

LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #129

Reflections

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By Jim Busey

Teacher of the Year—Tom Robinson

Message from the Superintendent

We would like to thank the students, staff, and parents for an excellent start to the 2009/2010 school year. Though the Beebe Bridge closure created some challenges for our families in Douglas County, we are proud of the adjustments everyone made to help our students arrive for school each day. In particular, I would like to thank our transportation department and the families that made changes in their schedules.

As we prepared for the opening of this year, our staff celebrated the numerous "success stories" of our students and programs. You can view the entire "Celebration of Success" document on our website at www.chelanschools.org.

We continue to be proud of our students' academic success in all content areas. Our staff and students review this state assessment data, in addition to local NWEA scores, to set goals, action plans, and areas needed for improvements. This information will continue to be used to help students achieve at higher levels, in addition to class/program placements.

Chelan High School received another prestigious award being recognized as a "Great School" this fall. The Center for Educational Effectiveness presented this award to our staff and school board on October 27th. We are proud of everyone on staff and all students for this dedication to excellence. This award is similar to the "School of Distinction" state recognition last year.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and entire staff, please continue to stay involved with our schools and communicate often with your children's teachers. Together we will continue our pursuit of :

**Educational Excellence for Everyone
In the Lake Chelan School District!**

The Lake Chelan School District is extremely pleased to announce that **Tom Robinson** has been selected as the **ESD Region 171 Teacher of the Year**. Tom represented our region of 29 school districts in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant counties at the state level competing against eight other teachers for the Washington State Teacher of the Year. There are nearly 80,000 teachers in our state and Tom Robinson represented the "Best of the Best" in Washington State.



Tom was selected as the Lake Chelan School District Teacher of the Year in February, 2009. He was nominated by numerous staff and selected by a group of parents and community members for this local recognition. Tom was nominated for the regional and state level award by Mr. DePaoli, Chelan

High School Principal, and Dr. Jim Busey, Lake Chelan School District Superintendent of Schools.

Tom has been teaching for thirteen years, the past two in the Lake Chelan School District. Tom teaches Physics, Algebra I, Geometry, Pre Cal/Trig, and Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics. He also is **National Board Certified** and coordinates/mentors the teachers in the Lake Chelan School District that are pursuing this highly acclaimed certification. Tom has written several books including "The Everything Kids Science Experiments Book" and "The Everything Kids Magical Science Experiments Book". He was also a member of the OSPI State curriculum committee for our new mathematics standards. In addition, Tom is the Head Girls' Basketball Coach and, in his first year, his team finished in 5th place at the State Tournament.

The State award ceremony took place at the Experience Music Project in Seattle on September 28th. Although Tom was not selected, we know that he was an excellent representative for our NCESD region. **Congratulations Tom!**

Reflections 2009/2010: *As you read in our June, 2009 newsletter, we are changing the Reflections publication to Fall, Winter, and Spring. A 2010 Report Card will also be published in the spring. Please review our website often at www.chelanschools.org for current, updated school information.

Board Information:

Board Work Session-6:00 p.m.	11/10
Board Meeting-5:00 p.m.	11/24
Board Meeting-11:30 a.m.	12/15
Board Work Session-6:00 p.m.	1/12
Board Meeting-6:00 p.m.	1/26



**Home
of the
Chelan
Goats!**



Community Service

Mrs. James' first grade class made "Get Well" cards for patients at our local hospital. This was a fun activity for students and a great way to serve our community!

Ready for Kindergarten is a program designed to give parents the support and "tools" to help their child come to school ready for success. It consists of three FREE 90 minute workshops where parents receive training from trained instructors. "Ready for K" believes that parents are a child's most important and influential teacher. The instructors show parents how to turn everyday experiences, toys and books into a learning experience.

Who can attend? Parents with children that will be entering Kindergarten in the Chelan School District in the fall of 2010. If you are interested, please call Morgen Owings Elementary at 682-4031.

TARGET and Afters Enrichment will be offered to students in 1st – 8th grades. These programs are funded through the 21st Century Grant and M & O Levy funds.

