

E d u c a t i o n

Helping Hands



King Elementary School Second graders from Connie Mode's class take turns reading to visiting pre-schoolers, Lonnell, from Helping Hands Development Center. Every month, reading activities, sharing vowel songs with sign language, and follow up activities as "smart art flashcards," help to reinforce the ideas, phonics and lessons the students have shared.

Emmanuel Community General Services, Inc. is the parent company of Helping Hands Development Center, that serve children ages two and a half to ten years old. Both sets of students get a chance to tell each other what they are learning. Then, the second graders read one-on-one with the visiting students, as the three teachers smile at the students encouraging one another. Academic and self-esteem levels continue to rise with these once a month meetings. Both sets of students look forward to the days they can be together. With the increasing number of students attending the Center, it was welcomed. More students come everyday, increasing the number of children ready to learn from the teachers and peer tutoring. If you have any questions regarding Helping Hands Development Center, you may call us at (503) 281-1511 and ask for Cinda Jackson, Director, or Irene Evans, Head Teacher.

"School Fair" to Highlight Programs

Choices In Portland Public Schools

Families can learn about program choices available in Portland Public Schools -- from kindergarten through high school - at a School Fair set for Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 7-9 p.m. at Benson High School (546 NE 12).

The free fair, co-sponsored by Portland Public Schools and Schools for the City, is designed to help parents make informed choices for their children for the 1998-99 school year.

Parents of preschoolers and elementary-school-aged children will find information on neighborhood schools as well as magnet and special focus programs. Those programs provide special emphasis on early childhood education, foreign languages, math, science and other curriculum area.

Parents and students interested in learning about their middle and high school choices can view presentations and also meet personally with representatives from different

schools. Middle and high school programs to be showcased include neighborhood schools, the health sciences/biotechnology magnet programs, visual and performing arts magnets, and Roosevelt Renaissance 2000.

"Portland Public Schools offers parents extraordinary choices within the public school environment," says Bobbie Regan, a parent and co-organizer of the event. "This Fair gives parents one-stop access to information so they can make informed decisions about their child's education."

Enrollment procedures, student transfer policies, school reform efforts and other general Portland School District information will be presented at the event. The school district's School Information Guide and other brochures and program descriptions also will be available.

Art Student's Design Rose Festival Souvenir Pin

The traditional Rose Festival souvenir pin gets a new twist for 1998, with next year's design coming from the hands of a talented Portland high school student. For the first time ever, the Portland Rose Festival Association asked local high school art students to create a design for the 1998 souvenir pin, and young artists from Cleveland, David Douglas, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Marshall, Roosevelt and Wilson High Schools responded with several creative and colorful ideas.

The chosen design for the 1998 Rose Festival souvenir pin will be unveiled on First Thursday, December 4, 4:30-5:15 p.m. at the Margo Jacobsen Gallery, 1039 NW Glisan. Each student who submitted a design has been invited to attend and all of the original designs will be on display.

The student with the chosen pin design will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Portland Rose Festival Association and a \$250 gift certificate from Art Media. All finalists will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Art

Media. "We felt that having a high school student design our souvenir pin was a great way to involve and recognize the great artistic talent of our young people," said Tim Liefke, chair of the Portland Rose Festival Association Pin Committee. "We think all of these students and their designs are winners, and we're pleased to help encourage the dreams and talents of these young artists through our scholarship and generous contributions from Art Media."

Take Advantage of Hope "Scholarship"

Students at Portland Community College will be able to delay winter term tuition and fee payments until Jan. 5, 1998, in order to be eligible for the Hope Scholarship, a new federal tax credit. The new tax legislation applies to tuition and fees paid after Dec. 31, 1997.

Said Jan Coulton, director of PCC Public Affairs/Foundation, "We wanted to give eligible students an opportunity to qualify. So we've delayed payment dates to Jan. 5 to allow them to take advantage of the tax credit."

The college has printed informa-

tion about the Hope Scholarship tax credit -- and the delayed payment option -- in its winter term schedule of classes, mailed to district residents. It is also printing a message on statements mailed out to students so they are aware of the choice to pay their bill after Jan. 1 for 1998 tax credit eligibility.

