

Board Honors "88's Best" for November

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88's Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their academic accomplishments:



Tyler Ramir has demonstrated success in academics and has consistently enrolled in a rigorous curriculum at **Addison Trail**. Tyler ranks third in his senior class with a G.P.A. of 4.6744. His strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take many Advanced Placement courses. Tyler is currently taking five Advanced Placement courses.

During his high school career, Tyler has been a four-year member of the baseball, basketball and golf teams. Tyler has devoted himself to a variety of organizations including Student Council (Secretary and Treasurer), National Honor Society, Letterman's Club (Vice President), Math Team, Student Advisory Team and Peer Mediation. He has also been a volunteer with the Special Olympics organization.

Tyler has applied to the University of Illinois and the University of Iowa. He would like to study to become an orthodontist.

Elaine Schaudt has excelled in academics at **Willowbrook** High School. Currently, Elaine is in the 99% in the senior class, has completed three Advanced Placement courses, and is enrolled in three Advanced Placement courses. Elaine is an inductee of Mu Alpha Theta, Civitas, National Honor Society and the Science honor society.

Beyond the classroom, Elaine is a member of the Math and Speech teams. She is also involved in the theatre department as well as many areas of the music department. Elaine has been a member of the cross country and tennis teams. In her free time, Elaine volunteers at her church and is involved in a variety of charity fundraisers.

Elaine plans to attend St. Olaf College and study Mathematics or study Civil Engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored **Kevin Mucha**, owner of **Coerce Recording in Villa Park**, for his generous contribution to District 88 students.

The signing ceremony was held in recognition of **Mr. Mucha's leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district.**



BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Jeannine Eicker**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, presented status updates about ongoing projects at each campus and showed aerial photographs of the construction progress at Addison Trail and Willowbrook. The Cost Management List is being finalized to determine all of the associated civil engineering costs before prioritizing and issuing the final bid list in January 2010.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Learning, presented a brief overview of the **2009-2010 School Improvement Goals** and described the process to monitor improvement efforts. She shared samples of the work from departments and explained how the data supports making decisions about academic interventions to increase student achievement.

THE CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

The **list of bills, treasurer's report and budget status report** from October 2009; the **purchase of furniture for WB Academic Resource Center; amended 2009-2010 school calendar; fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more and the **personnel report as presented on November 16, 2009.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- **Building The Future** Contractor Payment Requests.
- **District 88 Directors for the Foundation for Excellence in Education:** Donna Cain, Jackie Carreras, Mark Turk and Lisa Wagner.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 19, 2009, **Regular Business meeting.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 26, 2009, **District Technology Committee meeting.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 26, 2009, **Special Board meeting.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 26, 2009, **Educational Focus meeting**
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 26, 2009, **Closed Session Board meeting.**

INFORMATION ITEM:

- **Review of Board Policy 8:20.**
- Mrs. Olga Flores and Mrs. Sharon Kucik presented a **report from the committee discussing a new name for the District 88 Administrative Center.** Several suggestions were provided and they have asked for Board members to continue providing feedback through December. A final recommendation will be presented in January 2010.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Approximately 100 senior citizens attended the annual Kiwanis Senior Thanksgiving luncheon hosted in the cafe.
- The annual Student Council Blood Drive yielded 139 pints of blood donated.
- Thirteen students were honored for their achievements during the Student of the Quarter Breakfast.
- Upcoming events include: Senior Art Exhibit, Career Week and the Holiday Benefit Concert Series.

Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Congratulations to Sara Pardue and Colleen Joorfetz on their great efforts at the State Swim competition.
- The Speech team placed 3rd out of 18 teams at the Fremd tournament and received 2 first places finishes.
- The annual Student Council Blood Drive yielded 214 pints of blood donated.
- Upcoming events include: Art Alumni Homecoming, holiday music concerts and the Young Alum reception.

Mark Your Calendars:

December 14, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education, Business/Educational Focus Mtg. District Boardroom