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## School Community Comes Together

by Dr. Brenda S. Dietrich, Superintendent of Schools

We have certainly faced our share of difficulties in Auburn-Washburn over the past six weeks. We have seen tragedies among students, staff, and friends and have dealt with the many challenges these sad circumstances create in our school community. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your compassion, hard work, and professionalism in response to these events. I have seen you come together in remarkable ways to make sure that students' needs were met and that learning continued.



I am sure that these last few weeks have been stressful for all of you on many different levels, but your natural optimism and ability to reach out to others in comfort and support is commendable.

### Vision Forward

While we have been dealing with the sad events of the past few weeks we haven't stopped looking to our future. Our Vision Forward Committee has begun meeting to work on a long-term solution to district growth issues. The committee is being co-chaired by Board of Education president Joyce Martin and member Dr. Jim Owen. Parents, patrons without children, business owners, and others make up the committee. Teacher and principal representatives are joining other district administrators in providing support to the group. The committee hopes to issue a report to the Board early next year.

### Security

Another area the district is working to address is security. We are having our plans and processes evaluated to find areas that can be improved. Some extra security staff has already been provided to the middle school and we anticipate some other changes to be recommended and implemented over the next couple of months. We will keep you posted.

### United Way

Auburn-Washburn has completed its United Way Campaign for 2006. I want to thank everyone who participated. We raised \$11,197, which was slightly above last year's total.

And now for the moment you have been waiting for...

The winners of the paid day off are:

Judith Crites - Classified - Indian Hills Food Service

Teresa Good - Certified - Jay Shideler Music Teacher

I will be filling in for Teresa while Martin does Judith's job for a day.

The winners of the Old Chicago gift certificates are:

Roy Knisley - Classified - Bus Driver

Jeff Handley - Certified - WRHS Teacher

The winners of the Maggie Moo's gift certificates are:

Sharyl Coffey - Classified - WRHS Library Clerk

Mary Ogle - Certified - Auburn Elementary Special Education Teacher

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you again for another successful United Way Campaign.

## **AW Foundation Donations**

Donations to the Auburn-Washburn Public Schools Foundation have been made in memory of the following individuals.

Damon Higbie, Jr

Victoria Frances

Mary Ester Wiens

Roxine L. Welch

Victoria Frances

Rod McMaster

James Elmborg

Noah Garey

Susan Draffan

Donald Schroder

Andrew McLaren

## **District publications sent to out-of-district staff**

Each year the district publishes a Back-to-School Calendar and four issues of our district newsletter, School News. If you live outside the district and would like to receive these publications just send your address to Martin Weishaar ([martin@usd437.net](mailto:martin@usd437.net)) at SEC.