

Getting to Graduation

Parent and Community Workshop

Tuesday, May 10

Walla Walla High School Commons

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Agenda

6:00 p.m.

Social event begins (Free picnic style dinner for all)

6:30 p.m.

Student entertainment (Wa-Hi Music Department)

7:00 p.m.

Getting to Graduation 2008 - *Parent workshop program*

Brian Pendleton, Mira Gobel, Ron Higgins and Kirk Jameson

7:30 p.m.

Higher Education Perspective

- *Presenter: Marilyn Ponti, Whitman College*

- *Presenter: WSU Admissions Department*

7:55 p.m.

Closing comments

Questions?

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April Extra

What's New?

Staff Achievement Grant nominations

Staff Achievement Grant nomination forms are due to the Communications Department by **Friday, May 6**.

Each year, up to five staff members (*certificated and classified*) are recognized as a part of the grant program. This grant shall include up to five days of professional leave and up to \$1,000 for use in an approved growth activity of the recipient's choice.

Recipients will be recognized at the *All Staff* breakfast at the end of the school year.

Staff Spotlight - *Nancy Anhorn*

- Look for Edison Learning Specialist **Nancy Anhorn** as the May *Staff Spotlight* employee. Nancy will be featured on cable television stations throughout May and given a video tape for a special keepsake.

Staff Profile - Count on us!

Nancy Anhorn - Edison Elementary

Job Title: Learning Specialist

Years in District: 17

Birth place: Chester, MT

High School: Chester High School

Favorite music: *Soft Rock*

Favorite Movie: Bridget Jones' Diary

Favorite Food: Mexican

Favorite Author: *Janet Evanovich*

Hobbies: Walking, cooking, scrapbooking, playing with my kids

Most memorable life experiences: Raising our three kids and my husband's and my cruise to Alaska last summer.

Tell Us Something About Yourself That Nobody Else Would Know: My husband and I went scuba diving on our honeymoon. He loved it and I was terrified!



District News Briefs

National Teacher Day - May 3

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-7 and Tuesday, May 3 is National Teacher Day.

It is celebrated on the Tuesday of the first full week of May, so the actual date varies each year.

Teachers are the grass roots of public education and have the greatest impact on student achievement. Our teachers spend countless hours outside their classrooms preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service.

This year's Teacher Appreciation theme is -- "Thank a teacher for making public schools great!" - Source NEA

Strong schools equal strong communities. Thanks to our teachers for another great year!

Edison students support *Books for Babes*

The third grade class at Edison Elementary organized a community project this year aimed at improving literacy in our area.

These students have worked all school year to give new books to every newborn baby in the Walla Walla Valley. This month hospital nurses will send bags home with each mother who delivers at either St. Mary Medical Center or Walla Walla General Hospital. The bag will contain material either in English or in Spanish, as appropriate, consisting of:

- Three commercially produced children's books
- Two books written by Edison third grade students -- one about the importance of reading to your child and the other a counting or an alphabet book.
- A book list for children ages 0-9 with -- *Reasons to Read to Your Baby* on the front cover and *Reading Strategies* on the back.
- A library card application for the parents.

Special thanks to Edison Elementary staff -- especially **Kay Barga** -- and students for organizing this project and to volunteer **Missy Peterson** for her successful grant writing skills.

In Our Thoughts *Our condolences to...*

- Special Programs **Diana Evenson** on the passing of her father.
- Wa-Hi's **Jim Thacker** and Pioneer's **JoAnne Poulson** on the passing of their mother. She was also the mother-in-law to Wa-Hi's **Jan Thacker** and Garrison's **Doug Poulson**.
- Prospect Point's **Cindy Nass** on the passing of her mother.

Please take a moment to think about our colleagues during this difficult time. You have our support.

Latino Club volunteers at Farm Labor Camp



Twenty-two members of the Walla Walla High School Latino Club volunteered last month to clear pathways to the garden areas of the Walla Walla Farm Labor Camp. The students worked for three hours raking, trimming and cleaning up the area.

This community service project helped students earn their 10 hours of volunteer service now required annually to graduate.

"There is such joy in their faces even though they are doing some real dirty work," Wa-Hi English as a Second Language Teacher **Diana Erickson** said.

Wa-Hi Spanish Teacher **Jesus Briones** is the Latino Club advisor. Bill Erickson, Diana's husband, took the photo.

End-of-Year celebrations

Wa-Hi Baccalaureate

Tuesday, May 31 - Cordiner Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wa-Hi Academic Recognition

Wednesday, June 1 - Wa-Hi Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Graduates of Distinction

Wednesday, June 1 - Board Room, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Paine High School Commencement

Thursday, June 2 - Paine Gym, 6:00 p.m.

Wa-Hi Commencement

Friday, June 3 - Wa-Hi campus, 7:30 p.m.

Pioneer 8th Grade Recognition

Tuesday, June 7 - Cordiner Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Garrison 8th Grade Recognition

Wednesday, June 8 - Cordiner Hall, 7:00 p.m.

All Staff Breakfast

Friday, June 10 - Wa-Hi Commons, 7:15 a.m.