

FINLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #53
ALL KIDS ACHIEVING

JUNE, 2005

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members:

This was an exciting school year!
Terrific things have happened for our kids!

Our vision is All Kids Achieving, with goals of: increasing student achievement, building a strong curriculum--kindergarten through 12th grade, developing positive relationships, and creating a budget based on students' needs.

- ❖ We have improved student achievement as measured by meeting our Adequate Yearly Progress.
- ❖ Our staff teaches using the state required Essential Academic Learning Requirements and the Grade Level Expectations and has been trained in a variety of ways to improve your child's learning.
- ❖ The middle school and high school have their new language arts books and will soon have their new math books, which will make a positive impact on students' ability to read and write.
- ❖ The elementary school has received their math books and the staff is already planning for the fall.
- ❖ Later this month a team consisting of myself, two teachers and a community member will be attending the LASER workshop to begin planning for science.
- ❖ The technology plan has been reviewed and revised so that students have more access to computers as well as knowing how to use them.
- ❖ Our music program has received a number of awards and students are taking pride in their performances whether at games, at concerts or competitions.
- ❖ Likewise, students involved with the vocational program received several awards at their state competition while our extra curricular and athletic programs have given students opportunities to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

Thanks to you for all your support as we continue to provide quality programs for our children.

I am looking forward to seeing you in fall for another great year.

Meanwhile have a safe and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Feeney
Superintendent

RIVER VIEW HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FCCLA

State Competition was very rewarding for us all as a chapter! We had three participants at FCCLA State Competition in Wenatchee Washington: Valerie Fishman, Rochelle MacDonald, and Laura Ramos were awarded GOLD in Chapter Showcase and are going to be our representatives at the National Competition this July in San Diego California! We also received good news; Sierra Cathey and Kayla Ramos placed 1st in FCCLA Financial Fitness. They both received certificates and a 1st place plaque! It's been a great year and we're going to be wrapping it up with our elections for 2005-2006 officers. The officers are: President - Kayla Ramos, Treasurer - Laura Ramos, Secretary - Rochelle MacDonald, and Historian - Jordan Andrews. These officers will do a great job leading our chapter in the upcoming year! Congratulations to you all!

FINLEY FFA

As this busy year winds down, the FFA has been busy. Our annual plant sale was a success and we would like to thank all those who helped support our FFA program by purchasing our plants. The students and FFA members had a great time learning about plants, greenhouses and helping at the sale. Thank you again to those who supported our sale. Look for it again next year in April.

FFA State Convention was a huge success again this year. Twelve FFA members attended State Convention on the WSU campus in Pullman. Each member competed in a CDE (Career Development Event).

- In Job Interview Amanda Christensen placed 7th High Individual overall.
- Food Science team placed 6th overall out of 38 teams.

There were 179 FFA members that competed and individually, Jenny Ringwood placed 8th, Kim Howland placed 103rd, Nikki Nopens placed 62nd and Angela Bottoms placed 72nd. First Year Greenhand CDE team placed in the top 16 moving them onto State level where they competed. Team members were Zac Christensen, Kristen Jackson and Laramie Holden. Dairy Foods team participated with over 30 teams and represented Finley FFA very well. Dairy Foods members were Samantha Clark, Shaela Kimsey, Megan Carlton & Lexcie Linton. Laramie Holden participated in State FFA Band and tried out for the State FFA Talent Show where he was chosen to play at the pre-session on Saturday. Megan Carlton also sang in the State FFA Chorus. Samantha Clark entered the Finley FFA's scrapbook and did an excellent job. Kim Howland and Amanda

Christensen earned their State FFA Degree this year—way to go! Angela Bottoms was recognized for her Citizenship Essay. Our Chapter, Finley FFA, receive a Bronze Award in the National Chapter Competition. All members did an excellent job!

Also, Bill Trump a member of our Local Advisory Board received the Honorary State Degree for all his hard work and dedication to our program.

Members earning their first year Greenhand Degree were: Zac Christensen, Kristen Jackson, Courtney Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Matthew Brown, Dan Andreason, Ryan Leveque, Danny Paris, and Cheyanne Meredith. Chapter Star Greenhand was awarded to Kristen Jackson.

FFA members that earned their Chapter FFA Degree were: Amanda Kimsey, Kelli Anderson, Shaela Kimsey, Shannon Ferns, Celeste Ganske, Vikki Hume, Cortney Morton, and Samantha Clark. The Chapter Star Farmer went to Samantha Clark this year.

Amanda Christensen was the winner for the Steve Newton Memorial Award. The Honorary Chapter Farmer was given to Brian Nopens of Commercial Tire.

