



# THE TOTEM POLE

DEVELOPING SELF-RELIANT CITIZENS

OCTOBER 2007

## Superintendent's Summary



*It's hard to believe we are finishing up the first quarter of the 2007-2008 school*

*year! The Toledo School District has welcomed approximately 910 students to this exciting year. Our steady decrease in enrollment over the past two school years seems to be stopped for now. So far this year the numbers are holding strong and steady. What we know for sure is that most of our students are excited to be here and are enjoying school!*

*In this addition of the Totem Pole you will find out what is new for the 2007-2008 year. Be sure and check out our new staff members. They*

*each have wonderful talents and experiences to offer our students and are outstanding additions to our team.*

*One of the things that makes Toledo School District such a wonderful place for students is the amazing support the community provides. Over the past months, several individuals have volunteered time, energy and resources to improve our facilities. I would like to extend a special thank you to the following Toledo community members:*

*Jimmy Wallace: Provided materials and ground work on THS practice football field to improve safety for our players.*

*Jeff & Cathy Oberg of Bar O Ranch: Provided*

*topsoil for THS practice football field.*

*Kurt Olson: Put in an irrigation system at THS football field allowing water conservation as well as improving safety for our players.*

*Signora Armstrong and Lewis County Tennis Association: New nets for THS tennis courts to be used for Cheese Days tennis tournament as well as by our students and community.*

*Greg Armstrong: Electrical expertise and services.*

*Larry Nelson: Expertise and labor on countless maintenance projects throughout the district.*

*Thank you for your generous hearts and spirit!*

*Sharon Bower*

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Board of Director meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted) at the District Office in the Board Room at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public. The dates for meetings are as follows:

- November 20 (Revised)
- December 17 (Revised)
- January 17
- February 21
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 19

**ATTENTION!  
HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION**  
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Parents, if you are providing home-based instruction to your school aged children, you are reminded to file your annual statement with Toledo School District. Forms available at the District Office. Thanks!

### COMING SOON! ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY TURKEY LUNCH



Grandparents Day Turkey Lunch is rapidly approaching. The 2007 lunch will be held on Friday, November 16th, 11:00 a.m. You can register and prepay at the elementary school or high school. (Reservations cannot be made through the middle school). Please get your reservations in EARLY to reserve your seats! We do run out of room.

Prices: K-5 \$2.25, 6-8 \$ 2.50, 9-12 \$2.75, Adults \$3.25 , Non-students \$2.25

\*Please note if your student qualifies for Free and Reduced Meals this applies to our Grandparents Lunch for the student, but not adults.

# November 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>Oct 29</b> UGS Districts	<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> HS FB / TBA	<b>3</b> CC State
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MSGB / Wahkiakum	<b>6</b>  <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>7</b> MSGB @ Toutle	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>13</b> MSGB / Adna	<b>14</b> MSGB @ Napavine  -----Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences----- <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Grandparents Dinner</b>  <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> MSGB / Winlock	<b>20</b> MSGB @ Wahkiakum TES Photo Retakes  *School Board Mtg-7pm (Revised)	<b>21</b>  <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	<b>22</b>  ----THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL----	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> MSGB / Toutle	<b>27</b> HSBB @ Napavine	<b>28</b> MSGB @ Adna	<b>29</b> HSGB / Toutle Lake HSBB @ Toutle Lake	<b>30</b>	

# December 2007

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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> HSBB / Winlock	<b>11</b> HSGB @ Winlock	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HSBB @ Montesano	<b>14</b> HSGB / Montesano	<b>15</b> HSBB @ Knappa
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> HSGB @ Tenino  *School Board Mtg-7pm (Revised)	<b>18</b> HSGB / Tenino	<b>19</b> WR / Onalaska	<b>20</b>  ----- CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL-----	<b>21</b> HSBB / Cascade Christian	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> HSGB @ River ridge	<b>29</b> HSBB / Toutle
----- CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL -----						
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 2</b> WR / Rainier  *Return to School*	<b>Jan 3</b> HSBB / Rainier	<b>Jan 4</b>	
----- CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL -----						

CALENDAR LEGEND: HS-High School, MS-Middle School, VB-Volleyball, FB-Football, CC-Cross Country, UGS-Girls Soccer, BB-Boys Basketball, GB-Girls Basketball, /-Home, @-Away

## SIMPLE MAJORITY



Toledo School District depends on levies for 12% of its funding. In Washington, levy issues, currently require 60% yes vote for approval, a supermajority, and the participation of at least 40% of eligible voters for validation.

