



The Mount Baker School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12 at the District Office. The following is a summary of the meeting:

- The Board Approved –
  - a. Personnel Actions – Attachment “A”
  - b. 08/09 Information Systems Support Cooperative Agreement with ESD 189
  - c. Washington Learning Source Access Subscription Agreement
  - d. 2008/2009 Meal Prices
  - e. Modifications to Mount Baker Academy
  - f. 2008/2009 Contract with NWRDC & WSIPC
  - g. New Course Proposals for 2008/2009
  - h. Appointment of Byron Gerard as High School Assistant Principal
  - i. Letter of Support for Secure Rural Schools Act Re-Authorization
  
- The Board Heard Information About –
  - a. Good of the Order – Attachment “B”
  - b. 2008/2009 Budget Development Process
  - c. Challenges & Choices Class @ Kendall Elementary
  - d. Disposition of Maple Falls Elementary School Building
  - e. Community Meeting with WSDOT – June 18 @ Rome Grange
  - f. School Board Activities
    - i. High School Graduation
    - ii. Senior Honors Night
    - iii. Junior High Reception
    - iv. MBEA Teacher Awards
    - v. Lake Whatcom Stakeholder’s Panel
    - vi. WSSDA Trustlands Task Force
    - vii. Native Mental Health Conference
    - viii. School Visits –
      1. High School Natural Resources Class
      2. Kendall Elementary Field Day
  
- Meeting(s) Schedule – All meetings begin at 7 pm in the District Office unless otherwise noted
  - i. Work sessions & Special Meetings –
    1. Thursday, June 26 – Budget
    2. Thursday, July 31 – Budget
  - ii. Regular Meetings
    1. Thursday, July 10



**MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 507  
EMPLOYMENT ITEMS, JUNE 12, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

**CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT**

Hawley, Stephanie, Teacher, Junior High, Add .167 Continuing, Beginning 2008-09  
Gerard, Byron, HS Assistant Principal, Continuing, Beginning 2008-2009  
Goebel, Brenda, District Nurse, Special Programs, 1.0 FTE Continuing, Beginning 2008-09  
Linterman, Ian, TOSA/School Psychologist, Special Programs, 1.0 FTE Continuing, Beginning 2008-09  
Thompson, Anthony, Speech Language Pathologist, Kendall, 1.0 FTE Continuing, Beginning 2008-09

**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT**

Duren, Cathy, Bus Driver, Reduction of 2 Hours Week, Beginning 5/2/08

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Harlan, Ramona, Para-Educator, Junior High, 1 Day Unpaid Leave 6/11/08  
Lehman, Leeza, Para-Educator, ERC, Medical Leave 4/30/08-6/16/08  
Manning, Kellie, Para-Educator, Harmony, 5 Hours/180 Days, LOA for 2008-09  
Riedesel, Nicole, Life Skills Teacher, Harmony, Medical Leave 5/22/08-6/16/08  
Vining, Carrie, Teacher, Kendall, .50 LOA for 2008-09

**RESIGNATIONS**

Aldrich, Stephanie, C Team Girls Basketball Coach, High School, Resignation @ Fall '08 Season  
Mellema, Cindy, Secretary II, High School, Resignation @ 6/30/08  
Schonberg, Laura, High School Vice-Principal, Resignation @ 6/30/08  
Teshera, David, Custodian/Driver, Resignation @ 6/30/08  
Zender, Betsy, Food Service Worker, High School, Resigning 2 Hours Per Day

**SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT**

Boncheff, Robert, Summer School Teacher-Math/Science, 3.5 Hours/24 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Buckley, Collin, Summer School Teacher-Elementary, 3.5 Hours/20 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Burleigh, Charles, Summer School Administrator, 4 Hours/23 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Culver, Shelley, Summer School Teacher-Secondary, 3.5 Hours/24 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Erlandson, Anne, Summer School Teacher-Math/Science, 3.5 Hours/24 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Grimes, Karen, Para-Educator, Summer School LOC, 3.5 Hours/28 Days, 6/17/08-7/25/08  
Martin, Angela, Summer School Teacher-Secondary, 3.5 Hours/24 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Morris, Melody, Summer School Teacher-LOC, 3.5 Hours/28 Days, 6/17/08-7/25/08  
Olson, Amanda, Assistant Volleyball Coach, High School, Beginning 8/25/08  
Roosa, Mary, Para-Educator, Summer School, 3.5 Hours/28 Days, 6/17/08-7/25/08  
Shetler, Sally, Sec III, Summer School, 3.5 Hours/25 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Snead, Ruth, Summer School Teacher-Elementary, 3.5 Hours/20 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08  
Spring, Paul, Summer School Teacher-Math/Science, 3.5 Hours/24 Days, 6/23/08-7/25/08



## Good of the Order

June 12, 2008

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### HARMONY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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The Harmony donations to the Foothills Food Bank for this school year totaled a whopping 3,338 pounds. Thanks to all at Harmony Elementary – students, parents and staff.

