

Lion's Pride

Special points of interest:

- Last year's fund drive for Heifer International provided four families in third world countries with flocks of geese and ducks. These gifts enable families to start a business that provides them income to survive. Heifer provides the structure and education to help them succeed.

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A Global Education

WSSB has always try to instill a sense of the world in all of our projects and classes. It is very easy for a student to ignore current events if they are not happening on our campus. As educators we have a deep commitment to keep our student informed and involved in world events. The greatest global lessons are often tied to care and concern for others. It is unfortunate that it takes catastrophe to move us to action. It is our hope by introducing students to global need during the quiet times of life they will foster a deep concern for the rest of the world. We hope that this concern will

help them become a better citizen of their communities, state, country and the world. Here is a sample of the causes WSSB has been involved with.

- *SW Washington Humane Society
- *Share House (homeless shelter)

- *Mercy Corps Int.
- *Support Our Troops (care packages)
- *Heifer International (third world focus)
- *Bethel School for the Blind (China)
- *Most recent: St. Vincent's Center, (Blind School Haiti)



A clinic and classroom at the St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children, was leveled by the recent earthquake in Haiti

Sending Support to Haiti

The recent earthquake in Haiti was devastating. We received news that St. Vincent's Center for Disabled Children (also their blind school) was nearly destroyed. St. Vincent's serves 300 students daily in their resi-

dential and day programs. Six students and staff were killed during the quake. The rest of the faculty and students were relocated to the soccer grounds by the Palace. Looters descended on the school shortly thereafter, taking anything of

value. Upon hearing the news our students decided that they would start a fundraiser to send support. We will be collecting funds throughout February and will be sending a support check to their foundation in early March.

Photos from Haiti

Here is one photo of some of the children from St. Vincent's in the soccer field behind College St. Pierre. The gentleman in the wheel chair lost his artificial arms and legs as well as his crutches in the earthquake. The girl in pink was dug out of the wreckage of St. Vincent's on Saturday, four days after the earthquake. She was found by a rescue dog.



The photo on the left is of the church located next door to the school

If you would like to help you can send donations with your student to our school or you can make donation to these children through the **Friends of St. Vincent's Center**. Here is a link with more background including their contact information

<http://www.friendsofstvincents.org/>

**Parents and friends of
WSSB
Please take time to fill
out our parent survey at
www.wssb.wa.gov**

Accreditation Study

WSSB is a fully accredited school through Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. We are required to complete yearly reviews and in depth accreditation reviews every six years. This will occur on April 19-21, 2010. An on-site team composed of educators, district superintendents and representatives from schools for the blind will conduct an in-

depth review of our programs. They will be visiting classrooms and interviewing staff and students. They will be contacting parents as well.

We are seeking input in this process. Last month you were emailed and asked to fill out a short survey regarding programming at WSSB. This survey is located on the school website:

www.wssb.wa.gov.

If you have additional comments or would like to write letters for the on-site team you may address them to:

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Upcoming Events at WSSB

Feb. 2 New Semester begins
Feb. 11 Valentine Dinner Formal (student council)
Feb 15 **no school** Presidents' Day
March 12 **no school** Statewide In-service Day
March 16-18th Statewide testing for High School students.
March 29-April 2 **no school** Spring Break