



School Beat

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Two Ballard HS filmmakers to be honored at NW Regional Emmy Awards on June 2

At a Glance: Two productions by Ballard High School (BHS) video students have been selected for honors by the Regional 2007 National Student Television Awards. A project of the National Association of Television Arts & Sciences, the awards serve to promote the best in television production in a variety of categories. The students will be honored at an award presentation on June 2 at the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards Ceremony.

The productions are:

“Bittersweet” by Coburn Erskine, Becca Rice, Devan Sizemore and George Westberg, which won the Writing category.

“Ave Rats” by Clinton Carucci, Ian McKagan and Mixtli Zavaleta, which received an Honorable Mention in the Documentary category.

These BHS productions have also been honored at a number of other regional, national, and international film festivals. Some of the honored productions will be screened in the BHS auditorium at a showing of work by students in the BHS Video Production Program on Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

Dates, times and location: Northwest Regional Emmy Awards
Jonas Jensen Fremont Studios
155 N. 35th Street
5 pm. – 10 p.m., Saturday, June 2

Contact: (206) 575-3444 for information on the Emmy Awards Ceremony.
Matt Lawrence, BHS teacher, at (206) 252-1117 for information on the BHS Video Production Program.

Coe Elementary celebrates 100th Anniversary on June 2

At a Glance: Coe Elementary School is inviting the community to celebrate its 100th anniversary, beginning 11 a.m., Saturday, June 2 with a schedule of events that includes: a vintage fashion show; alumni procession; carnival games and activities; staff appreciation and recognition of retirees; time capsule dedication; and cake and refreshments.

Students and staff at Coe Elementary benefited from a major historic renovation completed in 2002. The three-story brick building, with a grand columned entrance, follows the Ionic Colonial style of the old building. The school’s design is centered around a three-story open gallery that visually links all three
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floors. Skylights bathe the gallery with natural light. Built-in benches outside the classrooms and in the gallery create areas for individual and small group teaching and learning on the second and third floors. A community space on the ground floor can accommodate large school gatherings. This Queen Anne Hill landmark was renovated with Building Excellence I funds approved by voters in 1995.

Dates, times and location: 11 a.m., Saturday, June 2
Coe Elementary School
2424 7th Avenue W.

Contact: Jeanette Thebeau Enright at (206) 427-7551 or
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Seattle Reading Awards to be presented on Saturday, June 2

At a Glance: The Seattle Reading Awards recognizes fifth-grade students who, through their efforts and determination, have shown exceptional improvement in reading this school year. The Seattle Reading Awards were initiated several years ago through former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and his wife, Constance Rice. Winners will receive an autographed copy of “Dear Ichiro” by Jeannie Okimoto and a certificate of award.

Dates, times and location: 10:30 a.m. – noon, Saturday, June 2
Mercer Middle School
1600 S. Columbian Way

Contact: Dan Coles, K-12 Literacy Program Manager, at (206) 252-0231 or
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Roosevelt HS theater director to receive achievement award on June 4

At a Glance: Theater Puget Sound will honor Roosevelt High School Theater Director Ruben Van Kempen with the 2007 Gregory A. Falls Sustained Achievement Award in a ceremony on June 4 at the Seattle Center. The award honors those who have devoted time, energy and talent to Seattle’s theater community and whose careers have had an influence on theater, locally and beyond. Van Kempen will share the award with Karen Gjelsteen, a professor and scenic design area head who taught at Cornish College of the Arts since 1981.

Theater Puget Sound selected Van Kempen for his work as an outstanding theater director and educator. He has garnered many theater and education awards throughout his career, including the Christa McAuliffe Washington Award for Excellence in Education Award and the Seattle Excellence in Education Award. Van Kempen has directed numerous plays and has seen his former students perform on Broadway.

Dates, times and location: 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Monday, June 4
Seattle Center, Alki NW Room
305 Harrison Street
Admission: \$30; reservations required.

Contact: Theater Puget Sound at (206) 770-0370

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Brighton Elementary to hold Multicultural Celebration on June 7

At a Glance: Brighton Elementary School will hold its annual Multicultural Celebration on June 7 at the school. This year's theme will be "We Are Family." A free dinner featuring the foods of many cultures will be followed by a program of music. Brighton students and community guests will be presenting songs and dances from many of the world's nations.

Dates, times and location: 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, June 7
Brighton Elementary School
6725 45th Avenue S.

Contact: Beverly Raines, principal, at (206) 252-6770.

African American Academy planning Imani Fest on June 9

At a Glance: Planning is underway at the African American Academy for the Imani Fest on Saturday, June 9. There will be food, fun, information booths and activities for all ages.

Dates, times and location: Noon – 3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 9
African American Academy
8311 Beacon Avenue S.

Contact: Andrea Drake, teacher, at (206) 252-6650

High School Commencements June 15 – June 19

During June Seattle Public Schools students will cap their successful K-12 careers by participating in graduation ceremonies. Below is a list of upcoming dates and locations.

High Schools

Friday, June 15	6:30 p.m. Ingraham @ Ingraham N.W. Athletic Complex
Saturday, June 16	1:00 p.m. Sealth @ Sealth Stadium (SWAC)
Monday, June 18	6:30 p.m. Nathan Hale @ New Hale N.E. Athletic Complex
Monday, June 18	5:00 p.m. Cleveland @ Benaroya Hall
	5:00 p.m. Ballard @ Qwest Field
	8:00 p.m. West Seattle @ Benaroya Hall
	8:00 p.m. Franklin @ Qwest Field
Tuesday, June 19	5:00 p.m. Roosevelt @ Qwest Field
	7:00 p.m. Rainier Beach @ Benaroya Hall
	8:00 p.m. Garfield @ Qwest Field

Non-Traditional High Schools

Thursday, June 14	7:00 p.m. Marshall @ Ballard H.S. auditorium
Thursday, June 14	6:00 p.m. Nova @ Nova
Friday, June 15	7:00 p.m. The Center School @ Seattle Repertory Theater
Friday, June 15	7:00 p.m. Homeschool Resource Ctr. @ Wilson Pacific Auditorium
Friday, June 15	7:00 p.m. South Lake @ Rainier Beach Performing Arts Center
Friday, June 15	7:00 p.m. Summit @ Summit
Tuesday, June 19	7:00 p.m. Interagency @ Fisher Pavilion (Seattle Center)
TBD	6:00 p.m. Middle Colleges: @ U of W Water Activities Center <i>U of W Campus</i>
TBD	7:00 p.m. Middle Colleges: @ Brockey Center @ SSCC <i>South Campus</i>
TBD	7:00 p.m. Middle Colleges: @ Wilson Pacific Cafeteria <i>Northgate</i>
TBD	7:00 p.m. Middle College: @ Daybreak Star Cultural Arts <i>American Indian Heritage Center</i>

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