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The Future of Clipboard

The Communication Services Team thank the nearly 300 staff members and retirees who responded to the Clipboard survey. We appreciate the time you took to complete the survey and are committed to tailoring our communication to meet your needs. Below is a summary of responses.

Our respondents were:

- Teachers – 32 percent
- Classified employees – 28 percent
- Professional technical – 5 percent
- Administrator – 4 percent
- APS Retirees – 31 percent

- We were pleased to learn respondents read Clipboard most of the time with retirees reading it most often. There were mixed views on how often we should publish Clipboard, with 53 percent preferring every three months or twice a year while 47 percent of respondents prefer once a month.

- There were mixed views on delivery methods. More than half (55 percent) of the respondents indicated that they prefer an online version of Clipboard. Nearly 80 percent of retirees prefer receiving a printed copy of Clipboard in the U.S. mail.

- Clipboard is the primary source of information about staff accomplishments for 67 percent of respondents. Among teachers and classified employees 185 want to see staff stories and successes featured in Clipboard. Thirty respondents asked for more student news while 26 percent wanted school news.

- When asked for suggestions for a name, 67 respondents wanted to keep the name Clipboard.

To read the entire survey results visit, <http://www.aps.k12.co.us/communications/clipboard/survey/>.

Based on your feedback, Clipboard will keep its name and will be published quarterly beginning in fall 2007. APS retirees will continue to receive a printed copy in the mail.

For those staff members who prefer a printed copy, we will develop a mailing list and send copies via school mail. To sign up on the printed Clipboard distribution list, please complete the form above right. Retirees will continue to receive it via U.S. mail.

CLIPBOARD SIGN UP FORM

Please send me a printed copy of Clipboard.

Name _____

School/Site _____

Phone Extension _____

Return via school mail to Communication Services at the Administration Building.

In addition to Clipboard, we will continue to highlight staff accomplishments in several other publications. Every two weeks, we distribute E-News, an electronic newsletter for staff members. It features district news and a staff and student showcase.

The APS Community Connection is the district's key communicator network. To access our online newsletter or to sign up, visit <http://www.aps.k12.co.us/communications/connection/>.

The APS Web site has specific sections that highlight student, staff and community partners. You may access these sites at:

- Student showcase (<http://www.aps.k12.co.us/students/showcase.html>)
- Staff showcase (<http://www.aps.k12.co.us/staff/showcase.html>)
- Community partnerships (<http://www.aps.k12.co.us/community/partners.html>)

Aurora Public Schools also publishes weekly stories on the back page of the Aurora Sentinel. To access these stories log on to <http://www.aps.k12.co.us/communications/ads.html>. All APS media releases are also available online at <http://www.aps.k12.co.us/communications/releases.html>.

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Every child counts

Share your staff success stories.

You may submit your good-news story ideas using our online form at www.apsnet/news.htm.

Recent APS Staff Achievements

Congratulations to the following staff members who earned state, local, national and international recognition.

- Michelle Barone--Nominated for Newberry Award
- Bill Cary--John Garvey Merit Award
- Grace Choi--Asian/Pacific Community Partnership Teacher of the Year
- Dianne Dugan--Colorado Distinguished Principal of the Year
- Kathy Reiner--National School Nurse of the Year
- Christine Sundberg--Applegate-Dorros Award--National Education Association
Dr. John and Gladys Bates Human Relations Award
International Adopt-A- Minefield Recognition Award

To read their stories, visit

<http://www.aps.k12.co.us/staff/showcase.html>.



Two APS Staff Members Nominated for Chamber Awards

Director of Risk Management Christine Hoppe and Fletcher teacher Tracy Gallegos were recently nominated for the Chamber Woman and Man of the Year awards.

- Hoppe serves as the operations liaison for the district's Incident Response Team. She is instrumental in organizing incident response drills in conjunction with law enforcement, fire and rescue agencies as well as with mental health crisis and social service organizations. Well known in the community, she is a board member for the Aurora Rotary Club and Leadership Aurora and a 2000 graduate of the Aurora Citizen's Police Academy. She has served on a number of local committees.
- Gallegos is a teacher on special assignment at Fletcher Elementary School and primarily focuses on family and community involvement. Working closely with the Colorado Parent Information and Resource Center, Gallegos organizes four parent trainings each year that impact nearly 200 parents. He coordinates translation and interpretation for the community and engages in active outreach to ensure that Aurora Public Schools parents are actively involved in their children's education.

Congratulations Retirees

Aurora Public Schools would like to thank the more than 120 retirees for their years of dedication and service to Aurora's children. A few of our retirees are featured here.



Bob Adams

Superintendent of Schools
Years in District: 15

"Retirement is about reinventing ourselves. I do that everyday."



Kay Cary

Assistant, Chief Information Officer
Years in District: 17

"I have been associated with APS since 1976 through my children's education, volunteer work and various district jobs. It has been a true pleasure!"



Irene Lay

Gateway High School - Media Specialist
Years in District: 29

"The best part of retiring for me is that my 29 years at Gateway seem like only half the time."



Gretchen Roske

Rangeview High School
Special Education Teacher
Years in District: 33

"I would not have traded my career for anything. I will miss my students and colleagues. If I have made a difference in someone's life, it was all worth it."

You are invited to a retirement reception for Superintendent Bob Adams on Tuesday, May 16 at Aurora Central High School. To learn about other celebrations, visit <http://www.aps.k12.co.us/staff/retirements.htm>.