TARGET AFTERS (October 19 – May 6)

- *Designed to increase academic proficiency
 - *(curriculum complements classroom instruction)
- *Students referred by teachers
- *Over 250 students attend twice weekly
- *A certified *Academic Coach* designs after school instruction, delivered by *Activity Leaders*

AFTERS ENRICHMENT

- *Classes offer students wholesome after school pursuits
- *Parents/ students select classes
- *Various classes are offered in six week sessions
 - *(average of 250 students participate each session)
- *Community members often teach classes

2009-2010 AFTERS ENRICHMENT SESSIONS:

- *November 9—December 17 (MOE and CMS)
- *February 8—March 25 (MOE and CMS)
- *April 19—May 6 (MOE)

If you would like further information or are interested in participating in the Afters programs, contact Lesley Van Over, Afters Coordinator, Lake Chelan School District, 682-4031, Ext. 310, or vanoverl@chelanschools.org.

MOE Holiday Program

Once again MOE music classes, directed by **Bob Soost**, will be performing in the Community Gym on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. This is 1/2 hour earlier than usual because we are offering more entertainment! In addition to the 1st through 5th grades performing holiday and seasonal music, the MOE 5th Grade Beginning Band will be performing! This band has gotten so large that they need a bigger venue to perform in! The band will be directed by **Stephen Burdick**, Chelan Middle and High School Music Director.

PTA IS BACK IN ACTION! We have some old officers re-turning and are thrilled to have two new officers. **Toni Gasper** will be heading our **Fundraising** and **Joanne Strandberg** will be promoting **Membership**. Both are on board for the next two years! After a successful PTA Dinner at Open House, we are on to our next BIG adventure. The students have started selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough for our biggest money maker of the year. Last year we raised over \$10,000.00 and look forward to exceeding that dollar amount this year. These funds are used to purchase equipment for the playground, support MOE Student Council, purchase shirts for Run Club, and most of all, help bring positive programs to the school throughout the year. So thank you for your purchase!

PTA's annual Membership Drive will end on November 5th. **ANYONE CAN JOIN!** You don't have to have a child/relative in the elementary school. All monies collected help to benefit all children and that is one of our main goals for PTA; support and provide a safe and effective learning environment for all students.

There is a lot happening at MOE this year, and with these events come the need for volunteers. Please consider helping on an event/activity. PTA can be contacted through the school or email at moepta@chelanschools.org

Teaching Lifetime Activity to CHS Students



Physical education is an integral part of the total education of every child in Kindergarten through grade 12 and reinforces knowledge learned across the curriculum. The physical education programs at Chelan High School promote responsibility, cooperation and leadership, as well as help all students gain an appreciation for physical competence, life-long health-related fitness, self-responsibility and enjoyment of physical activity. The lifetime activities classes at Chelan High School allow the students to learn from off campus, life-long activities including: Golf, Canoeing, Bowling, Cross Country Skiing and Horseshoes. Several different community organizations continue to aid in our student's pursuit of lifelong learning through activity. Chelan High School Health and Fitness instructors **Chris Griffiths** and **Joe Harris**, along with **Lake Chelan Eagles Horseshoe Club** member **Bob Gilbertson**, have spent two mornings a week this fall teaching the finer points of this lifetime physical activity. Students this fall also participated in a water safety course with assistance from the Chelan County Sheriff's office and deputy **Mike Simmons**.

News From the Night Owls—Chelan Preparatory High School...

Otherwise known as Chelan's night English Language Program, is off and running to another great year. We had a 90 percent return rate of eligible students from last year. And the weak economy in California has affected our program by flooding the area with a huge influx of potential new students.

This and the Beebe Bridge being out, posed significant challenges. We offer English language classes at the beginning, intermediate, and advance levels, as well as the opportunity to earn a high school diploma. This is our seventeenth year offering a wide variety of classes for high school aged students who are unable to attend CHS, yet really want to obtain an education.

Bond Levy Update:

MOE Bus Pickup/Dropoff *(completed August, 2008)

*additional new ramp for access

CMS/CHS Drainage Project *(completed May, 2008)

- *French drains around entire perimeter/tied to City drains
- *new catch basin (entrance) tied to existing catch basin
- *sprinkler systems moved/upgraded
- *new sidewalk/handicapped access improved
- *gutters replaced/commercial
- *roof insulation improved
- *roof repaired/*warranty



Property

*road/infrastructure (accommodates short/long term off-site improvements, including primary and secondary road access requirements from City and PDD)...Road 40'/28'/sidewalk-dry utilities/domestic and irrigation water/intersection/ "bulb outs" and speed tables installed. ***(completed September, 2009)**

