

New Beginnings

As the school year gets underway, a lot has been happening throughout the district. There has been a lot of movement. No, not an earthquake, but I know it has felt like that for many. Elementary schools and middle schools have gone through a great deal of change from last year to the beginning of this year. Teachers were involuntarily transferred away from their friends and colleagues, but I'm sure you will be making new friends. Antioch has a tremendous group of teachers. I saw that firsthand. Leaving London Elementary was not easy. It also wasn't easy for other teachers that had to move to other schools. It was extremely difficult for the teachers that were pink slipped and awaiting a call to be reemployed. Many of them were my friends as well as yours. Several have been recalled, but are in placements that are new and uncomfortable. And, yes, I do know how you feel. I've been there. But the most difficult place to be right now is with those that are still on the reemployment list waiting to be called back. My hope is that the Federal Jobs money to bring back teachers will do just that.



I visited Belshaw before school started and was utterly amazed at their stamina and positive attitude. The day before Staff Development Day these teachers were busy moving, unpacking boxes, setting up their rooms, and trying to move desks beneath the ladders and construction crews.

Some had moved desks only to find them pushed back out of the way again when they returned the next day. I visited Belshaw again on the Friday before school started and was amazed at what they had done. Rooms were ready. How they did it, I do know! Parents helped. Children helped. Spouses helped. The Principal helped. Office Staff helped (even with the fire alarm buzzing for days in their ears.) Custodial staff helped. They all came together and so did their rooms. They are the Belshaw Bears, but I think of them as the Belshaw Builders.



Belshaw Office Staff
Arleen Mattson and Chris Jessup.



No, these aren't the new portables for Belshaw!



Belshaw Teacher
Gina Lingenfelter and her mother.



Marsh teachers having lunch in their
“new” lunchroom – an old classroom.

I visited Marsh the first week of school, another school of new beginnings. They were upbeat and smiling. I was amazed how prepared they already were for the year. Most of them had packed up and moved from other schools. They arrived many days before school started to unpack and set up new classrooms and for most, new grade levels. They are the Marsh Tigers, but I think of them as the Marsh Movers. And the list goes on... Kimball Contractors, Park Planners...



I visited Orchard Park School on the teacher workday. Besides working in their classrooms that day they had training on the new attendance system.

Orchard Park Teacher Staci Woolf
helping Kathy Daley with the new
attendance system.

Antioch Schools Education Foundation
Teacher Representative of the Year 2010

The Antioch Schools Education Foundation was delighted to receive so many outstanding nominations for the Mary Allan Fellows Award. Selecting the Fellows was a rigorous and daunting process, because each teacher that was nominated brought unique personal qualities and creative teaching methods to his or her classroom.

Fellows are:

Kasey Graham, Dozier-Libbey Medical High
Monica Wyborny, Carmen Dragon Elementary
Winifred Osakwe, Dallas Ranch Middle

Finalists are:

Michele Roche, Sutter Elementary
Alicia Solano, Mno Grant Elementary

Other Nominees were:

Leslie Adams, Sutter Elementary
Kai Montgomery, Black Diamond Middle
Lisa Culcasi, Sutter Elementary
Christie Steiner, Mission Elementary
Julie Cullimore, Prospects
Joyce Stephenson, Park Middle
Jean Deas, Belshaw Elementary
Barry Tesar, Deer Valley High
Ali Guerrero, Antioch High
Elizabeth Terry, Deer Valley High
Colleen Leong, Mission Elementary
Stacey Wickware, Dozier-Libbey Medical High
Sally Lucia, Belshaw Elementary

All nominees should consider it a great honor to have been nominated. The ASEF Board was impressed with the high caliber of teachers who touch the lives of the children of Antioch each day.

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Education Foundation
Teacher Representative
Employee of the Year
Dinner 2010**



**Teacher of the Year
Kasey Graham
Dozier-Libbey Medical
High**



**Finalist
Shawn Gilbert
Antioch High**



**Mary Allan Fellows Award
Winner
Alicia Solano
Mno Grant Elementary (left)
and Mary Allan (right)**



**Mary Allan Fellows Award
Winner
Monika Wyborny
Carmen Dragon Elementary**



**Mary Allan Fellows
Award Winner
Winifred Osakwe
Dallas Ranch MS**



**Mary Allan Fellows
Award Nominee
Barry Tesar
Deer Valley High**



**Mary Allan Fellows Award Nominee
Julie Cullimore, Prospects (left)
and guest Linda Jones,
Executive Board (right)**



**Mary Allan Fellows Award
Nominees
Lisa Culcasi and Leslie Adams
Sutter Elementary**