

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



## Mark your calendar for the STRIDE: May 21

Mark your calendars for the Eighth Annual Student Stride for Education on Saturday, May 21 at WHS. Proceeds return to our schools through the Washougal Schools Foundation teacher grants. The Stride is a fun-filled morning featuring student grade level runs and an adult 5K run and walk. Participants receive a t-shirt, race-day medal, bottle of water and finish-line treats. Thank you to Discovery Dental, this year's Title Sponsor. Registration forms and a schedule of events are available at school offices or online: [www.washougalsschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.washougalsschoolsfoundation.org).

## Board selects Dawn Tarzian as new Superintendent of Schools

The Washougal School District Board of Directors has selected Corvallis School District Superintendent Dawn Tarzian as its next Superintendent of Schools. Tarzian will begin work July 1, succeeding Teresa Baldwin who retires in June.

One of four finalists in an extensive search process, Tarzian has served as Superintendent of Corvallis School District in Corvallis, Oregon, since 2005. Prior to that she served as Assistant Superintendent and Director of Teaching and Learning for the school district. Tarzian previously served as Director of Student Services for Linn Benton Lincoln Educational Service District. She also worked as a principal for Greater Albany School District in Albany, Oregon, and also in Falls City School District in Falls City, Oregon. Tarzian earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and her Master's in Education from the University of Oregon. She holds an Oregon administrator's license.



Dawn Tarzian

Tarzian and the other three finalists visited Washougal School District on March 25 to tour schools, meet district staff, students and community members and interview with the Board of Directors.

"I am honored by the opportunity to become the superintendent of the Washougal School District," said Tarzian. "The reputation of the district is one of quality and of a place where caring staff challenge students to meet high expectations. Through the application process, I had the opportunity to meet students, staff, parents and community members up close. In addition to academic achievement, I saw a commitment to the whole child – developing healthy, engaged citizens who are applying what they learn in the classroom to their community

and the world beyond. I am very impressed and excited that I soon will be a part of the Washougal community. I believe that I will be able to support and enhance the vision and goals that have been set for learning and student development."

"The Board was very fortunate in having extremely qualified applicants," said Board President Blaine Peterson. "That presented us with a very difficult problem, but after much discussion and deliberation we feel we have an excellent new superintendent to help our students reach their full potential. We appreciate all Teresa has done for our district and look forward to continuing the growth and improvements we have been experiencing in our district."



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# Robotics team will compete in World Championships

The FIRST Robotics Team 2471 (Team Mean Machine) composed of students from Washougal, Camas, Hockinson and Hayes Freedom High Schools took first place at both the Seattle and the Portland Robotics Competitions in March. The team's coach for the past four years, Mohit Abraham, said that Team 2471 once again demonstrated their superior work ethic, determination, team unity and gracious professionalism. Their next competition will be the Robotics World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri, April 27-30. The team continues to fundraise to offset expenses, and donations may be made through the ASB office at Washougal High School.



*Robotics Team Members and mentors—left to right: Pete Ackerman, Roy Thornley, Romney Kellogg, Alexander Korolkov, TJ Houze, Patrick McCarthy, Riley Taylor, Jacob Wright, Anna Kellogg, Carlo Calica, Mohit Abraham and Jared Freeman (sitting down).*



*Emily Carroll and Missy Knapp*

## WHS Equestrian Team members head to State

Three Washougal Equestrian Team members have qualified for the Washington State Equestrian Team tournament. Seniors Emily Carroll (Poles), Missy Knapp (Reining) will compete at the State Meet April 22-24 in Moses Lake.

## CCMS students donate shoes to those in need

Canyon Creek Middle School's ASB has collected more than 1100 pairs of shoes for One Step Closer to Love. The shoes were presented during the school dance March 25. For more information about the program, visit the Shoes for Kids/Making Happy Feet website: <http://shoesforkids.me/>



## Scholar athletes

The Washougal High School Athletic Department is pleased to announce that the following teams have received recognition from the WIAA for their academic achievement during the 2010-11 Winter season:

### Distinguished Scholastic Award- (3.0 – 3.49 GPA)

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| <b>Boys C Team Basketball</b>  | <b>3.061 GPA</b> |
| <b>Boys Varsity Basketball</b> | <b>3.112 GPA</b> |
| <b>Boys JV Basketball</b>      | <b>3.281 GPA</b> |

### Outstanding Scholastic Award- (3.5 or above GPA)

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| <b>Girls Varsity Basketball</b> | <b>3.513 GPA</b> |
| <b>Girls C Team Basketball</b>  | <b>3.619 GPA</b> |
| <b>Girls JV Basketball</b>      | <b>3.651 GPA</b> |

In addition, senior **Ryan Erdwins** and Coach **John Carver** were honored at the 19th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet sponsored by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Clark County Branch.

