

Winter 2012

Straight from the Superintendent

Dear Neighbor,

We already are feeling the excitement of the upcoming school holiday in the hallways. With the holiday season upon us and the New Year ahead, it is the perfect time to reflect back on the past year – and it has been a remarkable one. Through some of the challenges we have faced, our school district and community have grown stronger together.

Because of the fire at the high school last May, our schools have received many blessings. I would like to honor and thank the first responders from Woodburn and the surrounding areas for their prompt response. These men and women are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice with their public service. Thanks to their speed and coordination, they were able to safely contain the fire and minimize the damage to the high school.

Our community came together to be there for our students during that time, and right before graduation! They continue to be supportive as we work towards rebuilding our high school. Woodburn is an amazing and caring community. I'm thankful to be a part of it.

The past few years of difficult budgets and tough decisions have brought some changes and challenges to our schools. In spite of this, our students continue to strive for excellence and achieve it in the classroom. Our staff, teachers and administrators wear several hats during the workday and continuously give of themselves. They put our students first and I appreciate the sacrifices they make and their continued commitment to this organization.

This year has been filled with moments that deserve celebration, too. Just recently our high school boys' soccer team brought home their third state title in a row. Woodburn Pride is as strong as ever—go Bulldogs! Throughout the year, our schools and educators have been recognized at the national level for excellence. We have much to be proud of and celebrate this year, and I hope you will join me.

I wish you and your family a joyous and peaceful holiday and a happy and healthy New Year!



David Bautista

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Superintendent

State Supreme Court Holds Session in Woodburn

It is not often that a civics lesson comes to life before students very eyes, but on November 7, the Oregon Court of Appeals held three official cases in the Lectorium in Woodburn.

Judge Darleen Ortega, the first minority female on the Court of Appeals, presided along with Appeals Court Chief Judge Rick Haselton and Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul De Muniz. Muniz, the first Hispanic judge on the Oregon Supreme Court, served as judge pro tempore.

Students witnessed the cases and participated in a follow-up question and answer period with the judges and lawyers present. Before the sessions, students were briefed on some of the background by the lawyers making each appeal. Most of the students that participated were from senior-level American government classes. The three cases were selected so that the students could understand them and have real-world understanding of how laws are created and revised.

Thanks to all the teachers and administrators that coordinated this unique opportunity for our students.



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Our Classroom Heroes

Every day in our Woodburn schools we have many unsung heroes: our classroom volunteers. These volunteers donate their time providing support for staff and students in and out of the classroom.

Lincoln Elementary would like to honor a group of 10 women that volunteer on a nearly daily basis. In addition to helping the school at events and in the classrooms, they run Lincoln Parents United a group that fundraises to support field trips, teacher scholarships and the "Battle of the Books" program. A special thanks to Lincoln Elementary's treasures: Charla Peterson, Deanna Baxley, Tamra Pickett, Stacey Sheirbon, Amanda Jensen, Sylvia Peterson, Veronica Brown, Angela Stucki, Molly Eagles, and Crissy Keelan.

Every volunteer's dedication improves the educational experience for our students, as well as provides a great service to our teachers. Their gift of time enhances the lives of our students and strengthens our community as a whole.

Thank you to all the classroom volunteers!

Lincoln's "treasures" being recognized at the November school board meeting.



Good News

Woodburn High's Boys Soccer Team Claims Third Straight State Title!

<http://bit.ly/WiyhG8>

The Elementary Migrant Program at Nellie Muir Wins National Summer Reading Program

<http://bit.ly/TOCnDG>

Three Woodburn High Schools Rated 'Outstanding' on State Report Card

<http://bit.ly/TejTBc>

International Baccalaureate Diplomas Awarded to Four Woodburn Grads

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Woodburn Proud Collected Over \$18,000 to Support Students and Staff Following High School Fire

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