

Good News

North Bend Middle School announced that the local Wal Mart store has agreed to provide two TVs as incentives for student perfect attendance. The awards will be made at the end of the year.



Hillcrest Elementary announced that their parent organization is close to raising sufficient funds to complete a paved jogging/walk path around their playground. The path will compliment the additional play area constructed this fall.



Grade 1 teacher, **Patricia McKenna**, was recognized last week at the *Teacher of the Week* on our local television station. She will be spending some additional time at the Pony Village Mall.

Free Library Books

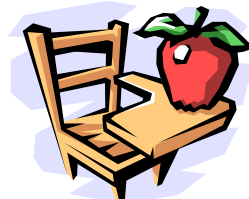
There are still a number of usable library books on the shelves of Bangor Elementary. If you know of any educational organization that would benefit from the books, they can have as many as they wish at no cost. A representative from the organization should contact the District Office immediately. The organization will be expected to select and box the books and help stamp each book as a discard. If any teacher would like these books as rewards for students, he/she can also have as many as they wish, but the timeline is very short to access these treasures.



Stephanie Martin has been hired as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Special Education Director. She will begin training for the position with Bonnie Wiegman on February 16th. Congratulations Stephanie!

Superintendent Search

Applications for the superintendent position close today. A team of patrons and staff members will be screening the information next week and providing their recommendations to the School Board. A first round of interviews are scheduled for March 4-6. Watch for additional information about possible building tours and an opportunity to greet final candidates.



Conference Presenters

Congratulations to our Student Tech Team who presented at the Northwest Council For Computer Education in Portland on February 9th. High School Students included: Kim White, Skye Gilbreth, Wil Fowler, Amanda Keith, Bobby Dallas and Tatiana Havill. Staff leaders included: Barb Becker, Judy Moyer, and Erica Hutcherson. For a full report on this project, see the attached press release.

Budget Process

The second year of the legislative biennium provides a greater degree of predictability for school districts. Usually school districts have a better idea of actual resources and can begin the budget process earlier. Unfortunately with reduced resources throughout the State, many school districts have underestimated the money they will receive from local taxes. As a result, the State School Fund (our main resource for funding) has been adjusted a number of times and the financial office has had difficulty confirming our final funding payments for past years. The net result is that we will be starting the actual budgeting process later in the spring.



Official meetings will not start until May and we will have a unofficial work sessions in April. The Business Office will continue to work behind the scenes to develop costs and possible resources. This process will reduce the long and often painful process of making budget cuts and then revisions as resources are adjusted through the spring.