



The Mount Baker school board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10 in the Nooksack Tribal Offices. The following is a summary of the meeting.

The Board Approved –

- Personnel Actions – Attachment “A”
- Maintenance & Operations Levy 2008 – 2012 Resolution #07/08:10
 - i. Vote Tuesday, March 11
- Policy - #6570 Property, Data & Records Management – Approved for 2nd Reading & Adoption
- Overnight Trips –
 - 1. Wrestling State @ Tacoma, February 14 & 15

The Board Heard Information About and Discussed –

- Good of the Order – Attachment “B”
 - i. Acme Elementary Gift to Board Members – Digital Yearbook of Acme
- Visit to Kendall Elementary School Science Classroom
- WSSDA (Washington State School Director’s Association) Math Standards Discussion
- Indian Education Programs, Impact Aid, Title VII
- Levy Task Force
- Lake Whatcom Watershed
- Communication with Dr. Bergeson, re: Education Resource Center
- Capital Facilities Plan
- Math and Health & Fitness Curriculum Review Development Plans
- Scholarship Foundation Meeting – Everyone invited to Monday, February 4 Meeting @ District Office
- Observed British School Children
- Nooksack River Deming Dike
- Harmony Elementary Principalship
- M & O Levy
- Timber Ridge Update
- Mayor Pike – Timber Funds
- Superintendent’s *Fireside Chats*

Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted

- a. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
 - i. Thursday, January 24 – Curriculum Work
 - ii. Thursday, February 28
- b. Regular Meetings –
 - i. Thursday, February 14
 - ii. Thursday, March 13 @ Acme Elementary School



**MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 507
EMPLOYMENT ITEMS, JANUARY 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

Sturgeon, Julie, Food Service Worker HS, Continuing 1.50 Hrs Day at 11/15/07

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Dickson, Megan, Teacher HS, LOA 1/28/08 through 6/13/08

Kalsbeek, Mary, Custodian, Acme, LOA 2/1/08 through 3/17/08

RESIGNATIONS

Chouaniere, Claire, Food Services Secretary HS, Resignation at 1/4/08

Eggers, Beverly, Assistant Superintendent Secretary-CSRS Data System Mgr, Resignation at 1/31/08

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT

Franklin, Kim, Assistant Volleyball Coach-D JH, 1/28/08-3/21/08

Morris, Melody, Winter Drama Assistant Coach HS

Pattison, Melissa, Assistant Volleyball Coach-C Team JH, 1/28/08-3/21/08



Good of the Order January 10, 2008

MT BAKER FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL VOLUNTEER

Mt Baker Food Service employees, *Claire Chouaniere, Liz Badillo, Debbie George, Sue VanDyk, Betty Ensley, Cindy Lawrence, Luda Shtunyuk, Beth Pfeifer, Naomi Brown and Marlene Blockley* took time from their busy schedules on Monday, December 17 to volunteer as a group with *Project Santa*. The history of *Project Santa* is:

Started in 1979 after local deputies noticed while on patrol that many families in Whatcom County were less fortunate and didn't have much.

Rupert DeFries, a deputy at the time, approached the Whatcom Sheriff's Department with an idea of "giving a Christmas" to families in need.

The Sheriff's Department collected \$500 from its members and employees to purchase toys, food and trees with ornaments. Managing to obtain a few Santa suits and with the use of their personal vehicles, the Sheriff's Department and search and rescue volunteers assisted 10 families in the first year.

Project Santa Claus kept growing after this point, attracting more volunteers, supporting organizations and community support. Several years into the project, a volunteer suggested a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to help raise money to purchase more needed food and toys. Whatcom Transportation Authority soon offered their buses and drivers to serve as transport vehicles or Santa sleighs.

Celebrating its 28th Anniversary in 2007, PROJECT SANTA CLAUS has grown from serving ten families to more than 300 families today!

More than 25 volunteer Santas deliver gifts each year with help from hundreds of volunteer elves. Each family receives a Christmas Dinner complete with turkey, milk, potatoes, stuffing, eggs, cranberry sauce, candy and fruit, as well as toys and clothing items for the children. Many families are referred to Project Santa by social service agencies, schools and other organizations.

Thank you, Mt Baker Food Service personnel for your generous giving of time and effort!

HARMONY FOOD BANK DONATION

Harmony Elementary staff & students collected 885 pounds of food in December for the Foothill Food Bank. The big incentive was the very generous offer of one free 13" pizza from Cicchetti's for EACH CHILD in the winning classroom! Mrs. Hodges' class won but the true winners were the Foothill Book Bank patrons.

MOUNT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL NAMED BRONZE BY U.S. AND NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Mount Baker Senior High

Mount Baker School District 507 School District
Whatcom County

Poverty-Adjusted Adjusted Performance Index: 1.2

Disadvantaged Students Performance Gap: 19.8

College Readiness Index Not Applicable

For more information on this school, visit the [SchoolMatters](#) website.

Detailed Information ([methodology](#))

School Data

Grades Served 9-12
Magnet School Not Available
Charter School Not Available
Admissions Type Not Available
NCES Locale Type Rural, Inside CBSA
Receives Title I Funding No

Demographic Data

Enrollment 713
Minority Enrollment (% of total) 5.8%
Disadvantaged Student Enrollment (% of total) 43.0%

Average student performance

State Test Performance Index 106.0
Poverty-Adjusted Adjusted Performance Index 1.2

Disadvantaged student performance

Disadvantaged Students' State Test Proficiency Rate 66.5
Disadvantaged Students Performance Gap 19.8
Non-disadvantaged Students' State Test Proficiency Rate 83.0
Current State Test Achievement Gap 16.5

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT DONATED

A local program, *C4Kids* recently donated \$150,000 worth of computer equipment to our school district. Previous donations included 540 desktops and 65 laptops, worth approximately \$2,600 each. Donations received over the past three years total \$1,179,000. DIS Lease Returns and OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) sponsor the program for regional school districts.

MT BAKER AG PROGRAM

The Mt. Baker High School Agriculture Program was named Washington Association of Agriculture Educators Agriculture Program of the Year at the WAAE Summer Conference in Wenatchee July 9-13, 2007. This award recognizes all 3 aspects of an agriculture program including classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), and FFA. The award was forwarded to the National Association of Agriculture Educators as a candidate for the Region 1 Award and the results were:

OUTSTANDING AG ED PROGRAM—The Mt. Baker High School Agriculture Program was named *National Association of Agriculture Educators Outstanding Ag Ed Program* in Region 1, which encompasses eleven western states.

All special award regional and state winners were recognized at the 2007 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas December 11—15, 2007. Agriculture teachers, *Todd Rightmire* and *Tamara Whitcomb* traveled to Las Vegas to receive the award.