Becky Mittleider, fifth grade teacher at Marcus Whitman Elementary School, recently served on a Washington State Science Assessment Committee. Mittleider helped develop fifth grade test items written to the Next Generation Science Standards.

“This was an intense and challenging professional development experience” stated Mittleider. “The process involved deep analysis of the science standards. I gained valuable skills in how to assess student understanding.”

Nine RSD elementary educators will partner with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory scientists and engineers this summer as part of STEM-It Now:

- Karen Bryan – Sacajawea
- Emily Fine, Dani Flanagan, Pam Hood – White Bluffs
- David Krieg, Terrie Mead, Kristin Rodriquez – William Wiley
- Mary Moore – Lewis & Clark
- Carly Payne – Badger Mountain

“The teachers will design and pilot test STEM projects for use in their classrooms,” explains Erika Doyle, RSD Curriculum Coordinator. “Preparing students for an increasing number of STEM careers is a top priority.”

Fourth graders in Erika Cook’s art room at Jefferson Elementary School used water colors to paint images in the style of Austrian artist/architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

“Students learned how Hundertwasser utilized irregular lines, bold colors, and incorporated nature into his unique structures and paintings,” explains Cook. “I then let the kids loose to create their own designs including the one seen here by Hassan Gahnug.”

The Hanford High School guest artist concert with Latin band Milonga will air on KVEW-TV April 23 & 30 at 11:30 am.

American Legion Post 115, Benton City, recently donated 15 copies of “Indivisible – The Story of Our Flag” to the Richland School District. “We thank the American Legion for this resource which will be utilized by some of our social studies teachers,” said Kristina Tucker, Curriculum Coordinator.

Congratulations to Hanford High School senior Kiera Lucas on earning a spot on next year’s Washington State University cheer squad. Kiera carries a 3.9 GPA while being active with Key Club, National Honor Society, and student leadership.

“Kiera is the epitome of what a student-athlete should be,” noted Kim Mayer, HHS cheer coach.

Don Parchen, American Legion Post 115, and Kristina Tucker, RSD Curriculum Coordinator
Hanford High School senior **Isabel Lin** used colored pencil to draw this piece which explores women, culture, costume, and time. This work is part of Isabel’s portfolio for Advanced Placement Studio Art.

“I’m proud of these students who show critical thinking, initiative, and creativity in their work,” said faculty advisor Nancy E. Smith.

The fourth grade math team from **Lewis & Clark Elementary School** earned First Place in Division 1A at the 2016 Math Is Cool! Regional competition held April 15. The team will now compete in the Elite Division at the Washington State Math Masters competition next month in Moses Lake.

In the individual competition, Lewis & Clark student **George Hu** earned First Place.

Hanford High School media students earned a number of top awards at the National High School Journalism Convention last week in Los Angeles. The student newspaper The Altitude earned a Best of Show 3rd Place Award. Seniors **Caroline Waring** and **Emily Tan** (shown below) are the editors-in-chief.

Nine other students earned individual awards:

- **Diana Wang**, Superior - Infographics
- **Sonali Matta**, Superior - Yearbook Layout: Inside Pages
- **Dana Small**, Superior - Yearbook Copy/Caption: Sports
- **Shibani Datta**, Excellent - Yearbook Copy/Caption: Student Life
- **Katie Peurrung**, Excellent - Yearbook Sports Photography
- **Caroline Waring**, Honorable Mention - Newswriting
- **Kyle Reisenauser**, Honorable Mention - Sports Writing
- **Emily Tan**, Honorable Mention - Commentary Writing
- **Michelle Chou**, Honorable Mention - Editorial Writing