

As the Toilet Turns

Shocking!!!



It happened at one of our schools. One day, a light switch requiring a key was damaged beyond repair. Thus, the Head Custodian was required to replace it. Carefully removing the switch and all attached wiring from the electrical box, the custodian proceeded with the repair. Once completed, the switch and wiring were ready to be re-installed into the electrical box.

In the meantime, a school administrator had been nearby talking with some other individuals. Oblivious to what had been happening, he failed to notice the switch hanging from the wall. However, while preparing to re-install the switch, he bumped the panying wires up and on a teeter-totter. This action immediately arrested the attention of the administrator standing nearby. With lightning quick speed, he was right there to see what was going on. The custodian, not wanting to appear more knowledgeable than this administrator, allowed him to push and pull on the switch. All the while the administrator was asking "What's going on?," "Why is this out of the wall?," "What are you doing?"



Before the custodian could answer with any words of explanation, the administrator inadvertently grabbed both sides of the switch completing the 220 volt circuit for the lights. With eyes the size of plates and a hand and arm crawling with electricity, the administrator began bouncing up and down like Tigger from Winnie the Pooh all the while crying out "Ouch. Ouch. Ouch!!!"

The all-wise and safety-conscience custodian calmly replaced the light switch and wires, a sly smile hidden beneath the façade of seriousness. The custodian then picked up the tools they had been using and headed down the hall to accomplish more projects for the day while the administrator stood shaking his hand and mumbling softly to himself.

In Memory of Stacey Fanning

On Friday, November 1, 2002, Stacey Fanning, a fun, energetic and gregarious individual, died in a Seattle hospital from a brain aneurysm. She was known by all, and will be truly missed. She was 34 years old.

She was working as a night lead custodian at Lake Wilderness Elementary school. She was part of the Tahoma School District's custodial team since 1997. She is survived by many family members including her husband and daughter.

In memory of Stacey, her family has set up a memorial fund at US Bank. Proceeds will be used for her daughter's future college education. All donations can be made directly to US Bank or sent to her mother, Bev Halte at 10313 15th Avenue Court East, Puyallup, WA 98374. Our prayers and concerns go out to all her family and friends.

Post Earthquake Training Course

On Friday, December 6th, Bob Schuler and Connie West will be attending a Post Earthquake Training Course.



Help keep our planet clean. Use environmentally safe chemicals when possible!

Following their attendance at this meeting, Bob and Connie will go over procedures learned and share these with all custodians. This will take place on Monday, December 23rd in the High School Commons area. Immediately following this review, all are invited to stay and enjoy the Custodial Staff Potluck which will

round out the day. Please be sure to attend not only for the food, but to learn some valuable information that could save a life!

Upcoming Meetings

1. **Handbook Committee**—Friday 12-20-02 @ 12:00 p.m. in the TSHS Custodial office.
2. **Training Committee**— Friday 12-20-02 @ 1:00 p.m. in the TSHS Custodial office.

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Common

Sense!!

November's "Synaptical Silliness"

Answer

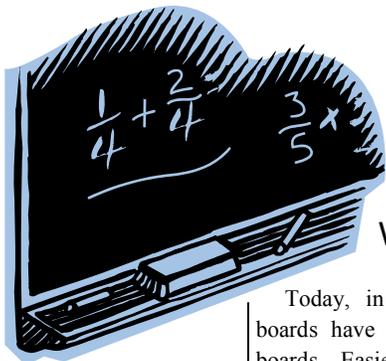
These were the prices of the items in last month's puzzle.

(\$1.20, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$3.16.)

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1. ALWAYS clean out any equipment that has waste water or other used products in it such as mop buckets, wet-vacs, extractors, et cetera.
2. NEVER trim your fingernails with a razor-blade scraper.
3. ALWAYS ventilate any room wherein you might be using a strong chemical or other substance.
4. NEVER chew used gum found underneath tables or desks.
5. ALWAYS wear gloves when cleaning bathrooms.
6. NEVER put your fingers into the beater bar of a running vacuum to check and see if it's spinning correctly.



Tip of the Month

Whiteboard Care

Today, in most classrooms, whiteboards have taken the place of chalkboards. Easier to use, cleaner and without the need for students to go outside and pound chalk dust from the erasers, the whiteboard is another one of those modern inventions whose ease of use has become evident in a short time.

When it comes to cleaning these tools of education, "easy" is the word. First of all, simply erase the material on the board with the whiteboard eraser. Then, using the specially formulated whiteboard cleaner which usually comes with the whiteboard or can be ordered, simply spray it on and wipe it off. The board will look like new.

A caution however. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER use the scratchy side of a sponge to remove tape residue or other sticky substances from the whiteboard surface. This will PERMANENTLY damage the surface. Instead, use a non-abrasive, residue cleaner to remove the sticky substance and then clean the board as described above. Your whiteboards will look like new and last for years.

Watch for periodic installments of the series "Don't Be A Jon E. Mopp" to be sent out as a supplement to randomly chosen newsletters.

Upcoming Meetings

Consensus Meeting @ Support Services on Tuesday December 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.

Post Earthquake Training Course—Monday December 23, 2002 in the High School Commons area to be followed by a Custodial Staff Potluck at 11:00 a.m. Mmmm! We can shake and bake!

Paid holidays this month

1. **Christmas**—December 25th and 26, 2002.
2. **New Year's Day**—December 31, 2002 and January 1, 2003.

Our Boss, Bob Schuler says:



POTLUCK

Monday, December 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Be there and eat in the High School Commons.

No excuses!