



# Student News



## Teacher of the Year



Mr. Daughtry

By: Sydney McKee

2, 4, 6, 8, who do we appreciate? All of our teachers! Unfortunately we can't write a story on each individual, so the students at Bethel Jr. High had to choose one. The ballots are in, this year's teacher of the year for the 2000-2001 is Mr. Daughtry!

Mr. Daughtry was the very first teacher of the month this year. Now he is teacher of the year. Plus this is his first year teaching on his own. He is very excited and amazed.

Mr. Daughtry has had a great time with his students and teams. He helped with the 149 students in the WASL reading academy. He coached J.J.V. Boys in football and baseball (who finally won a game)!

Mr. Daughtry also helped with the 9th grade dance committee. "They are all responsible for making me a better person in and outside the classroom environment."

The question all of his students want to know is, are you coming back next year? "I would love nothing more than to continue teaching at Bethel Jr. High. The staff, administration, students, parents, and community have all been very friendly and supportive. It is definitely worth the drive and there is nowhere else I would rather be."

Next, Mr. Daughtry would like to teach a variety of discipline in the fall. He would like to move into different topics. "I would have no complaints if I were to continue with mathematics and health/science related courses."

Mr. Daughtry has goals all outlined for next year and is getting ready to get moving. "Next year, I plan on implementing a variety of additional real-life tasks and activities into the classroom environment to further extend the validity of our instruction

When an individual can see and experience the relevance of an assignment, I have found he or she is far more interested in the outcome.

"Many memories are in Mr. Daughtry's mind of the past year but, three stick out in his mind. One time in 7th period he arrived at his classroom only to wait for his 7th grade math class. Strangely all of them were 10 minutes late! (Thompson or Thomas?!?) Second lunch in the staff room was always great even though most of the jokes were at his expense. Another time, he came to his room and all of the desks were out in the hall..

"I personally extend my appreciation to every staff member throughout this building. Specifically, to name a few, Mrs. Low and Mrs. Westmark for teaching me to teach and the infinite wisdom and experience of Mr. Grassi, Barnes, Rockne, Fields, Mrs. McNeil, Pittingoro, Porter, and Drew.....I could go on forever.!

Great Job Mr. Daughtry on being such a great teacher!

## Advanced Drama Proves Grease is Still the Word

By: Alyssa Siongco



Only a few days ago, Advanced Drama completed their final production of "Grease". The show's success was a result of months of memorizing lines, songs and dance steps.

The long process of putting on a show began with the hardest part of all, the auditions. Jake Harkness and Ashli Stocking were chosen for the lead roles of Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski. Originally, the students of Advanced Drama outnumbered the cast of *Grease*, but the script was altered so that each individual could enjoy some time on the stage.

Jake Harkness commented, "I felt honored and nervous to be a lead role. I think the play was good and got better every time especially on Thursday and Friday."

A show as ambitious as *Grease* doesn't come along without any help. Costumes were made by the Stocking family, Mrs. Scott-Beach, and from the cast.

It all paid off on June 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. The community witnessed a production of spectacular acting, singing, dancing (yes, that includes you Braxton), costumes and stages. The hit production was dedicated to Adrian Dentis and we're sure he was proud.