Congratulations to the 2023 Employees of the Year!

The 2023 Employees of the Year were honored at a banquet at Aberdeen High School on Wednesday night. Superintendent Jeff Thake presented Rees Sturm with the ASD5 Teacher of the Year award and Isaura "Izzy" Guzman with the Classified Employee of the Year award.

Congratulations to all of these dedicated employees!

Aberdeen High School
- Rachel Wenzel, English teacher
- Jeri Distler, Special Education para-educator

Harbor Learning Center
- Christopher Howell, Math/Science teacher
- Amy Rasler, Attendance secretary

Miller Junior High School
- Jamie Sutton, Special Education teacher
- Isaura Guzman, Guidance Center secretary
It wasn't long after being named 2023 Teacher of the Year that Rees Sturm, pictured below, found himself in the Principal's Office at Stevens Elementary School. Actually, make that Principal-for-the-Day Liam Cech's office. On behalf of the students at Stevens, Mr. Cech was happy to congratulate Mr. Sturm on his award.
Making a difference at Miller

Isaura "Izzy" Guzman is our district's 2023 Classified Employee of the Year. She is making an impact and is a positive influence for students through her role as the secretary for the Counseling Center at Miller Junior High School.
Summary of the May 23 School Board meeting

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin and Jeremy Wright, along with Superintendent Jeffrey Thake and 25 patrons and staff. Director Suzy Ritter was excused.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Minutes, Bills, Trips & Gifts
The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on May 9, 2023;
- Payroll vouchers for April totaling $4,228,358.75;
- General Fund vouchers totaling $1,465,455.51;
- ASB Fund vouchers totaling $18,378.51, and an
- Overnight/out-of-state trip request for SkillsUSA at Aberdeen High School to travel to the national conference in Atlanta, Ga., on June 17-24, 2023.

Comments from the Board
Director Jurasin reported on the AHS Marching Band’s trip to Victoria, B.C., where they took part in the Victoria Day Parade. She said the students represented the district well and their performance was extremely well received. Directors commented on the enjoyable the social media posts showing the band's sharp appearance and great performance.

Harbor Jr./Sr. High ASB
Following a presentation from junior CeCe Wood and 7th grader Dominik Wood, the Board approved a new constitution restarting an Associated Student Body at the Harbor Learning Center. Skyla Bittner, a parent of students at the school and a Harbor High alumna, also spoke in support of reinstating the ASB.

Transportation Vehicle Fund
The Board approved Resolution 2023-03 increasing the Transportation Vehicle Fund by $190,000 in order to accept delivery of two buses this fiscal year.

Policy 3141 Nonresident Students
The Board approved an update to Policy 3141 Nonresident Students.
Superintendent’s Report

Budget Update
Superintendent Thake provided an update on budget preparations and the reduced education plan for the 2023-2024 school year. He reported that the reduction-in-force letters were delivered to classified staff on Friday, that budget reductions of not more than $3.5 million will be achieved for 2023-2024, and that careful monitoring of enrollment and revenue will continue to take place in planning for subsequent years.

Superintendent Thake reported that the audit for 2022-2023 has been completed with the auditors praising the district for its strong fiscal checks and balances. A finding in Special Education will result in changes to how the district recruits and contracts with special education and mental health professionals.

Personnel Matters
Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report after amending it to add the resignation of Shannon Ramsey as executive director of business and operations. The Board approved the revised 2023-2024 Certificated Staffing list; the reduced 2023-2024 Classified Staffing list and the 2023-2024 Building Administration Staffing list.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to schoolboard@asd5.org. Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent’s Office or by contacting individual board members.
Doug Smith, left, president of the Test of Time Car Club and Lynn Csernotta, right, of Aberdeen Honda, present Travis Wheeler, our high school automotive instructor, with checks totaling $4,154.00 as a donation to the automotive program following a fundraising car show at Aberdeen Honda over the weekend. The Moore Wright Group and Furniture-to-Go were also supporters.

The auto students helped with set-up and clean-up, and toured the Aberdeen Honda Repair Shop. The automotive students also got to select a vehicle for an award and present the trophy to the owner.

In the photos below, Mr. Travis and the auto students enjoy breakfast at Duffy’s, take part in the judging and pose with the owner of their winning vehicle.
Students at the Harbor Learning Center took part in a Day of Service on Friday where they signed up and fanned out to perform volunteer service at their school and in the community. More than a dozen service projects were identified by staff and then students self-assigned how they wanted to participate -- everything from painting over graffiti on a property owner’s garage across from the school to making chew toys for PAWS and refurbishing school furniture.

The volunteer efforts were followed by a school-wide barbecue. “This is the first time we have tried this,” Principal Lisa Griebel said, explaining that volunteering is good for your mind and body, and school-wide volunteering builds a positive school culture.

“Our Day of Service went off without a hitch,” Principal Griebel added. “We ended the day tired, but feeling a sense of accomplishment. We are already starting to plan next year’s day!”
Congratulations to Aberdeen High School’s Silver & Gold award winners who were recognized at this year’s Silver & Gold Awards Banquet on May 17. Every year, the Myrtle Street divide disappears when seniors from Aberdeen and Hoquiam High Schools who have gone above and beyond in service to their school and community are recognized in a joint banquet. We are stronger together.

In the photo above, Aberdeen honorees are, front row, from left, Hadley Ritter, Taleah Ibrahim, Makenna Parris and Allison Mareth.  
Back row: Jacob Allison, Kyle Miller, Colby Mendoza, Brodyn Osina, Kahlomo Cunningham and Garett Hunt.
During a field trip to the South Beach this past week, students in Terri Ann Whalen and Theresa Fleming's classes at McDermoth Elementary School presented the U.S. Coast Guard Grays Harbor with a thank-you "card" for their service. Guardsmen Lewandowski and Lutz took time out of their day to give students a tour of where they work, sleep, eat, and train. The students even got to go on the Coast Guard vessels.

In science, the second-graders have been learning about the "Work of Water," and why there is sand at the beach. So .. they went to the beach, and you can see them in the photo below.

The visit to the Coast Guard station and the beach "was a wonderfully memorable experience for all," Ms. Whalen said.
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**May 2023**

**Aberdeen Bobcat Music Boosters Presents**

**Awards Night and Dessert Reception**

**Monday June 5th 6 pm**

**Senior Music Students & Families**

2023 Awards include:
- Aberdeen Bobcat Music Boosters Scholarships
- Grays Harbor Music Teachers Association Scholarship
- 2022-2023 Aberdeen High School Music Scholars

Held at the Aberdeen High School Auditorium

Complimentary desserts and beverages will be served.
Robert Gray Carnival is June 2

Come have a ball!

Carnival
ROBERT GRAY PTO

June 2nd, 2023
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Concessions open
- Pizza $2
- Chips $1
- Drinks $1
- Candy bar $2
- Cotton candy $1
- Popcorn .50

$5 for 20 plays
Cash & Card accepted

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English and Spanish versions.

If you have a student ready for preschool or kindergarten this fall, please register now. Early registration helps ensure that our schools can be ready for all new students.

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