Celeste Ganske, Kasey Dearing, Kim Howland, Kayla Byrne, Laura Hughes and Jenny Ringwood were honored for their outstanding years in the FFA and FFA graduation sashes were bestowed upon them. The Dekalb Award was given to Jenny Ringwood and the Alumni Choice Awards went to Kim Howland.

Members earned proficiency awards for their Supervised Agricultural Experiences, SAEs. In Horticulture: Jenny Ringwood, Equine Production: Amanda Kimsey, Agricultural Sales and Service: Kim Howland, Sheep Production: Amanda Kimsey, Swine Production: Jenny Ringwood, Kim Howland, Kelli Anderson, Diversified Livestock Production: Amanda Christensen, Beef Production: Amanda Kimsey, Home & Community Development: Angela Bottoms & Jenny Ringwood, Fruit & Vegetable Production: Jenny Ringwood & Nikki Nopens and Food Science & Technology: Angela Bottoms.

The 2005-06 Finley FFA Officers were elected to their positions: Amanda Christensen- President, Angela Bottoms—Vice President #1, Samantha Clark—Vice President #2, Amanda Kimsey—Secretary, Nikki Nopens—Treasurer, Shaela Kimsey—Reporter, and Zac Christensen—Sentinel. This officer team went through a general vote of members and interviews to receive their place on the officer team. They all did an outstanding job!

FFA (continued)

The FFA would like to thank the following supporters of FFA for all their help and dedication to the Agricultural program at River View High School. Larry Ayre, Richard Cline, Knutzen's Meat, Bill Trump, Fred Almedia, Tim Peterson, Bob Miller, Suzanne Feeney, LaVonne DeFilippis, Gerry & Karen Ringwood, Karla & Warren Kimsey, David Stegall, Carl & Tracy Christensen, Mona Himmelberger, Rod Bryson, Tony Greagor, Dough & Kristi Wright, Ron Shelton, Daniel Cook, Karen Davis, Jim Lewis, Robert & Michelle Linton, Pat Ross Sr., Ray Walker, Brian Nopens, Robert Voss (Oxarc), and Ford New Holland. Without these people and businesses help we wouldn't be able to do all that we do. Thanks!

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

This year the Finley FFA is planning a trip to National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Members will participate in the career show, leadership workshops, attend national session and meet FFA members from around the United States. This is an awesome experience for our FFA members to see what it is like in other parts of the world. They are exposed to many new things including farming in other states and meeting possible contacts in the business world. This year the National FFA Convention runs from October 24 to 29th, 2005.

FFA DISTRICT CAMP

Members of the Finley FFA Chapter will participate in District IV FFA Camp at Camp Brooks in Goldendale. Members will attend leadership workshops, interact with other FFA members from our District and run for District IV Officer Team. Amanda Christensen will be running for a District Office again this year.

SUMMER BOYS' BASKETBALL

This summer the River View Panthers will be playing more than 30 games to prepare for next season.

- They will attend team camp at the University of Idaho from June 20-23.
- They will play in the Mabton tournament on June 24-25
- the Medical Lake tournament from July 7-10
- the Toppenish 24 hour tournament from July 22-23
- the Grandview tournament July 29-31.

The JV team will also be at team camp, Mabton, Toppenish and Grandview. If you see a basketball player ask how they are doing this summer.

SENIOR PROJECTS

The class of 2005 Senior Project was very successful. The open house on May 16th was well attended and the Presentations to a panel of judges on May 18th went very well. The following people spent over 2 hours judging these senior speeches and the class of 2005 would like to thank them for helping make this such a special night.

J. Doran, L. Ayre, J. Lusignan, B. Marlow, J. Bussell, J. Norman, M. Blomberg, P. Myers, J. Moorman, S. Frankel, K. Olafson, T. Gore, S. See, G. Maguire, R. Duty, D. Traver, B. Norman, A. Traver, S. Pinola, C. Sonderland, K. Norman, M. Edwards, B. Eisenbarth, S. Feeney, R. Norman, B. Miller, L. Lamb, C. Kimsey, B. Thoren, S. Conley, L. Traver, P. Layman, K. Jansen, J. Walsh, L. DeFilippis, R. Gale, A. Walsh.

