

BUG PROGRAM

(Bringing Up Grades)

Kiwanis Elementary School Program

WELCOME TO VALHALLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

We have a new school on board this year with our BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Program. Valhalla Elementary School had their first Awards Assembly on December 13, 2013. The Principal, James Crawford is very enthusiastic about the program. It is a pleasure to work with Mr. Crawford, Elizabeth Bognell, Family Liaison and Erin Barry, School Counselor. This is a great school with a great staff that truly cares about our children and it is exciting to work with them.

At the Assembly, we had the pleasure of sitting next to grandparents that were raising their grandchildren. They were so thrilled and proud to see their grandchildren called up to receive a BUG Award for their hard work. The students were just beaming to be given an award and to stand up in front of all their school mates, teachers, family members and praised for their efforts. They were proud of themselves and it showed in their smiles. This event was well attended by family members.

This is what the BUG Program is all about, building self-esteem, pride in their work and recognition for their efforts. GOOD JOB VALHALLA!

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

We continue to excel with the BUG Program in Mark Twain Elementary School. We also attended their Awards Assembly. Principal Sharon Mitchell-Guddat and Teacher Ann Wolform are continuing with an excellent BUG Program. I believe this is the 6th year for the Program in their school. They are very supportive and always a pleasure to work with. At their Awards Assembly we included treats for the students and parents. It was quite the party and celebration of their achievements. They too, had a cafeteria full of parents and other family members there to cheer for their children and their hard work. EXCELLENT WORK MARK TWAIN!

OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

We are continuing with a strong BUG Program at Olympic View Elementary School. That program was started two years ago, so they are into their third year. They are planning their first Awards Assembly in February. Last year they had their BUG Awards Assemblies in the evening. We served cookies and drinks for everyone after the ceremony. They always have a Gym full of parents and other family members. The refreshments afterwards is a great time for parents, teachers and Principal Paul Marquardt to get better acquainted and celebrate their children's' hard work. They are doing a fantastic job of making this a "special" night to honor the students. The night is for the BUG Awards ONLY! The principal opens with a nice talk explaining the program and then each student is called to the front of the room, given a BUG Certificate, BUG Pin and also a BUG pencil. Our club provides these items to the school. The Principal talks about each child and their accomplishments. The students are just beaming and of course the parents are also. They usually honor about 40 students at each Assembly. EXCELLENT JOB OLYMPIC VIEW!

STAR LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

We also have a BUG Program at Star Lake Elementary School. They have a new Principal this year, and I am sure they will be back up and running again soon. They have had this program in their school for over 7 years plus.

We (Kiwanis members) are asked to participate and attend all Awards Assemblies. In some schools, we have the honor to hand out the pencils and pens to the students and shake their hands with great pride in their accomplishments. In others we are part of the cheering section. It is a privilege to be a part of this program.

Each school can decide how they want to handle the BUG Program. Some schools have BUG Assemblies during the day and some in the evenings. At some schools, we bring refreshments and beverages to share after the awards with parents, students and staff. In some schools, at the end of the school year to celebrate, we have a pizza party for all the BUG Students for the year.

We need to acknowledge the time and effort that the principals and teachers give willingly to make this program a success. They really are doing an outstanding job to acknowledge the success of each student. This is what the "BUG PROGRAM" is about. It is my privilege to work with these schools.

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OLYMPIC VIEW—KIWANIS, PRINCIPAL AND BUG PROGRAM COORDINATOR
"Cookies and Drinks for BUG Award Students"



OLYMPIC VIEW—KIWANIS TEAM
"Cookies and Drinks for BUG Award Students"



OUR "BUG TEAM"
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