Ballfields

- *continue to be specified with layouts/cuts & fills. Larry Hibbard is working with consultant on soil analysis to determine most cost effective method to move material.
- *bid has been delayed to February, 2010
- *3 baseball/softball/2 soccer fields are tentatively planned

MOE Food Service

*new serving line, freezer, dishwasher, storage, space remodeled/flooring ***(completed September, 2009)**

CMS/CHS Food Service

*tile/entrance improved/serving, freezer space ***(comp. Sept. '09)**

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

*new light/sound booth/controls relocated/access through upper stairs ***(completed Sept. '09)**

Community Gym

- *committee work continues-bid April '10
- *next meeting - 11/10/09 - District Office



THE TRUTH ABOUT WINTER...By Guy Harper

Winter is coming too soon! It is time to be prepared for slippery conditions on the roads, parking lots, and sidewalks. When we have snow, our custodians are out early with plow trucks, tractor mounted snow blowers, etc. Safety is what the season is all about for our crew. After blowing the snow, we put sand and ice melt on parking lots and sidewalks. Please be reminded to wear safe, appropriate footwear as ice in some areas is unavoidable and conditions change throughout the day. **Let's all enjoy the season and have a great and safe winter!**

FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPT....By Brenda Shaffer

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents, drivers, and the entire community for their patience during the adjustment in routes due to the Beebe Bridge closure. We all worked together to get the students to and from school and had great cooperation from everyone involved. When the first snow falls (or November 1st), the winter routes will begin. Please check the website under transportation for route time adjustments throughout the year. Please call if you have any questions, 682-2442.

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE...BY Trish Nichols

Morgen Owings Elementary was approved to receive the Fresh Fruit and Veggie grant for the 6th year in a row! MOE students have a great opportunity to try a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Our students eat a weekly average of 200 lbs. of vegetables and 1,500 lbs of fresh fruit. We also received a \$38,000 grant to update equipment in the MOE kitchen, as well as all the updates to the MOE and MS/HS food service areas completed this summer. These remodel projects were supported by the 2008 Bond Levy. Thanks to our community for these improvements!

Forum for Families/Friends of Special Needs Children...

The purpose of this group is to help family and friends become self-sufficient advocates through: linking families, building relationships, providing assistance and support and teaching how to navigate the system. This group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Special Programs office at 682-7744.

Strengthening Families Program...

This program is to help youth prepare for teen years by strengthening family communication. Parents and youth ages 10-14 are welcome to attend. Sessions will run from October 26th-December 7th. Dinner, activities, and free child care will be provided. For information, please call Fabi Lara at 682-4031.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/2...Late Start -10:30 a.m.
- 11/5...End of 1st Quarter**
- 11/10...Board Work Session - 6:00 p.m.
- *Community Gym Com. - 7:00 p.m.
- 11/11...Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 11/24...Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- 11/25...Early Release 12:30/12:45 p.m.**
- 11/26-27...Thanksgiving Vacation
- 12/7...Late Start - 10:30 a.m.**
- 12/10...MOE Concert-Grades 1-5/
- *Beginning Band-7:00 p.m.-Com. Gym
- 12/15...Special Board Meeting - 11:30a.m.**
- MS Concert-6th, & 7/8 Band & Choir**
- *7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center**

- 12/16...HS Concert-HS Band & Jazz Bd.
- *7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
- 12/21-1/3...Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**
- 1/4...School Resumes
- 1/11...Late Start - 10:30 a.m.**
- 1/12...Board Work Session - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/13...Past Board Member Lunch - D.O.**
- 1/18...Martin Luther King Jr. Day-
- NO SCHOOL
- 1/21..."Ready for K" - 6:00 p.m. - MOE**
- 1/26...Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/27...Early Release-Semester Ends**

Teens Against Tobacco Use

About fifty teens from both Chelan HS and Manson HS attended the TATU training at Chelan HS. The trainer, Marilyn Dold from Together for Drug-Free Youth, spoke about the club's main goal...to help teens remain tobacco free, and to develop skills to teach younger children about the dangers of tobacco use. Students were also taught how companies use advertising to deceive youth into buying and using tobacco products.



