



Evergreen Public Schools

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Out and About



More than 35 *Evergreen Public Schools*' classified staff volunteered their time to coordinate the "Stuff the Bus" drive for SHARE this past weekend - collecting enough food, cleaning supplies and toiletries to fill two school buses. District administrators donated \$400 and Public School Employees of Washington, SEIU Local 1949 awarded the group a \$500 grant to help pay for fuel for the buses, signs, printing of flyers and other miscellaneous items. The items were donated to SHARE, a non-profit serving the homeless in Clark County.

Student Awards & Accomplishments

The National Merit Scholarship Program announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the annual program who will advance to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships. Semifinalists in *Evergreen Public Schools* are: **Sarah Shenk**, *Heritage High School*; **Ellerie Chen**, **Riley Crabtree**, **Rona Ding**, **Colin Milne**, **Nicholas Passannante**, **Bloor Redding** and **Luke Swenson**, from *Mountain View High School*.

The *Evergreen High School* Marching Band placed first in the Pacific Coast Invitational Marching Band competition in Salem, OR earlier this month.

Congratulations to *Mountain View High School* students **Jing Xue** and **Liya Mo** who have been named National Forensic League (NFL) Academic All-Americans.

The NFL is a national speech and debate honorary organization.



Jing Xue



Liya Mo

Congratulations to **Jacque Brown**, a 2007 *Evergreen High School* graduate who was recently crowned 2010 Miss Greater Vancouver. She received a \$1,250 scholarship and will compete for the Miss Washington title.



Jacque Brown,
2010 Miss
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Lauren Marshall and **Amanda Imsirovic** from *Union High School* competed in the Miss Teen division. **Imsirovic** was voted Miss Congeniality and **Marshall** was awarded first runner-up and the Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award.

Recent *Mountain View High School* graduate **Spencer Stewart** has been awarded a Berklee Presidential scholarship and is currently attending Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA. **Stewart** played bass for the Washington All-State honors jazz program and participated in the American Music Program and Young Composers Project in Portland.

Congratulations to the following fall *Heritage High School* athletic teams for their excellence in the classroom as well as in competition. These teams have qualified for the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association Team Scholastic Award. This award is given to teams for maintaining high team GPA's. Distinguished Award: 3.00-3.49 - Varsity Football Team - Coach **Nate Becksted** - 3.045; JV Cheerleading Squad - Coach **Dave Pilcher** - 3.083; JV Boys Cross Country Team - Coach **Jenny Teppo** - 3.115; JV Girls Swim Team - Coach **Dave Shoup** - 3.155; JV Volleyball Team - Coach **Holly Rodriguez** - 3.228; Varsity Boys Tennis Team - Coach

Joel Bieker - 3.280; JV Girls Cross Country Team - Coach **Jenny Teppo** - 3.295; Varsity Cheerleading Squad - Coach **Dave Pilcher** - 3.302; Freshman Volleyball Team - Coach **Shawn Perez** - 3.308; Varsity Girls Swim Team - Coach **Dave Shoup** - 3.400; Varsity Volleyball Team - Coach **Chelinda Dettorre** - 3.420 and Varsity Girls Soccer Team - Coach **Angie Michaelis** - 3.426. Outstanding Award: 3.50-4.00 - Varsity Girls Cross Country Team - Coach **Jenny Teppo**- 3.906.

School News



The *Evergreen High School* “We the People” students hosted a “Meet the Mayoral Candidate” Q&A event last night in the school’s campus commons with close to 150 students, parents, staff and community members attending. Mayoral candidate **Tim Leavitt** and **Eric Withee**, Field Strategist for Mayor **Royce Pollard’s** reelection campaign fielded questions by the student moderator and an open session for the audience. The event was organized as a part of a civic engagement lesson.

The *Heritage High School* cheerleading squad shared their spirit at a recent game - for the opposing team. The cheer squad was on the sidelines at McKenzie stadium last month waiting for the *Heritage High School* game to start when they decided to cheer on the Forest Grove Vikings in the fourth quarter of a grueling battle against *Evergreen High School*. The visiting football team did not have a cheer squad and it’s no coincidence that their only touchdown of the evening came after the cheerleaders started to rally for them.

Serving the Community

The Elementary Student Assistance Specialists (SAS’s) are working with SHARE to coordinate a weekly backpack food program for students in the district. SHARE provides students’ families enough food for a weekend. The food is delivered to each school and sent home with the student in their backpack each Friday throughout the school year. The SAS helps identify

students in need and becomes the contact person with families and also coordinates the distribution on Friday afternoons. More than 230 students and families from 11 of the districts elementary schools have been served so far this school year.

Marrion Elementary School received a generous donation of gently used and new clothing from a parent in the community who works for a clothing company. More than 40 children received warm clothes, shoes and coats for the winter.



Cole Price, a senior at *Heritage High School*, organized a golf tournament at Fairway Village Golf Course as part of his senior project. The event raised \$850 for the Northwest Autism Foundation.

Doug Van Aalst, left, was one of the winners at the golf tournament organized by Cole Price, right.

Staff Achievements

Evergreen Public Schools Video Services department has received a PEG (Public Educational and Government) grant for \$88,973 from Comcast Cable. The PEG grant will be used to purchase video equipment for the video production classes at three of the district’s high schools - *Evergreen*, *Heritage*, and *Mountain View High School’s*. Professional cameras, video switchers, lights, and audio equipment are among the items the schools will receive.

The Vancouver Business Journal has selected *Evergreen Public Schools* Public Information Coordinator **Meeka Kullberg** as one of its “Accomplished Under 40” class of 2009. **Kullberg** has been with the district for three years and serves on the board of directors for the YWCA Clark County.



Congratulations to **Melanie Green**, *Orchards Elementary School* staff assistant who received the Big Brothers and Big Sisters 2009 School Liaison of the Year Award from the organization.

Fircrest Elementary School Pull Out Excel teacher **Roger Fisher** has been invited to join the Washington State

Highly Capable Programs Advisory Committee.
Fisher has worked with the High Capable program for 10 years including providing training for teachers in Washington and Oregon who work with gifted children.



Kudos' to *Covington Middle School* science teacher **Suzanne Sooter** who completed the 26 mile Portland Marathon last month.