If any of you would like to help judge the senior project presentations next spring please contact Roger Sonderland at the high school. It takes a village to raise a child.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Congratulations! The following students were recognized as a 2005 Hispanic Academic Achiever Program (HAAP). These students in grades 4-12 have obtained at least a 3.0 GPA for the first semester or trimester of the current year:

4th grade

Marlen Perez
Peter Tachiquin

7th grade

Lily Beaver
Nadia Carrillo
Jorge Elmore
Estefen Luna
Erika Rocha

8th grade

Karla Cabrera
Jorge Cuevas
Socorro Elmore
Rebecca Flores
Crystal Lopez
Scharlie McInturf
Edeberto Larios
Briseida Orozco

11th grade

Sonja Mata
Jessica Henry-Castillo
Kayla Ramos
Cristela Arias
Amori Pearson
Jennifer Lemarr

6th grade

Claudia Capetillo
Kelsey Cavoza
Jacqueline Duarte
Nataly Espinoza-Morales
Omar Guerrero
Eduardo Juarez
Christina Mata
Julienna Mendez
Luis Mendoza
Oscar Montano
Aurora Prieto

9th grade

Celia Mata
Pedro Morfin

10th grade

Melissa Elmore
Ivan Luna
Erika Orozco

12th grade

Aracely Elmore Gomez
Fatima Ramos
Maria Rodriguez

ELEMENTARY NEWS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year began Monday, April 11th. The Elementary School office will be open during the summer until June 23 from 7:30-4:00, and will reopen on August 9. Students registering for Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1, 2005. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record, family doctor's name and emergency names and phone numbers of friends or relatives. Immunizations required are: DTP series, Polio series, Hepatitis B series, Mumps, Measles (Rubeola) and Rubella (MMR) series. Shots need not be completed before registration.

It is very important that parents register their child this spring, as it will allow us to plan on numbers of classes and teachers needed next fall. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten registration, please call the Elementary office at 586-7577.

VOLUNTEERS

The dictionary defines a volunteer as "*one who gives help, does a service, or takes an obligation voluntarily.*" On May 17th, Finley Elementary School's Parent/Teacher Group (PTG) was awarded the Mid-Columbia Education Alliance *Community "Bridge Builders"* award. This award is dedicated to all the people, current and past, who have voluntarily provided selfless service to the boys and girls of Finley Elementary School.

The Finley Elementary Parent/Teacher Group supports school spirit through activities such as the Halloween Walk Around, the Easter Egg Hunt, and our Family Learning Night. Because of their work, our students are provided valuable learning opportunities from the LISA house for fire safety and the Pacific Science Center Van. They purchase learning materials, including the Music in Education program, WASL workbooks, and Accelerated Reader books and computer tests for our students. In addition, this year our PTG has been instrumental in helping to acquire and set up a computer lab, purchasing headphones for each computer, and providing new keyboarding software.

Thank you to all the people who have served as "volunteers" at Finley Elementary School, helping with everything we do at our school. Without you we could not begin to offer all the wonderful extra-curricular events and fund raisers that we currently offer and that provide such a wealth of resources to our school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOL 2005

This year's summer school program will be held at the high school site and again will be made up of two different groups. The Remedial Program will be targeting students who have failed six or more classes throughout the school year and are being considered for retention. The other group will be an Enrichment Program designed to challenge the student through enhanced course work. Both groups will have a session of reading and a session of math. There are no set requirements for the enrichment portion of the program and any student may enroll, but class size for each group is limited to the first 20 students and pre-payment of \$25 is required to secure a space. Pick up a registration form at the Middle School office.

BAND AND CHOIR

The 7th grade band, the MS choir and the HS choir all received 1st place trophies in their categories at the Music in the Parks festival in Coeur d'Alene on May 21, 2005. In addition, the 6th grade band and the 8th/HS combined band both received ratings of "Excellent." Kudos to our talented musicians, who also performed a fun and successful spring concert May 23rd. A good time was had by all. Please congratulate them when you next see them...they deserve it!

MEMORY LANE

Devin Chavez

After graduating from River View High School, Devin Chavez was drafted as a third baseman by the Chicago Cubs. He could not believe he would be earning money to play baseball.

In a newspaper interview at that time, he said eventually he would like to be a teacher and coach at River View. Lucky for us, Devin Chavez made his wish come true.

Finley School District

A point of historical interest: School Districts #13 and #22 consolidated in Hover on April 24, 1906 to become School District #22. Finley School District #53 was formed on July 1, 1933.

Thanks and Farewell to Bill Houchin

In April of 2005, Bill Houchin resigned as school board member after serving on the Finley School Board for 14 years—not consecutively but serving terms he was elected to spanning years between 1979 and now. Bill has been a strong advocate for building quality educational programs for the children of Finley. Bill will be missed and we will always be grateful for his selfless dedication.

PARAEDUCATORS COMPLETING HIGHLY QUALIFIED STANDARDS

Finley School District employs approximately twenty paraeducators who work with students in a variety of ways and settings to improve their learning. Our instructional paraeducators must meet professional standards set by the state and federal "No Child Left Behind" law. Many of these important staff people have been attending training sessions throughout the school year, and four will also participate in the annual state summer conference. All the district paraeducators are working toward "highly qualified status," by completing basic competency training, taking college courses, and/or taking a national certification test. This will be completed by January 2006. Our paraeducators are to be commended for their dedication to on-going professional development and for providing essential instructional assistance to the students they serve.

