

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **OCTOBER 19, 2015** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize Student and Staff Stars

The Superintendent and Board recognized students and staff. Below is a brief summary of those recognitions. The entire text can be found in the agenda packet.

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, three PUSD teachers were honored at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Teachers event: **Dena Glynn** from Tierra Bonita Elementary; **Courtney Jennings** from Shoal Creek Elementary; and **Paul Messerle** from Rancho Bernardo High School. **Paul** and **Dena** were among the honorees selected as Top Ten Finalists and **Paul Messerle** was named one of five 2015 San Diego County Teachers of the Year.

Bernardo Heights and Twin Peaks Middle School Orchestra Director **Ulli Reiner** has been named a Semifinalist for the 2016 Grammy Music Educator Award.

Our **Transportation Department Staff** was recognized for the outstanding work they did this summer transporting visiting Special Olympians.

72 of our **Poway Unified** high school students have been selected as semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholar Program.

Westview High School Senior **Nicholas Hoo** has been accepted to perform with the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Band.

Rancho Bernardo High School Senior **Nicholas Rui** attended the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders, held in Boston in August.

**Deer Canyon Elementary School** has been named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. Deer Canyon is one of 285 public and 50 private schools to receive this honor, and will be recognized at a ceremony being held November 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.

The San Diego Chapter of INCOSE (International Council on Systems Engineering) awarded the **Mesa Verde Middle School** ASES Program a \$920 grant for its “Whacky Machine Makerspace” project.

Best Buddies International has recognized **Bernardo Heights Middle School’s** Best Buddies Club as an Outstanding Chapter for the club’s work in “helping pave the way for students with intellectual disabilities through quality one-to-one friendships.”

## ► Check Presentation to PUSD Foundation

The Healthy Dining Rewards Program, a valued partner in health education in our District provided a brief overview of the important work they are doing with PUSD’s elementary schools and presented a check for \$9,250 to the **PUSD Foundation**.

## ► **Everyday Heroes and Team PUSD Recognize More “Staff Stars”**

Nominated for the Everyday Heroes award:

- **Jamal Felton**, Campus Security Specialist, Westview High School;
- **Rosario Hansen**, Parent Liaison – Bilingual, Pomerado Elementary School;
- **Kim Muslusky**, Instructional Assistant I Special Education, Mt. Carmel High School;
- **Leslie Peabody**, Transportation Assistant/Scheduler, Transportation;
- **Alison Thompson**, Library Media Technician – Elementary, Pomerado Elementary School;
- **Denise Thompson**, Office Assistant II, District Office;
- **Ryan Woolever**, Lead Custodian, Pomerado Elementary School.

Nominated for the **Team PUSD** award:

- **Jorge Lirio** and **Tom Dorio**, IT LAN Administrators
- **Judy French**, **Barbara Hockman**, **Karen Sanchez**, **Beth Anderson**, and **Theresa Crosby**, Health Services Registered Nurses, Special Education
- **Adriana (Adie) Anderson**, **Omana Thomas**, **Dipa (Dee) Dev**, **Margaret (Peggy) Smerick** and **Dana Pride**, Instructional Assistant Team, Sundance Elementary

## ► **ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS** re:

- Recognition of Trustee Patapow;
- Information Technology and Entrepreneurship;
- Dyslexia Education;
- Robotics Program;
- Trustee Patapow Recall Effort;
- Midland School Playground Supervision;
- Chinese School/Courses at Westview;
- Library Funding;
- Chinese Bi-Lingual Immersion School Program.

## ► **Ratification of PSEA Tentative Agreement for 2015-2016 School Year**

PSEA President Lynnette Turner reported that members “overwhelmingly” approved this Tentative Agreement.

## ► **Future meetings**

Regular Meetings:

Monday, November 16, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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