

Board Highlights Page – June 8, 2010

Spotlight on Students

King Elementary School students demonstrated what the word “inspired” means through song and prose as the opening guests. Fifth grader Jazmin Soto shared her essay on “What Makes King School a California Distinguished School,” and Mrs. Prado’s 3rd grade class sang “I Believe I Can Fly,” by R. Kelly.

School administrators and educators, and members of the community joined the Board of Education in congratulating Manuel Velasquez, 6th grader at Willard Intermediate School, and Ricardo Franco, an 8th grader at McFadden Intermediate, for getting a jump start on college savings. Both students each received a \$2,000 educational scholarship courtesy of GEAR UP and the Santa Ana College Academic Talent Search Program. The scholarships will be held in a trust until the students are accepted into college.



Mrs. Prado’s 3rd grade class at King Elementary School perform “I Believe I Can Fly.”



Manuel Velasquez, left, is a 6th grader at Willard Intermediate and Ricardo Franco is an 8th grader at McFadden Intermediate.

Employee of the Month for May

Elva Euyoque, school office assistant at Walker Elementary School, was named May Employee of the Month. Elva is described as being consistent in her work ethic, dependable, reliable and honest according to her Principal Roxanna Owings. “She is quick, efficient and correct. It never fails to amaze us when tasks are accomplished in such a timely manner, or when we are running around trying to do 15 things at once, to look up and see Elva pitching in, keeping the situation under control and calmly assisting where needed,” Owings said. “The most amazing thing



Elva Euyoque

about Elva and why she deserves this recognition is because of her relationship with the Walker parents. Because she has been in this school and in Santa Ana for many years, she knows just about every single parent, child and community member!” continued Owings. “Her positive and supportive personality contributes to a productive working environment.”

Board Mentions and Approvals

- Superintendent Jane Russo’s recent naming as the 2010 Community Champion of Change was announced by Board President Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji. Superintendent Russo received the award from our partner Healthy Eating, Active Communities for her leadership of initiatives promoting healthy life-styles among students and the community.
- Ratification of submission of memorandum of understanding with State of California for Race to the Top Federal Grant (**agenda item 3.0**). See overview of **Race to the Top**.
- Ratification of approval of participation with Orange County Department of Education/United Way Advancement Via Individual Determination Program for 2010-11 school year (**Agenda Item 7.0**).
- Approval to call for a public hearing for adoption of 2010-11 budget (**Agenda Item 34.0**) Review **Budget Presentation**.

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