SAFE BUSES IN FINLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Finley School District received a commendation from the Washington State Patrol school bus inspection team and the OSPI Regional Coordinator for the outstanding bus inspection for winter and summer of 2004. Lin Grant, our mechanic, does an excellent job keeping our buses on the road and in safe operating condition. Lin attended the Regional Technicians' Competition last month and placed first for the mechanics on the east side of the state. Lin attended the state competition May 14 in Yakima.

FINLEY CENTER NEWS

The process of creating a community center at the old Finley Elementary is underway.

The first Finley Center fundraiser was held on Saturday, April 23rd at the Finley Grange. The combined pancake breakfast and yard sale was successful not only as a fundraiser, but also as a community get-together. We wish to extend our thanks to the Finley Grange for donating the use of their facility, to In-Step Church for funding and running the breakfast, and to all the people who donated items for the yard sale.

The first monthly Finley Center newsletter was introduced at the pancake breakfast. The latest edition is available now at the district office and at various businesses in our area. The newsletter is also posted on the school district web site at finleystd.org. If you would like to receive the June newsletter and future editions by e-mail, please send your request to finleycenter@yahoo.com. The main feature of the newsletter is a community calendar. At present, the

cost of printing will limit how much else we can include. We want to make this a central resource for people to find out what is going on in Finley, so please look for our newsletter and let us know what you think of it. Community interest (as well as available funding) will shape its growth.

There is still much work to do before the Finley Center can actually open its doors. In the near future, a fitness center will open at the east end of the old elementary building. The west end is already home to Head Start. The rest of the building is waiting for us! A dedicated group of volunteers is working on the tasks of setting up a nonprofit organization, securing insurance, planning activities, and finding the money to finance everything. If you would like to be involved in planning the future of the Finley Center, please pick up our newsletter – our next meeting is listed on the calendar – or call Karen Ferns at 586-8318. We would love to welcome you!

INFORMATION ON INTERTIE ROAD

Piert Road Extension Public Open House: June 29th from 4 to 7 pm

Location: Finley Grange Hall 414, 223005 Main Street

Contact Information: Bryant J. Kuechle with The Langdon Group will help you with any questions or concerns: 800-252-8929 or orbkuechle@langdongroupinc.com.

Through a cooperative process involving the area land owners, Benton County has identified a preferred alignment for a new roadway connecting Bowles Road with Piert Road and would like to receive your input at an open house style public meeting: **Wednesday, June 29 at the Finley Grange Hall. Feel free to stop in anytime between 4 and 7 p.m.**

The movement of goods from Kennewick and Finley to Interstate 82 is vital to the existing and planned industries in the area. The Benton County Intertie, currently in its second of three construction stages, will provide a new access route from SR 397 (Chemical Drive) to I-82.

By extending Piert Road at its junction with SR 397, 1.75 miles north to Bowles Road, the Piert Road Extension will provide even greater freight mobility for local businesses and improved interstate connectivity for the Finley area. The extension will also increase safety near Finley Middle School and River View High School by diverting truck traffic east of SR 397.

Benton County and J-U-B Engineers will be on hand to answer questions and receive your input about the project. The Piert Road Extension is currently slated for construction with the third and final stage of the Benton County Intertie project, scheduled to break ground in spring 2006.

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BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT

Finley Pick Up Points

1. **Corner of Finley and S. Pullman**
2. **Corner of Finley & Locust at 2 Rivers Park**
3. **Corner of S. Finley and E. Bryson Brown Road**
4. **S. Finley at Fire Station 2**
5. **Corner of S. Finley and E. Cochran Road**
6. **Corner of S. Finley & Game Farm Road by Finley Shopper**
7. **Corner of S. Morton and E. Main Street**
8. **Corner of S. Morton and Walter PRSE**
9. **Corner of S. Morton and E. Riek Road**
10. **Corner of S. Finley and Main**
11. **Parking Area of Sanvik Special Metals**
12. **Longbranch Bar & Grill on Chemical Drive**
13. **Riverview High at Lemon**
14. **Corner of E. Game Farm and S. 2156 PRSE**
15. **Cougar and S. Haney at Finley Elementary School**
16. **206508 E. Bowles (Small Mobile Home Park)**
17. **Entrance to Homestead Trailer Park**
18. **Kelley's Trailers at Mailbox**
19. **Corner of E. Perkins and S. Ruff PRSE**
20. **Corner of S. Haney and Judel Lane**
21. **Corner of E. Bryson Brown and S. Haney**
22. **Corner of E. Perkins and Dague Road**
23. **Pizza Factory on Chemical and Bowles**
24. **Corner of Verbena and Yew**
25. **E. 25th St & PR1996 SE**