



Evergreen Public Schools

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Out and About



Carson Kelso (l) from **Illahee Elementary School** along with Kelso's mother, **Dianna Kelso**, led a group of approximately 40 volunteers delivering meals and coats to hundreds of homeless last month in various parts of Portland, including the homeless encampment Dignity Village.

Student Awards & Accomplishments

Mountain View High School senior **Jing Xue** has been chosen as a recipient of the 2010 Young Women of Achievement award sponsored by Clark College and the YWCA Clark County. **Xue** will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Congratulations to *Mountain View High School* student **Allen Hunsaker** who has been chosen to participate in phase one of the Washington Aerospace Scholars Program, based out of The Museum of Flight in Seattle. **Hunsaker** will spend five months studying a NASA-designed, distance-learning curriculum via the internet, hoping to qualify for the Summer Residency program over the summer at The Museum of Flight.

Congratulations to *Evergreen High School* 'We The People' team for placing third in the state competition held in Olympia last month. The following students in Unit Two received a perfect score for their

presentation: **Paige Carnahan, Stephanie Sears, Danny Martinez, Eduardo Chiprez and Kathryn Simovic.**

Union High School student **Christina Arroyo** won first place in the Senior Voice category at the Northwest Division Competition of the Music Teachers National Association held recently at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR. **Arroyo** will advance to the finals competition to be held in Albuquerque, NM in March.



The following students from *Union* and *Heritage High Schools* participated in the recent DECA (A Career and Technical Student Organization in the Marketing Field) Area 9 Regional conference and have qualified to advance to the state competition: *Heritage High School* - **James Nelson, Rachael Alvick, Melissa Gipe, Emily Perez, Makenna Grove, Ashley Thompson, Michelle Siegel, Mariah Hayes, Derrick Easley, Kendrick Spiller, Lara Lucero, Sunny Pisano, Dakota Clevidence, Dakota Kerns, Cole Price, Aysha Johnston, Anna Johanson, Jake Smith, Katie Cockreham, Keelena Bonglamphone, Alena Harvey, and Terrell Quiquley.** *Union High School* - **Darryl Mason, Chelsy Taxel,**

Hayley Barnette, Hannah Leas, Tori Morgan, Karen Keniston, Casey Crum, Jessica Chow, Gabrielle Lucey, Emily Willeman, Lauren Burton, Yun Cheng, Lauren Hurst and Ashley Kuh.



Chelsy Taxel (l) and **Darryl Mason** (r) DECA state qualifiers.

Eight students from **Lee Emmert's** digital photography class at *Heritage High School* were named winners in the fall 2009 Adobe Youth Voices International Photo Competition. The students were among 19 worldwide who submitted work in the 'under 18 category.' The

winners are - **Alicia Burgett, Alex Ellinburg, Roberto Fykes, Derek Julian, Lindsey McKim, Emily Myers, Devin Napier and Jamie Winter.** The winning photos will appear in a traveling exhibit as well as in a book to be published later this year.

Union High School Jazz I Band was selected as the best band at the University of Oregon Jazz Festival this past weekend.

Congratulations to *Shahala Middle School* student **Peter Lu** who received a 'Best in State' award from the American Math Competition for 8th grade. Hosted by professors from the University of Nebraska.



The following *Heritage High School (HHS)* cheerleaders participated in the Washington State Cheer Coaches Association All-State Championships and took home State titles in the five-person coed group stunt division and coed partner stunt divisions: **Zak Kruse, Feleicia Marshall, Jasmin Lewis, Carli Pilcher and Morgan Wisch.** This is the second year in a row that a team from *HHS* has won this division.

Serving the Community



DECA students from *Heritage High School* formed a partnership with a local McDonald's restaurant to create a plan to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Through weeks of planning and marketing a T-shirt created by DECA, an ASB organized coin drive and other activities, including an appearance by Ronald McDonald and the Hamburgler at school pep rallies, the students raised \$1,337 and collected 200 stuffed animals for the charity.

Orchards Elementary School partnered with St. Andrew Lutheran Church, SHARE House, the Salvation Army and Summit View Church to provide food boxes for more than 200 *Orchards* families over the holidays.

Wy'east Middle School students in the EXCEL English/World History class collected and donated more than 50 pounds of dog and cat food for the Humane Society for Southwest Washington. Students also collected 60 books and gifts for the children of the YWCA Y-Care program (a daycare for children living in the city's homeless shelters).

Early Childhood Center staff, families and PTO purchased and wrapped 110 Christmas gifts for 18 children in eight families.

Brownie Troop 41005 from *Illahee Elementary School* held a fundraising dinner at the home of their leader, **Karen York**, for 40 people and sang songs between courses in order to raise \$250 for the Feeding America program. Pictured, back row left to right: **Ashley Doyle, Imani Chapin, Savannah Virtue, Zoe Weimerskirch, Sarah York.** Front row left to right: **Carson Carruthers, Emily Caccamo, Isabelle Eastman, Kaitlynn Milliken and Ashlynn Gardner.**



Heritage High School's National Honor Society (NHS) students held their annual toy drive for 45 homeless and foster care children in Clark County.

Scholarships and Grants

Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,000 to each of the following schools as part of their support to public education in Clark County: *Crestline Elementary School, Mill Plain Elementary School* and *Orchards Elementary School.*

Staff Achievements

Elementary Student Assistance Specialists (SAS's) connected approximately 570 students and their families with assistance over the holiday season. For Thanksgiving, more than 270 children and their families were referred to local agencies including the Salvation Army and SHARE House for food baskets to help them celebrate. Staff and PTO members at several elementary

schools were also generous in their donation of food and gifts to approximately 35 families.

Former Superintendent of Evergreen Public Schools **Rick Melching** has been inducted into the 2010 Clark County Hall of Fame by the Rotary of Vancouver Sunrise. Honorees are chosen for their service to the community, the workplace and throughout the world.

The following *Evergreen Public Schools* teachers have received board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: **Megan Allard** - *Image Elementary School*, **Tyson Bjore** - *Covington Middle School*, **Deborah Doden** and **Catherine Rasner** - *Marrion Elementary School*, **Julie Jeppesen**, **Diana Marsden** and **Susan Schroeder** - *Silver Star Elementary School*, **Chrystina Kelsey** - *Riverview Elementary School*, **Lynn Konkol** - *Evergreen High School*, **Melanie Lindholm** and **Kay Slattery** - *Mountain View High School*, **Rebecca Martinez** and **Nilda Trone** - *Frontier Middle School*, **Lisa Messer** - *Heritage High School*, **Todd Parsons** - *Shahala Middle School*, **Lindsey Pisarczyk** - *Hearthwood Elementary School*, **James "Matt" Rold** - *Endeavour Elementary School*, **Nina Rubinelli** - *Illahee Elementary School*, **Whitney Sellers** - *Cascade Middle School*, and **Christopher Sigman** - *Pacific Middle School/Harmony Elementary School*.