When a levy fails, districts must spend resources to rerun the levy. In fact, in 2006, all but one of the levies that failed in the state of Washington would have passed had simple majority been in place. Second levy failures invariably result in staff and program cuts.

The Washington State Legislature has proposed EHJR 4204, and amendment to the State Constitution that allows the passage of school levies by a simple majority and removes the 40% validation rule. It does NOT apply to school bond elections. It is on the general election ballot November 6, 2007.

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (WAC 392172-588)

Any application and any required policies, procedures, evaluations, plans, and reports, relating Toledo School District's special education program are available for public review and comment. The District also welcomes public participation.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE TRUANCY

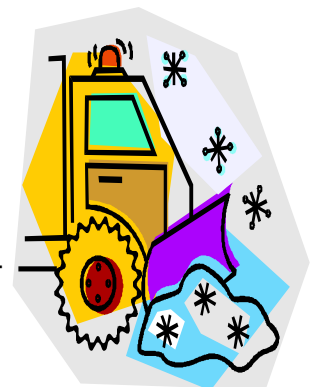
According to Washington State Code as stated in Toledo School District Policy, all "Parents of any child six years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school and such child shall have the responsibility to and therefore shall attend for the full time when such school is in session unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school, and educational center as provided in chapter 28.A205 RCW or is receiving home-based instruction. Parents of any child six or seven years old, who have enrolled the child in school, shall cause the child to attend school for the full time when school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents. The superintendent may grant exceptions under certain specified conditions. According to statute as state policy, "any law enforcement officer authorized to make arrest can take a truant child into custody without a warrant and must deliver the child to the parent or to the school".

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER — School Closures & Delays

During inclement weather the Toledo School District may cancel or delay the start of school. Parents are reminded to listen to the radio stations, TV stations or the information hotline 864-4636 (864-INFO) for information on school delays and closures for the school year. You may also receive up to the minute notifications by email or text message by self-registering at <http://flashalert.net/> for this *free service*.

The District tries its best to make a decision between 6:00 a.m. and 7:30a.m. for the broadcast based on best available information and observation of road conditions. There may be times that school will need to be released early due to conditions and parents are encouraged to let their school's office know (in writing) where they can be contacted or to leave directions for an alternative place for their student(s) to be transported.



**Radio Stations:** KMNT 104.3 FM, KELA 1470 AM, KITI 1420 AM, KITI 95.1 FM, KXXO 96.1 FM, KUKN 94.5 FM

**TV Stations:** Channel 7-KIRO TV, Channel 5-KING, channel 13-FOX

**Flash Alert:** <http://flashalert.net/>

\*click on [Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations](#)

# WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Toledo School District welcomes eight new employees this year. The employees bring a wealth of experience from other school districts and businesses that will be of great value. Please join us in welcoming these new staff members!



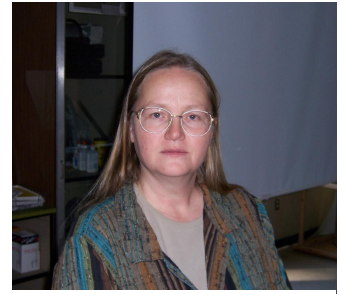
Gretchen Rosenkranz  
TES ECE Teacher



Cheryl Overbay  
TES Reading/Math Specialist



Starrla Ball  
Kindergarten Teacher



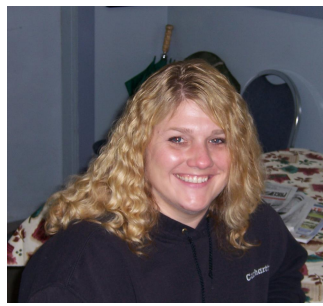
Tomme Trikosko  
THS Science Teacher



Perry Herbst  
THS History/CWP  
Head Football Coach



Sherry Forester  
Bus Driver



Jennifer Marx  
Bus Driver



Pam Carter  
Business Manager

## STAFFING CHANGES



Tim Grey  
THS English Teacher



Sally Caley  
THS Math Teacher



Becky Brooks  
4th Grade

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND NOTIFICATION:

