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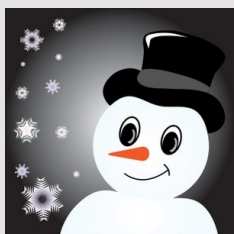
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CLUB NEWS



Earth Corps continues to be a very active club at Olympia High School. The students continue to run all phases of the OHS Recycling program, as well as assisting with composting.

The Club members are also involved in an ongoing habitat restoration project at Meyers Point which has now expanded to include a partnership with Puget Sound Restoration Fund, which is a non-profit working to re-establish shellfish beds. The oyster beds had been closed for a decade. The Earth Corps members were involved in seeding the oysters as well as improving the oyster habitat by clearing and planting trees on the slope above the oyster beds. Now the harvesting restrictions have been removed and the PRSF sells the oysters through the Olympia Seafood Company to raise money for their efforts.

The OHS Pond continues to be a source of pride for Earth Corps. The members keep the trail in good condition, continuously removing weeds and installing native plants.



A Garden Mural



Avanti High School Art Teacher, Virginia Murray was excited to learn that Madison Elementary School was looking for volunteers to paint a mural in their play shed.

It was a wonderful opportunity for her students to produce a real life, public piece of art approximately 120 feet long. It was also a challenge since she request came when our weather had already turned cold and wet. Most paint needs 50 degrees to dry. Finding paint that could dry at 35 degrees was a project in itself! Ms. Murray

3 Avanti students met with the Madison students to see what they “do” during their school day. They wanted to use a garden theme (representing the Avanti-Madison garden started last year) and add the cool things students do at Madison.

Avanti Senior, Mali Kadden, took the information and created a unique design for the mural. The mural depicts the diversity of the school population in the border, which is colored brown for the earth. From the earth comes the grass and plants (painted green) representing the growth of the students. Blooming from the plants are colorful flowers filled with learning opportunities and experiences.

The actual painting started in mid-November and continued through rain, wind, snow and freezing temperatures right up to winter break.

A special **thank you** to Sherwin Williams for donating all the paint and primer needed for this project. The cold weather paint had a retail value of \$400!

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Activities Calendar:

January 13th: FBLA Regional Competition
January 19th: DECA Area 8 Competition
February 27-28th: WA Legislative Conference
March 3rd-5th: DECA State Competition
March 14-15th: WAVA Conference
March 17-19th: WITEA Conference
April 7-9th: FBLA State Competition
April 7-9th: FCCLA State Competition
May 19th– All Advisory Meeting

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Sample of 2010-2011 Course Offerings

Avanti HS:

Career Choices
Commercial Art
Career Counseling
Graphic Communications

Capital HS:

Personal Finance
Visual Communications
Digital Design
Drafting
Espresso Store Management
Law and Justice
Bio thru Horticulture
Marketing
Robotics
Sports Medicine

ORLA

American Sign Language
Digital Film, Media &
Photography

JMS/MMS/RMS

Robotics

Olympia HS:

Accounting
Anatomy/Sports Med
Annual
Material Science
Careers in Education
Cabinet Making
Business Education
Biotechnology
Early Childhood Education
Photography

From the Director's Desk

Collaboration and Teamwork– This fall there has been a huge effort on the part of CTE teachers to work amongst each other, within their buildings and in the community as a whole. Pictures on the front of this newsletter show a few collaborations in action. “Bigs” and “Littles” in the Early Childhood Ed program have visited classrooms throughout the Olympia HS building several times already this year– there was trick or treating in Oct and a holiday visit in Dec. They also teamed up with the Art classes to create wonderful projects. Horticulture students at Capital HS have “adopted” a houseplant in another classroom and teamed up with a Biology class to plant red and yellow tulips around the school campus.

Sports Medicine students at OHS and CHS have worked with students throughout their buildings. Avanti HS students completed art and garden projects with the Madison students across the parking lot.



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The CHS FFA Club put together a Thanksgiving basket for the family of a CHS student and six CHS Business students went to the TC Food Bank to stuff stockings for community members in need. This is just a small sampling of activities that happened in our buildings during the past few months.

The benefits of these collaborative projects go far beyond the lesson that day. They can open up a student's vision to the world outside of the high school classroom and give the outside a new view of the value of Career and Technical Education.

I am proud of all of the work that has gone on this fall and look forward to seeing these efforts continue.