide assessment data for the three previous years. This data is analyzed using the Achievement Index and methodology approved by both OSPI and the SBE. Congratulations to all of the students and staff at these schools for your extraordinary efforts! That's it for this week. Hope you get a chance to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Monday, February 6, 2012, 6:30pm: Board Study Session at Knox Board Room
- 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