

# Olympia School District

## Friday Update



**September 11, 2009**

**From Superintendent Bill Lahmann**

### **What They Did On Their Summer Break**

Educators know that summer break typically means time spent taking additional courses, gathering new materials for the school year and attending professional development activities. Here are just a few examples of what your colleagues were doing this summer: Steve Bove, Capital High School physics teachers, was awarded a scholarship to attend an intensive five-week summer institute in physics through the University of Washington. Avanti High School math teacher Todd Thedell and Jefferson Assistant Principal Monica West served on a state committee through OSPI on mathematics collection of evidence and Certificate of Academic Achievement options to help students meet graduation requirements. Washington Middle School teacher Sue Johnson, participated in the Legislative Scholars Program, a four-day training that gives educators additional tools to teach students about our representative democracy. Congratulations and thanks to all of our staff members who work throughout the summer to improve their craft and their profession.

### **CHS Seniors Featured on KING 5**

It's nice to see some positive news about students in the media. This week, there was an excellent feature on KING 5 featuring CHS seniors Courtney Jackson and Sydnee Dieckman in a segment about athletes who excel in academics. The two life-long friends are soccer players for the Capital High School team and are high-achieving students in the classroom. Check out the story here: <http://www.king5.com/video/high-school-sports-index.html?nvid=397297&shu=1>

### **OHS has Spirit, Yes They Do**

KING 5 Evening Magazine is currently running a poll on the school with the most school spirit. The poll also includes giants like the University of Washington and Washington State University. And yet, sitting at the top of the heap in the survey currently is Olympia High School with 25% of the votes cast, a well-earned placement. To keep up with the latest results, go here: <http://best.king5.com/standings/best-of-western-washington/4749/where-we-live/school-with-the-most-spirit>

### **OSD Bus Inspection Passes With Flying Colors**

It is becoming a regular tradition – the Washington State Patrol annual inspection of our school buses came back once again with exceptional results of no findings or concerns. We recently received a congratulatory note highlighting this accomplishment from head of OSPI Randy Dorn and Chief John Batiste from the Washington State Patrol for our continuing work in support of pupil transportation safety.

### **Olympia School District Joins Capitol Campus Safety Fair**

Homeless Liaison Sarah Greenwell and Communications Administrative Assistant Rachelle Underwood represented the Olympia School District today at the Capitol Campus Safety and Wellness Fair. The District was first approached about attending this fair by a group of state employees who were eager to spread the word about the Welcome Room Program and our efforts to support homeless students and families. The safety fair also featured representatives from local fire departments, law enforcement agencies and other organizations who provided demonstrations and safety information.

### **Upcoming School Board Meetings**

Monday, September 14, 2009, Regular Meeting, Knox Administrative Center, 6:30 p.m.

Monday September 21, 2009, Study Session, Knox Administrative Center, 6:30p.m.

Monday, September 28, 2009, Regular Meeting, Jefferson Middle School, 6:30 p.m.