The winter term at PCC begins on Jan. 5 and approximately 33,000 students will enroll in classes. Returning students are able to register as early as Dec. 1; registration for new students begins Dec. 5.

It allows eligible students pursuing

the first two years of postsecondary education to receive a tax credit for 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees and 50 percent of the second \$1,000 on their federal income tax. Students must be enrolled at least half time (six credit hours) in a degree, certificate or other program leading to a recognized education credential. The measure takes effect on Jan. 1, 1998, and applies to education provided in academic periods beginning after that date.

For information about the impact of the Hope Scholarship tax credit on one's taxes, it is best to consult the IRS or a tax advisor.

Business Leader Named Interim Superintendent

Diana Snowden, PacificCorp Executive, agrees to provide services for 6-9 month period

Diana Snowden, a 14-year executive with PacificCorp, has agreed to serve as Interim superintendent for the Portland Public Schools.

She will begin her duties on December 1 and continue until a permanent Superintendent is on the job, expected by next summer, 1998.

The Superintendent position is being vacated by Jack Bierwirth, who resigned in late September. Talking with business, community and education leaders, the Search Committee of the Board has been pursuing interim leadership of the Portland School District since Bierwirth announced his resignation.

All members of the Board met with her individually during the last week. She agreed to the interim post, and the Board confirmed her appointment at a meeting Monday evening, November 17.

In addition to high level executive positions at PacificCorp, Ms. Snowden has six years' experience in public education. She was the Director of Employee and Labor Relations with the

Anchorage, Alaska, School District.

Seeking talent from both the public and private sectors, the Board's primary focus during the interim is a balanced budget, successful labor negotiations, fair implementation of new standards for teachers and administrators, and continued progress in implementing new standards for academic achievement for students.

"Diana Snowden's willingness to serve the District at this critical time is a gift to the District, and we couldn't be more grateful," said Sue Hagmeier, Board Chair, "she will bring corporate expertise to the District budget process. Labor negotiations will be carried out in this environment, and Diana's extensive experience in labor relations both in a public school and corporate setting will serve us well."

"In addition, we believe her management approach will be very welcome by District staff, many of whom are feeling the impacts of budget cuts, personnel restructuring, and continued increases in class sized.

She is a warm, talented indi-

vidual who will be good for the District."

Diana Snowden is currently Senior Vice President of Operations for Pacific Telecom, Inc., a \$1.7 billion subsidiary of PacificCorp specializing in telecommunications in 13 western and midwest states.

Prior to this post, Ms. Snowden served in a variety of executive positions including the V.P. of Operations and V.P. of Human Resources with Pacific Power and Light, a division of PacificCorp.

Diana Snowden said, "I was both surprised and excited about this from the first moment of being approached by a Board Member, and I am even more encouraged today.

There is no issue more important to the Portland community than the health and success of its public schools, and I just couldn't say no. I love children and care deeply about Portland's commitment to produce well educated young men and women.

I have tremendous respect for those in the difficult business of educating our youth.

Today you know it was all worth it.



A good education prepares Oregon's children for tomorrow's challenges. The Oregon Lottery is proud to provide \$1 out of every \$10 that currently funds Oregon's public schools, helping make the future bright for our children.



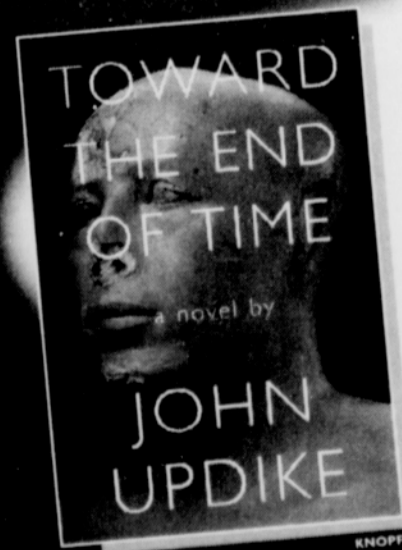
It does good things.

It doesn't seem that long ago...
tears on the first day of school,
fear of not knowing anyone,
laughing with new friends,
bewildered by algebra,
practicing to make the team,
holding the future in his hands on graduation day.

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