Ryan Erdwins was one of 29 local high school senior football players honored for success in the classroom and community along with success on the football field. Each football player not only had to excel on the field, but also had to have at least a 3.0 GPA and be a leader in his high school and community.

The NFF also gave out the John Hadley Award to long time Washougal football assistant coach and WHS teacher Dr. John Carver. The Hadley Award is given out to an assistant coach who has shown loyalty, been a positive influence on young people, and an integral part of the success of their football program.

Many thanks to the Washougal High School staff and coaches who inspire scholar athletes to be their best in school and in their sports.

## WHS student receives award in regional high school art show



WHS student Bethany Sasaki has received an award for her untitled artwork in pastel, as part of the ESD 112 Regional High School Art Show in February and March. She was recognized at a reception on March 8 as one of our region's most talented student artists.

## Annual report available online

Check out our annual Report to the Community, with information including assessment results, graduation rates, and information about adequate yearly progress, school improvement and teacher qualifications. View ours online: [http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/teach\\_learn/reporttothecommunity.htm](http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/teach_learn/reporttothecommunity.htm)

To receive a printed copy, contact Sandy Ladd, 954-3000.



## Cape Horn-Skye teacher receives award

Cape Horn-Skye teacher Penny Andrews has been selected to receive the Mathematics Education Trust (MET) Future Leaders Initial NCTM Annual Meeting Attendance Award to attend the group's annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN, in April.

## Kindergarten Spring "Round-up" Registration, May 2 – 6, 2011

Registration for children entering Kindergarten at Cape Horn-Skye, Gause, and Hathaway Elementary Schools for the 2011-2012 school year will be held May 2 – 6, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the school where the child will attend.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years old on or before midnight, August 31, 2011.

### Parents must present the following for admission:

1. Original Birth Certificate
2. Proof of vaccinations as required by Washington Law
3. A completed, signed Certificate of Immunization Status form



# LaCamas Community Credit Union donates funds to WHS



Washougal High School ASB President, Aviv Bressler (second from right) and senior, Hunter Ringsage (second from left), accept a Community Partnership donation from Kathleen Romane, President and CEO of LaCamas Community Credit Union (far left), assisted by Washougal Branch Manager Darcie Williams (far right). This generous donation will be used to finish a beautification project at the athletic entrance to the gymnasium at Washougal High School.

# Washington Aerospace Scholar, Patrick McCarthy

WHS senior, Patrick McCarthy, is a graduate of the 2010 Washington Aerospace Scholars residency hosted by Boeing and The Museum of Flight in Seattle. Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) is a competitive educational program for high school juniors from across Washington State. Patrick was among the 160 who qualified for the Washington Aerospace Scholars Summer 2010 Residency program. The program is designed to inspire students to pursue degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Students also participated in briefings by experts such as retired astronaut Dr. Bonnie Dunbar on space exploration and mission management. They visited the Boeing Commercial Airplane plant and toured engineering facilities at the University of Washington. Patrick has been accepted to several notable



Patrick McCarthy

universities where he hopes to study engineering.

Four other WHS students have been accepted into the WAS program for this summer: David Choi, Madeline Down, James Maguire and Samuel O'Hara. These students are currently participating in Phase One of the program.

## Check out our blog

Be sure to visit the Washougal School District Blog, <http://washougalsd.blogspot.com/>. This new blog will showcase the great things that are happening in Washougal Schools, focusing on student successes in areas like fine arts, sports, and academics. The blog will be updated frequently, and you can subscribe to get updates.

## Find More News at - [www.washougal.k12.wa.us](http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us)

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### **You're invited to the Washougal School Board meetings!**

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the district board room, 4855 Evergreen Way.  
April 26 • May 10 • May 24

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
Teresa Baldwin

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