

WSMC President's Message

Happy Holidays!

I can't believe we're already at the end of 2005. Every year seems to go by more quickly. Maybe it's global warming – maybe it's just old age – there must be a math problem here?

Mathematics in our state is continuing to be a major focus. With the restructuring at OSPI we are now counting on our “commander,” Bev Neitzel, to lead us in the charge to make sure students are able to mathematically function in today's society. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to join forces with others as we continue in this endeavor.

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work to make mathematics more meaningful to our students. Many of you attended the Northwest Mathematics Conference in October. It was full of opportunities for us to expand our knowledge base and network – with a special after conference session with Terry Bergeson. She is very supportive of our efforts to improve mathematics learning for all students.

If you were unable to make the trip to Portland this year, start planning now to attend the NW Mathematics conference during the next two years. In October, 2006, the conference will be in Victoria BC and then it'll be back in Bellevue, Washington in 2007. This is the one annual conference you don't want to miss!

As you make plans for the new year, remember to take time for yourselves. It is too easy to get caught up in our jobs and other professional activities and not schedule in time for friends, family, and oneself. Take care and have a great rest of 2005.

Sandy Christie

