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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.

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Renton School District science teacher Brian Teppner (r) has been voted president elect of the Washington Science Teachers Association, an organization committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning. The election is significant as Brian is the organization's first president in a while to come from an elementary background. The election demonstrates the confidence that Brian's colleagues have in his leadership, his ability as a teacher and his extensive knowledge of science.

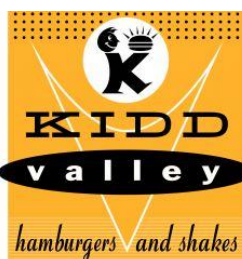


Renton Schools Superintendent Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel (l) has received the Award of Merit from the Washington Association of School Administrators. Regional members of the organization, including area superintendents, stated that Dr. Heuschel provides a model for other school leaders across the state and selected her for the award based on her demonstrated achievement in leadership; constant, fierce attention to local, state and legislative decisions; and, her commitment to, and success in, increasing student achievement for all students in the district.

Bob Bridge, president of Bob Bridge Toyota | Scion in Renton, has been elected president of the Washington State Auto Dealers Association (WSADA). As part of his presidency, Bob is allotted a grant through the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation to provide funding to any local medical, economic or educational organization that he and his board agree would benefit from the funding. Bob has chosen to present every new teacher coming into the Renton School District this year with funds for classroom materials ranging from \$50 to more than \$100 each. The gift will be presented to teachers in late August at



the annual Renton Chamber of Commerce New Teacher Breakfast.



Kennydale Elementary School teacher Kelly Murphy was selected as a 2nd-place winner in the 2010 Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year award. Kelly was nominated by her third-grade student Tony Beal, who wrote a glowing essay, giving multiple reasons why Kelly should be Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year. Kelly will receive a \$25 gift card good at any Kidd Valley restaurant.



Maplewood Heights Elementary School staff was recently highlighted in a news article published by the state's education office for exhibiting the largest gains of schools involved in the Summit Improvement Initiative. Maplewood teachers and staff were recognized for their readiness to benefit from the process, enthusiastic teacher leaders, an educational coach who helped support and align the work, and a principal who was accountable for school wide participation.

The Summit Improvement Initiative is a commitment designed to improve academic achievement for all students through coordinated and aligned instruction, and is funded through a federal Title I grant administered by the state's education office.