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# **Panther Post**

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- 6 Dance Program
  2nd Grade/Ballet
  2:00 pm
- 8 Report Cards go home



11 I-Hour Early Release



- 12 PTA Meeting 3:00-4:00pm
- 13 Gingerbread Houses





- 2 School Begins!
- 8 I-Hour Early Release
- 15 Martin Luther King Day No School



## Principal's Corner...

Hazel Dell has been in the news lately. First, longtime Hazel Dell teacher, Diane Stixrud, was recently awarded the district's Excellence Award. This is a great honor for her and for our school. Below is a picture taken that evening. Working and teaching at Hazel Dell is a family event for the Stixruds. Her husband is a lunch buddy and frequent volunteer (he cooks hot dogs at the school BBQ each year). Her daughter is also a frequent volunteer and active in the PTA. Her grandchildren attend Hazel Dell. We are so fortunate to have Diane and her family working alongside us and our students. Congratulations to her for this honor!



Diane with husband, Dan and daughter, Amy and grandkids.



Frank Baird, plumber, sharing tricks of the trade in the Lab.

Welcome to Hazel Dell's

EXPERIENCE

LAB

Where Life and Learning Meet



In other news, the new Experience Lab was publicized this week in VPS News. Shanna Baird, FCRC and Heather Rhone, Teacher-Librarian, set up weekly labs in which students learn real-world skills such as plumbing, coding, ecology and much more. If you are interested in sharing your job or other real-world skills with students, please contact us at (360) 313-2050 to volunteer.



Winter Holiday

Dec 18th — Jan 1st

#### Clark County Fire District #6 Winner

Congratulations to 5th grader, Isaias Antonio, who won the Fire



Safety Poster

Contest! The theme this year was "Every Second Counts—Plan Two Ways Out."

Isaias and his family were invited to a special luncheon at Fire District #6, hosted by the Clark County Business Association.

Thanks to Isaias for representing our school!



## Skyward Family Access

Information about online services for parents and students

Vancouver Public Schools families and the com-

munity have access to a variety of online resources to stay informed about students' education and the district. Here you can find general information about Skyward Family Access, paying fines and fees and the district's mobile app. We hope you'll

use these resources •• frequently!

- School Calendars Website to
- **Bus Routes**
- Lunch Menus
- Pay for Lunches
- Grades



You can also scan

the QR code on the

download the app.

## Mobile App

To download the mobile app, please go to http://vansd.org/mobile-app to in-



### **Stay Connected with Hazel Dell on Twitter**

Hazel Dell has a new Twitter account: @Hazel DellES. We post up-to-date news about what is happening in classrooms and reminders about events. Please follow us on Twitter.

If you are not a Twitter fan, you can see the feed at the bottom of the page on our school website:

www.hazeldell.vansd.org

Our goal is 500 followers. Please help us reach that goal and see some really great pictures of our kids learning and working together!

#### Volunteers Needed

Fifth grade students will attend BizTown in Portland on January 26, 2018. This field trip is an amazing exploration of business and how our economy works. Mini stores and businesses are set up for students to operate and shop in. This field trip requires about 25 volunteers to run the stores. Not having enough volunteers means the kids do not get to experience the entire town.

There is special training required for volunteers and this happens on 1/11/18 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM and 1/16/18 from 10-11:30 AM at Biz Town in Portland.

If you are able to volunteer and can attend the training, please contact our office at (360) 313-2050 and provide your contact information. THANKS!

#### Bump! Set! Spike!

Hazel Dell Volleyball 4th and 5th grade students did an excellent job at the Volleyball Skilleree. The boys and girls practiced very hard to prepare for the skilleree. A

big thank you to Coaches Largen and Pappas!







#### **Student Chest Drive**

Hazel Dell students rock!
Our students raised a grand
total... drum roll... of



\$766.42. The proceeds are

donated to the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools. We appreciate their eagerness to participate in helping students who are less fortunate.

Great job, Panthers!

#### Hearing and Vision Screening

Marcia Schneider, our School Nurse coordinated a full day of

health and vision screening for our students,



Grades K-5. Thanks go to our two great volunteers, **Pavid Jacobson** and **Karla Knudson**, who helped take the students to and from their classrooms for their hearing tests.

#### **SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION**



The snow levels coming down low around the area this weekend, it's time to start thinking about the "what if's" of school closures due to snow/ice!

Please be prepared for school closures due to bad weather or other emergency situations. Depending on the circumstances, school could be closed for one day or several days. Schools could open two hours later than usual or close earlier than scheduled.

To find out if schools are closed:

- Check "Emergency Closure Information" on the district website: www.vansd.org.
- Check the Flash Alert website: www.flashalert text.net (select Portland/Vancouver area, then Clark County Schools, then Vancouver School District).
- Sign up for the free FlashAlert text and /or email messages. You must renew this service each year. Both web-sites listed above will take you to the Emergency Messages page for Vancouver School District. Find "Emergency Alerts," click "Subscribe" and follow directions.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts:
   www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools and https://twitter.com/VancouverSD.
- Listen to your local radio and television stations.
- Call the School Closure Information Line at 313-1401.

If schools are closed, the main school phone numbers will allow you to connect to the School Closure Information Line. The decision to close or delay the opening of school due to snow or icy roads usually is made early in the morning of that school day. If weather becomes threatening during the school day, schools may close early. If schools are closed, all after-school and evening school activities are canceled for that day.

