

# What's news in Tahoma schools?

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## School District highlights

### School board to consider new math textbooks

A committee of parents and school district teachers and administrators will recommend adoption of the Holt Series for the 6th through Algebra II math program.

The Math Resource Review Committee recommends the Holt Series because:

- It best meets the needs of all students in our system.

- Is best aligned with new state standards.

- It has sufficient rigor to prepare students for higher levels of math.

- It has resources to support teachers in differentiating instruction for students at different levels in the same class.

- It has excellent 21st century technology resources including on-line books, DVD's CD's etc.

- Is the number one rated resource by the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The school board will review the recommendation at its May 25 meeting.

### No snow this year; students get 4-day Memorial Day break

There is no school on Friday, May 28, which was reserved as a snow makeup day. This year's mild winter means students now will have an extended Memorial Day weekend break.

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## THS sends 3 to speech and debate nationals

Three of Tahoma High School's award-winning speech and debate students will compete at a national event June 12-19 at the National Forensic League Speech and Debate Tournament in Kansas City, MO.

Amy McCormick is participating in International Extemporaneous speaking, which requires her to speak impromptu for about seven minutes about international news events. McCormick won this year's state competition for impromptu speaking.



Tucker

Josh Tavenner and Emily Wittman are participating in Dual Interpretation, which is a 10-minute memorized event. The Tahoma duo will do a humorous presentation.

Wittman is this year's state champion for interpretive reading and Tavenner was a state finalist for humorous interpretation.

It's been another good year for Tahoma's Speech and Debate program and its advisor, Matt Tucker, who recently learned he is being recognized by the National Forensic



Amy McCormick, left, Josh Tavenner and Emily Wittman are preparing for a national speech and debate competition.

League for his and the team's success. Tucker is being awarded his second Diamond Degree

of Membership, which is given in recognition of outstanding performances by his team.

## Tahoma is first to earn green schools district award

Tahoma School District's success in recycling and resource management has earned recognition as the first school district in King County to attain Level One in the Green Schools Program.

Dale Alekel, King County Green Schools Program manager, presented a framed certificate to Tahoma Superintendent Mike Maryanski May 20 in recognition of the district's achievement.

"Tahoma School District's eight schools have done a terrific job engaging students and staff in learning about and practicing conservation," Alekel said. "The district and its schools provide a model for other schools and districts."

Level one of the program focuses on waste reduction and recycling. Schools



King County's Dale Alekel presents a district Green Schools award to Superintendent Mike Maryanski.

that complete level one have reduced waste and set up effective programs to recycle paper, bottles, cans and other

materials. Three schools also have achieved level two status, which focuses on energy efficiency.

Five of the district's eight schools recycle their food scraps and food-soiled paper, which Cedar Grove Composting facility collects and composts. Glacier Park Elementary, the first school in the district to add organics collection, increased its recycling rate from 10 percent to 68 percent. Due to increased recycling and decreased garbage volumes, the school saves the district an average of \$7,000 annually. During the past two years, the entire school district has reduced waste by nearly 25 percent and has saved about \$25,000 annually on garbage disposal. The district also has reduced paper usage.