

# Press Release



## Battle Ground Public Schools

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### Six teachers earn national certification

Six Battle Ground Public Schools' teachers have earned 2010 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the independent, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization announced Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Their certification, which is an optional endeavor by teachers and not a requirement of employment, marks completion of a rigorous, one-to-three year program to improve teaching techniques and styles. The state of Washington awards stipends of \$5,090 per year to teachers who have earned the certification. The 2010 Battle Ground teachers who passed the NBPTS program are:

**Joe Accuardi**, Prairie High and Laurin Middle schools, instrumental music. Hired by the district Aug. 29, 2007.

**Patricia Chevalier**, Glenwood Heights Primary, first grade. Hired Aug. 27, 2003.

**Kent Graham**, HomeLink River, grades 1-8 social studies, grades 1-8 language arts and grades 7-12 technology. Hired Aug. 31, 2001.

**Georgianne O'Donnell**, Laurin Middle School, sixth grade. Hired Dec. 17, 2003.

**Susan Remmen**, HomeLink River, third and fourth grades. Hired Oct. 1, 2004.

**Jennifer Sawyer**, Tukes Valley Primary, first grade. Hired Aug. 31, 2005.

Nationally, some 91,000 teachers have earned this certification, including about 8,600 this year.

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