#### **Adequate Yearly Progress:**

Toledo School District's Report Card can be found at the OSPI website at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>. At this site you will find demographic data, test data, financial data, and teacher information for each school in the District and for the District as a whole. You may also find the state of Washington's report card as a basis of comparison. On the Toledo School District website at <http://www.toledo.k12.wa.us>, there is also a link to the District report card and to the school's report card.

#### **Parents Right to Know:**

Toledo School District qualifies for Title 1 Funding. According to NCLB, all schools receiving funding from Title 1 must notify parents that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals who may assist their child. This information is readily available and may be requested in writing at each respective school.

Teachers must meet both state certification requirements and federal requirements as indicated in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Our staff is committed to helping students develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking needed to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

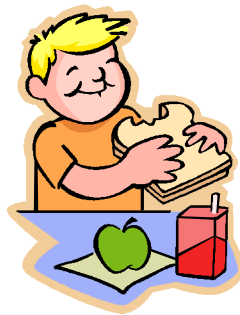
Free and reduced price breakfast and lunches are available for those who qualify. Applications are available at the school offices.

NEW: Good news for kindergarten through grade 3 students! Students in kindergarten through grade 3 who qualify for reduced price meals will now receive both breakfast and lunch free, without paying a copay.

REMINDER: Students who qualified last year were entitled to their same status for the first month of school, but all families must reapply to qualify for the rest of the school year.

NOTE: You may apply at any time during the school year for Free and Reduced

Grade Level	Breakfast Student	Lunch Student
Elementary	\$1.25	\$2.25
Middle School	\$1.25	\$2.50
High School	\$1.25	\$2.75



### “THE TRUTH”

#### Math is Fun & Everyone Can Do It



Math is fun and everyone can do it. Toledo Elementary School held the 1st Annual Family Math Game Night on October 10th. The Lion’s Club donated the food items necessary for dinner, Rickene Reynolds prepared her fabulous chocolate chip cookies, several members of the FCCLA club volunteered their time to serve dinner, the PTO purchased games to be raffled off, and staff members, students, and parents worked together to plan an academically meaningful evening.

200 students and parents turned out for an enjoyable evening of socializing, game playing, and believe it or not—LEARNING. Staff, students, and parents were exposed to a variety of fun ways to address the learning of basic math facts.

Thanks to those of you who participated.

### CHILD FIND NOTICE

Parents: The Toledo School District in cooperation with the Lewis County Special Education Co-op provides on-going Child Find Activities with the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying students, Birth-to-21 years old, with a suspect disability, regardless of the severity of the disability, who are not currently receiving special education and related services. Please call Toledo School District for more information about the availability of these services.

## WASL UPDATE

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits our recognizing individual students on their successful completion of the WASL requirements now required for graduation; therefore, we would like to offering a general CONGRATULATIONS to all those students who successfully passed all portions of the WASL in the Spring or Summer of 2007. We would also like to CONGRATULATE the 36 freshman who opted to take one or more portions of the 10th grade test in the Spring of 2007.

Please take a moment to talk with the students in your lives about their successes and struggles. It is only when we function as a team that students will reach their full potential.

Plan ahead **Mark Your Calendars**

2007-08 WASL Testing Schedule

3rd—8th Testing Window  
APRIL 14th—MAY 2nd

- 3rd Grade - Math & Reading
- 4th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing
- 5th Grade - Math & Reading & Science
- 6th Grade - Math & Reading
- 7th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing
- 8th Grade - Math & Reading & Science

High School  
MARCH 10th - 13th: Reading & Writing  
APRIL 15th - 18th: Math & Science

- 9th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing & Science (OPTIONAL)
- 10th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing & Science (REQUIRED)
- 11th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing & Science (MAKE-UP)
- 12th Grade - Math & Reading & Writing & Science (MAKE-UP)



