



Barbara Buttice

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Barbara Buttice

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

Position: Family Consumer Science

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 28 years

Q. How does the Culinary Arts program work at Wa-Hi?

A. Students meet five days a week for a two hour block. Since it is a two hour block students complete a two year program in just one year. Students receive an entire credit at Wa-Hi and are eligible to receive some community college credit. They also earn certifications which help them get a job and can lower the cost of tuition when they enroll in college. Students can take this class for two years. If they take a second year, we continue building on their skills.

Q. What type of facility do you have at Wa-Hi?

A. We have traditional home-style kitchens. We place students in the community for work study opportunities so they get experience working in a restaurant environment with commercial kitchens. We also do many community events to provide students with additional experiences.

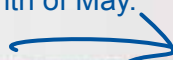
Q. How did you establish partnerships with local chefs?

A. For a long time, we have been wanting local chefs to serve as mentors for our students. They are very busy and so are our students. The recent "Cutting Edge Tour -- Seeking America's Top Teen Chef" competition judged by Food Network Chopped Judge Chef Maneet Chauhan, provided the perfect opportunity to establish a partnership. This event was a one month experience. It was perfect. The students didn't lose a lot of class time and the chefs were not asked to give a lot of their time. It was a tremendous success.

Q. Why have you created a preschool program at Wa-Hi?

A. I also teach child development. My students need hands-on experience with children. Students invite their siblings, cousins and friends' children. The children attend for one hour, every Tuesday and Thursday, throughout the month of May.

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BARBARA'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM BARBARA.

Students in my Child Development class plan a preschool program. They need six areas of education in the program: math, English, science, nutrition, small motor skills, and large motor skills. This allows them to apply what they have learned. Students also receive community college credit.

I was born and raised in Walla Walla. I graduated from DeSales High School, attended CWU and UW. I received my master's degree from Eastern Washington University.



I've taught home economics for 28 years in WWPS. I also taught for two years in Seattle. I have 12 grandchildren and they consume my extra time. I spend a lot of time playing with kids!