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### MT BAKER FFA STATE CONVENTION RESULTS

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Congratulations to the following teams at the 78<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention.

Mt. Baker FFA did very well again this year. Nine different teams participated and 32 FFA members. Results are as follows.

- First Year Member team placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 80 teams and 1<sup>st</sup> in their sub-state flight.
- Food Science placed 8<sup>th</sup> in state
- Carly Gliva placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sub-State for the Creed
- Ag Communications placed 5<sup>th</sup> in State. Individual top 10 placing included Megan Gliva – 6<sup>th</sup> place and Gabrielle Hilgart 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Parliamentary Procedure team made the finals and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in state. This is the highest placing since 2001.
- Farm and Business Management placed 4<sup>th</sup> in State, also the highest the team from Mt. Baker has ever placed. Justin Marriott and Dan Strachila were in the top 15.
- Livestock Judging placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 52 teams. This too is the highest the team has ever placed.
- Scrapbook received 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Mt. Baker FFA won District 1 Best Chapter for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row and received 2<sup>nd</sup> best National Chapter rating in the state. This application will be forwarded on to Nationals.
- Tom Williamson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Placement in Ag Mechanics and will be forwarded to nationals.
- Maija Haggith placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Dairy Entrepreneurship Proficiency award and will be forwarded to Nationals
- Dan Strachila placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dairy Placement Proficiency Award

The students were coached by teachers Todd Rightmire and Tamara Whitcomb.

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### SUPERINTENDENT BERGESON RECOGNIZES MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mount Baker was invited to attend Dr. Bergeson's press conference on Tuesday, June 3 at the Puget Sound ESD when she announced the WASL results for the class of 2008. She cited three districts as doing excellent work and having extraordinary results; Grandview, Auburn, **and Mount Baker!** Kris Stopperan, Toby Marston, Steve King and Dr Gantman attended the conference on behalf of all Mount Baker staff. Terry acknowledged the system-wide, school improvement efforts that are bringing Mount Baker staff together. Congratulations to all Mount Baker staff!!!

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## MT BAKER RECYCLING WINS SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS AWARD

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*Washington State Department of Ecology:* The Sustainable Schools Awards program reflects our vision of a sustainable environment. We hope these awards will encourage Washington State public and private schools to continue having positive impact by embracing the concept of environmental sustainability.

Sustainable School Award

To apply for this category a school must exhibit elements including, but not limited to, the following five areas of sustainability: Resource/Energy Conservation, Biological Diversity, Waste & Toxicity Reduction, Social Harmony, and Health & Wellness.

- **Mount Baker School District No. 507, Whatcom County – Acme Elementary, Whatcom, \$375 - Mt Baker Junior/Senior, Whatcom, \$375 - Kendall Elementary, Whatcom, \$375 - Harmony Elementary, Whatcom, \$375.** Mount Baker's schools set the standard for sustainability in public schools. Students in this district graduate with 13 years of composting, waste reduction, reuse, and recycling experience. Mt. Baker schools use the environmental programs to benefit the entire community through: a website, fliers, tours of their schools, curriculum tie-ins and more.

In Mount Baker, each school participates in the recycling program and promotes re-use and toxic-free practices. Recent additions to environmental programs include a food composting program they call “Food to Flowers” and a district-wide energy awareness program that educates everyone about how to save energy by making simple changes in school buildings and at home.

Becky Phillips, Sustainability Coordinator, leads staff and students in continuing efforts to constantly improve our sustainability program at Mt Baker. These awards are the culmination of work by all students and staff.



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## MT BAKER 2007 RETIREES TEA – THURSDAY, JUNE 12

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Several Mt Baker staff members will be honored at a tea on Thursday, June 12. 3 – 5 pm in the District Office. Everyone is invited to come congratulate these people on their long and industrious careers. Those being feted are **Pat Bieber-Holmes** (*Special Programs Director*), **Elynn Erickson** (*Acme Elementary Principal*); **Pat Gilmore** (*Kendall Elementary Teacher*); **Cindy Mellema** (*High School Secretary*) and **David Teshera** (*Custodian/Bus Driver*).

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**MT BAKER FOOD SERVICES RECEIVES GRANTS**

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Karla Atwood, Food Services Director, announce that Mt. Baker School District is the recipient of two grants applied for through Food Service Department.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Meal for Kids-Summer Feeding	Central Kitchen	Refrigerator, 2 carts, printing
USDA-Fresh Fruits & Veggies	Kendall Elementary	Fresh Fruits and Veggies

We are pleased that we have the opportunity to replace equipment and to continue with the fresh fruits and veggies grant at Kendall. We will have the award amounts in the near future.