Yearly Notifications

No Child Left Behind...AYP Notification

The Lake Chelan District met all categories of Federal guidelines with No Child Left Behind (NCLB), except Special Education in reading and math at MOE. Though our students did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) at MOE in Special Education, students met and/or exceeded standards in all other sub-categories. We encourage parents to discuss student progress with staff and principals in their respective schools. We will continue to use our staff training and development funds to make the most positive/caring impact on students.

Pesticide Notification

To help keep our parents and community informed of any application of pesticides to our grounds, the Lake Chelan School District, in compliance with RCW.17.21.400, will be providing the following:

All schools will provide written notification describing schools pest and weed control policies and methods according to RCW.17.21.415. Schools will have a notification system in place at least 48 hours before a pesticide application is applied. There will be a sign posted in the school or building office with details containing:

Name of pesticide, date and time of application

Location of where pesticide is to be applied

Name of vegetation to be controlled and name and number of contact person of school

There will also be flags posted on the entrance of the physical areas of application until re-entry is safe, usually 24 hours or less. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Maintenance Supervisor, Guy Harper, at 509-682-3390. The Lake Chelan School District applies these in order to keep the facilities in the best possible condition for athletic and recreational activities, and to promote great pride in our facilities. (ref. Board Policy 6895)

Asbestos Management Plan

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, in June of 2002, we performed a reinspection of our school buildings for asbestos containing building materials. Existing asbestos containing materials are limited to floor tiles, which have been covered by plywood and wall-to-wall carpet, and pipe lagging, which is in a sealed tunnel under Bradley St. All other asbestos materials in the buildings have been removed. No asbestos containing materials have been used in any of the buildings or remodels since 1985. The results of the reinspection are on file in the Management Plan in the School's Administrative Office and at each of the building sites. You are welcome to view these during school hours. Information is available on an appointment basis by calling 682-3515.

Notification of Rights under the...Family Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the students education records. They are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- (4) The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

FOOD ALLERGY ALERT

"What is in that sandwich? I have to make sure it's okay for me to eat."

Teach your food-allergic child to ask simple questions and you'll give him the skills he needs to stay well. Here are strategies to use if your student is allergic to milk, wheat, nuts, or any other food.

Tell everyone...Notify the school and ask that the teachers, kitchen staff, school nurse, and bus drivers be told. Also, let coaches, friends' parents, and activity leaders know.

Read labels...Teach your student to read every food label. Ask your doctor for a list of products to avoid. For example, if your child is allergic to milk, he has to look out for terms like lactose, casein, and whey powder.

Know what to do...Make sure your student knows the symptoms of a reaction (rash, vomiting, swollen tongue, stomachache, trouble breathing). He should let an adult know immediately if any of these things happen.

Know what not to do...Your child shouldn't share friends' lunches or trade food with anyone. He also shouldn't eat any food without knowing the ingredients.

If you have a son/daughter with a food allergy of any type, please do not hesitate to contact Anita Rutter, Nurse at MOE, Vickie Taylor, Nurse at the Middle/High school, or myself, Trish Nichols, Food Service Supervisor, 682-4031-Ext. 164. **Your child's health and safety is our first concern.**

NOTICE REGARDING FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENTS

At the beginning of each school year, every parent has the right to request and receive, in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers. In addition, the parents may also ask whether the child is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, his/her qualifications. Please contact your child's principal if you wish to receive this information, have questions, or concerns.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

Beginning with the 09/10 school year, Level 2 and 3 Sex Offender Notification will be posted to the district's website when they are received from law enforcement officials. If you prefer to have the notice mailed to your home, please contact the district office-682-3515.

For direct access to the "Offender Watch: database for Level 2 and Level 3 Sex Offenders you can log on to the Chelan County website at www.co.chelan.wa.us under "Law and Justice".

Evaluations Available for Special Services

Lake Chelan School District offers services for all children, ages 3-21, who have disabling conditions or developmental delays. If you suspect your child has delays in speech, motor, cognitive, or social and emotional development, please contact the Special Programs office at 682-7744.

We can screen and evaluate your child to determine whether or not they are experiencing delays in their development. If your child is under three years old, the North Central Educational Service District provides services to children in the Chelan Valley. Please call our office if you have any questions./concerns.

The Lake Chelan School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer and/or Section 504/ADA Coordinator: Larry Bowers, Title IX/Chapter 28A.640 Officer, Section 504/ADA Coordinator, PO Box 369, Chelan, WA 98816.

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