

# Campo Science Teacher Named AUHSD Educator of the Year

Submitted by Ruth Thornburg



Kelson (center) with students at the top of Yosemite Falls in January.



Jane Kelson

Photos provided

Acalanes Union High School District Superintendent John Nickerson recently announced the selection of Campolindo High School science teacher Jane Kelson as the AUHSD Educator of the Year. “Described by one of her colleagues as a ‘pretty spectacular teacher,’ Jane exemplifies what we all strive to do for our students,” Nickerson wrote in a

letter to AUHSD staff. “Her passion for her subject matter is contagious, and her content knowledge incredibly deep. She takes ownership and supports each learner and successfully extends learning beyond the classroom walls. She is constantly seeking opportunities for professional growth, ‘actively seeks collaborative moments with her peers,’ and takes risks with new ideas and approaches in her constant effort to reach more students.” The AUHSD Educator of the Year will represent the district in the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year competition. The AUHSD Educator of the Year finalists included Kelson, Acalanes High School social studies teacher Joe Schottland, and Las Lomas High School English teacher Will Cautero. “Congratulations to Jane, Joe and Will,” Nickerson wrote. “You are all ‘spectacular.’”

# Stanley Jazz Group Heads to Monterey

By Cathy Dausman



A portion of the Stanley Middle School Jazz Messengers trumpet section (there are seven in all) warms up during zero period rehearsal. Thirty musicians in all – seven saxophones, four trombones, five drummers, two bass guitars, two piano players, two flutists and a French horn player will perform at the 2014 Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey later this month. Photo Cathy Dausman

Spring break won't just be a rest period for 30 Stanley Middle School music students. The musicians, members of the Stanley Jazz Messengers, an advanced jazz group, have been invited to perform – again – in Monterey, Calif., during the annual Next Generation Jazz Festival March 28-30. They are one of just six middle school groups to perform.

Jazz Messengers have “gotten in just about every year” in the last seven, said Bob Athayde, Stanley’s director of music education. He said that the festival becomes more competitive each year.

The three-day event includes performances by middle school, high school and college level ensembles as well as workshops and competitions. More than 60 groups from across the United States attended the 2012 Next Generation Jazz Festival.

Although the middle school participation is “more for exhibition than competition,” Athayde said that listening to the other bands gives his students a reality check – a chance to see just how good other bands are.

“It’s the real deal,” he said.

Jazz Messengers perform at 12:30 p.m. March 29 at Fisherman’s Wharf and 10:30 a.m. March 30 in Portola Plaza. All events are open to the public and are free. For event details visit: <http://stanleymusic.org/> and <https://www.montereyjazzfestival.org/> /NGJF.

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# A Wide Array of Wonderful Films

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Starring one of Israel’s favorite actors, Lior Ashkenazi, “Big Bad Wolves” follows the off-line interrogation of a serial killer. Dror, a young religion teacher, is beaten by the police to get a confession to the serial murders of young women. He is finally released and the policeman who persecuted him, Miki, is fired. But Miki still believes Dror is the assassin and stays on his trail, only to discover that the father of the last victim, Gidi, is also after Dror. The Israeli thriller, directed by Aharon Keshales and Navot Papushado, contains graphic violence and is not for tenderhearted viewers.

The East Bay International Jewish Film Festival, which began March 7, continues today at Century 16 Theaters in Pleasant Hill before moving to the Orinda Theatre beginning March 21. For ticket information, or to view trailers, visit <http://eastbayjewishfilm.org>.

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