

interaction

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As another school year draws to a close, it's time to look back on all we've done to make the large and small differences in the lives of our students. What better way to remember than the images that have accompanied some of our stories in Interaction? Please enjoy these photographs and the memories they evoke.

All Born In

MESD was one of several sponsors of the annual "All Born In" conference in Portland. The conference brings together advocates, families and service providers for students with special needs.



Arata Creek Family Night

2011 marked the second year that the staff at Arata Creek School sponsored a successful "Family Fun Night."



ASQ

MESD's Early Childhood Program staff have improved diagnosis and referral of very young children with disabilities by training partners in the use of the ASQ-3 assessment screening tool.



Backpack Friday

School Nurse Carol Hill and benefactor Tim Boyle of Columbia Sportswear were recognized for their successful backpack program at Harrison Park School in Southeast Portland.



Burgess Tree Planting

Current and former Outdoor School staff and friends all gathered at MESD's Ainsworth Building to plant a tree to honor the memory of Bob Burgess, one of the founders of ODS.

Construction Training

Students from Helensview, Alpha and Education Success Center had the opportunity to test their skills on heavy equipment at the Northwest College of Construction.



Dawn Rosenlund

Dawn Rosenlund and Janet Briggs combine their talents to form an awesome teaching team at Wynne Watts School.



E² Give Guide

MESD's E² Foundation was chosen as one of Willamette Week's spotlighted charities in their annual "Give Guide."



DE Long Mural

Working with incarcerated students doesn't stifle the creativity that DE Long staff bring to their work. The staff infuse art and community service in their instructional programs. Local artist Arvie Smith visits DE Long to work with students on mural project.



E² Scholars

The E² Foundation awarded scholarships to 27 promising students from area alternative schools.

Project LAUNCH

Elana Emlen is leading Project LAUNCH, MESD's new federally-funded grant focused on health and wellness for young children.





Ethos Music ▲

The therapeutic value of music comes shining through with students who participate in a special class every two weeks at Pathways Community School.



◀ The Galley

Students in MESD's Functional Living Skills program provide lunch service three days each week at the Ainsworth Building.

▶ Grotting and Beck

MESD welcomed two new supervisors in the Department of Special Education Services: Kristine Beck and Lisa Grotting.



◀ Idol

Raising funds and sharing music: MESD Idol 2011 was a benefit event for the Multnomah Early Childhood Program's Child Find and Early Intervention efforts.



▶ Karen Finch

Interpreting student data for policy makers is the job of Karen Finch in Technology Services.

▶ IKEA

MESD is nurturing an important partnership with IKEA, the Swedish home furnishings company.

MESD staff provide monthly parent education workshops on site at their Northeast Portland store.





Lisa Stember, RN

For children and teens with diabetes, MESD school nurses are relied upon for advice, counsel and communication with parents and schools.

LEEP event

MESD registered nurses Monica Crea and Kerry Barnett played a major role in organizing a Special Olympics-style athletic event at Gladstone High School.



Micah Thomas

Engaging the minds of young students while delivering a message of tolerance for differences is the job of Wraparound's Micah Thomas.



Migrant Ed shopping

Recognizing that many families lack basic necessities that most of us take for granted, MESD's Migrant Education staff raised funds to supply families during the holiday season. They also did all the shopping.



Milestones

Thank you! This year MESD honored 97 staff members who reached "Milestones of Achievement." Janeane Hampton completed 30 years at MESD.



Nathan Earle

Arata Creek staff and students value the contributions of Nathan Earle who provides therapy and counseling at the school.



NWDSA

MESD welcomed the Northwest Down Syndrome Association to their new offices at the Ainsworth Building.



ODS companion programs

With a full array of programs for any age group, MESD's Outdoor School has expanded its offerings of hands-on natural science experiences.



OSNA fall conference

MESD school nurses were well represented at both the statewide and national conferences this year.

Raise a Reader

The benefits of early literacy are well documented and extend to MESD's Early Childhood Special Education program.

Pathways Prom

Skate World in Gresham was the site of this year's Pathways Prom, attended by students from several schools in Multnomah County.



Reconnecting Youth

Alpha and Helensview schools have opened their doors to students who want to reconnect with educational options.

Spruce Up

About 50 MESD staff and families converged on Helensview School in early September to "spruce up" the grounds and get the building ready to welcome students.



Scoring

The Oregon Department of Education contracts with MESD to provide training to teachers who score statewide mathematics tests.

