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Renton School District is proud of the accomplishments of our students, staff and families. Here are just a few Good News items highlighting those accomplishments.

Dimmitt Middle School students in Heidi Riegsecker's sixth-grade Honors Language Arts class recently walked to nearby Bryn Mawr Elementary School to help instruct elementary students in reading. The middle school students are learning about community pride and engagement, and have worked for several weeks becoming more involved their community. Dimmitt students took their favorite books with them to read with first-grade students and helped the younger students sound out words, asked questions about the story and read with enthusiasm. The moment wasn't lost on the teacher. Riegsecker said of the event, "this was definitely one of those moments that teachers live for."



Lindbergh High School recently held its third annual Trades Fair to present students with information and options for future employment. Nearly all Lindbergh High students attended the event, along with groups of students from other district high schools and middle schools. Careers represented at the event included building trades, carpenters, engineers, land and water resources management, electricians and marine construction. Area community colleges presented information on cosmetology, medical and culinary programs. Students in the Culinary Arts program at Lindbergh provided lunch and snacks for those in attendance.

Lindbergh High School students in Natalie Kolczynski's Careers in the Community class hosted a Health Fair for fourth- and fifth-graders at nearby Tiffany Park Elementary School. The Lindbergh students created presentations that relate to the district's elementary school health curriculum and sets a good example for younger kids to lead a healthy lifestyle. Health Fair stations included dentistry, CPR, first aid, nutrition and exercise, anti-smoking, anti-drug, and careers in healthcare. The Health Fair also counted as a culminating project for high school seniors.



Two high school students in the district's Networking Technology program recently passed the skills test to earn the CompTIA A+ certification, the technology industry standard for computer support technicians. Graham Dougherty (I), a senior at Sartori Education Center and Tajinder Singh, a senior in the H.O.M.E. program, earned the international certification which proves their competence in areas such as computer maintenance, networking, security and troubleshooting.

Hazen High School students in German, French and civics classes attended lectures today hosted by the Deputy Spokesman for the Delegation of the European Union. The visiting dignitary, Mattias Sundholm, presented students with a lecture entitled, "What U.S. students should know about Europe" which focused on how European and U.S. economies are interlinked and interdependent. Sundholm later spoke at the European Union Center for Excellence at the University of Washington.

Renton High School students recently worked with the University of Washington Financial Director, along with admissions representatives, and members of the UW Dream Team Mentors program, to better navigate the college application and financial aid process. The workshop was a great success and provided in-depth presentations about how to create winning college essays and find and apply for scholarships and other funding.



Hazen High School senior Jeremy Undis (I) won the 2010 Career and Life Skills Education poster contest. Jeremy, who is enrolled in Jim Goodboy's Visual Arts class, will receive a \$500 Kiwanis scholarship and have his poster (r) displayed on a billboard across from Renton City Hall. About 60 students submitted posters as part of the annual contest. The winning work is rated based on clarity, originality and attractiveness by judges from the community and school district.



Hazen High School alum Barbara Madsen (I) has been sworn in today as the state's newest Chief Justice to Washington's Supreme Court. Justice Madsen, who graduated from Hazen in 1970, was first elected in to the Supreme Court in 1992, and re-elected for a third term in 2004. She has served as a public defender in King and Snohomish Counties, and a Seattle City attorney.

