



Humbolt Elementary Principal Judy Bryant meets with students Elyesicia Payton (left) and Dorothy Frison between class time. The recipient of the Milken Family Educator Award for outstanding service, Bryant makes herself accessible to students' needs.

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Humbolt Turnaround

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They found comfort and empowerment in Bryant's rapt attention.

Cruising the halls in the immaculately clean elementary, Bryant peeks into classrooms and winks at teachers. She checks up on the progress of individual students.

On a recent afternoon, Bryant takes time between

classes to visit with the art teacher Carrie Berning. The two discuss ideas to better monitor behavior creatively and interactively with the children.

Bryant stresses creativity and arts, "to give kids a problem solving edge."

Berning has found Bryant to be an excellent educational partner.

"It's awesome," Berning said, "She very supportive of my pro-

gram, she's a great resource."

Bryant cherishes the roll she plays in the lives of young people. A poster she made in the hallway reads, "were going to find each child's key." Bryant feels like Humbolt is exactly where she is supposed to be.

"We want to make sure when the kids pass through these doors, they look back and say - that was a pretty great school."

Helpline Turns Tide on Displacement

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Arthur Payne has lived at Park Terrace since 1992. He remembered when almost everyone in the 85-unit complex was participating in the resident council under the guidance of The Community Alliance of Tenants.

"CAT was instrumental in helping us organize," Payne said.

The effort was well worth it. Tenant cooperation caught the attention of the city, which purchased the buildings with the help of the Portland Development Commission.

With a little guidance from CAT, the effort paid off, residents got the city to buy and sell the property to a new owner willing to keep the housing subsidies.

"If PDC hadn't taken it over,

we wouldn't be here," said Payne.

Additionally, residents were able to select the owner and oversee the developmental rehabilitation and renovation of the property.

"Park Terrace is a shining example of what can happen when tenants work together," Rodgers said.

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