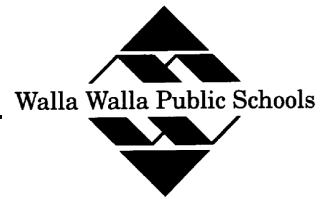


## 2011-12 Performance Report

# Blue Ridge Elementary School



### MISSION STATEMENT

Children have two things in common:  
each is unique, and all can learn.

### About Our School

We continue to take great pride in the daily accomplishments of the students at Blue Ridge. It is our goal to provide the best possible education for each and every child. Your child is important to us and we want to encourage you to join our partnership in their education.

Blue Ridge is a kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school with three classrooms in kindergarten and first grade and two classrooms at each grade level second through fifth. Walla Walla School District offers a full day kindergarten program which has been successful. This opportunity allows all kindergarten students to have a chance to bloom at their own rate, and be prepared for first grade the following year. In addition, we began a dual language program in all three sections of our kinder classrooms which is now in its second year. In grades three through five we began a Platooning program. Teachers in these grades teach reading to their homeroom classes and then specialize in one content area. This affords the opportunity to go deeper within a specific content area.

In addition to a rigorous academic program, we offer extra curricular activities such as choir, basketball for both boys and girls in fifth grade, Mariposa for fifth grade girls and an after school program for students in grades second through fourth with an emphasis on math. We also encourage participation in a variety of community activities.

We continue to create and strive for not only a safe school but one grounded in the foundation of civility. Staff created the SOARing program recognizing students who model our core values of Solving problems, Outstanding Decision Making, Academic Excellence, and Respectful behavior.

Our world is changing rapidly and we know that a solid education creates increased options for a good life at work, at home and in our community. As your child's first teacher, we at Blue Ridge want to partner with you to create a solid educational foundation for your child.

Thank you for your support!

### Strategic Plan Goals/Building Plans for 2011-12

**Goal 1:** Provide a learning environment which meets the needs of individual learners, raises student achievement and educates the whole child.

**Goal 2:** Promote a positive and fulfilling work environment.

**Goal 3:** Enhance trust among our students, staff, parents and community

**Goal 4:** Ensure an efficient operations system with adequate resources.

### Building Plans

- Differentiated instruction in small group setting within the classroom
- Goal setting conferences/Celebration of Learning with parents to inform on grade level expectations
- Teacher collaboration monthly to focus on strategies and teaching techniques
- Conduct on-going assessments throughout the year to monitor student progress
- Intensive and strategic support offered for at-risk students
- Use data to drive instruction
- Building wide book study using Teach Like a Champion
- Focus support in all grades to build strong foundational skills

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**Grades:** K-5

**Enrollment:** 326

**Facility:** Built in 1982

**Staffing:** Total: 49  
Administrators - 1  
Certificated - 25  
Classified - 23

**Ethnic Minority:** 72.4% (2010)

**Unexcused Absences:** 0.4%

### To View Enrollment Statistics, Demographics and State Test Scores, Please Visit:

<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa-us>  
select: Walla Walla School District  
select: Blue Ridge Elementary School

*Note: NAEP (National) Test Scores are only summarized for Washington State, not individual districts. Please visit the report card site indicated above and click on the NAEP section on the green bar.*

Free access to the internet is available at all public libraries.

## Highlights for 2010-2011

- Teacher collaboration was strong, with 100% of teachers meeting one or more times a month to plan, look at curriculum, discuss student achievement and learning, look at student work, and review assessments.
- Positive behavior supports in place. Students demonstrate positive attitudes and share respect/responsibility for self and others.
- Response to Intervention (RtI) in place at Blue Ridge; students receive support and intervention in math and reading throughout the year.
- Served on average 90 students in our 3R's after school program with an emphasis on math interventions
- Implemented the SWAT team approach for classroom reading support. Example: eight adults in kindergarten classrooms during reading and language arts.
- Students meeting benchmark on the Spring 2011 Science MSP was 78% - the highest in the district amongst elementary schools and Home Link
- Implemented a "push in" model for writing, reading and math in grades 3-5 with Special Education
- CAST meetings held three times a year to look at data, programs and interventions for all students.
- Implemented Platooning in grades 3-5
- Implemented math coach five days a week

## Parent and Community Involvement

Walla Walla Public Schools forms partnerships with parents, families and community organizations in order to promote student achievement and well-being. Partnerships with parents empower them to understand their children's school experience; participate in their children's education in a variety of ways; learn strategies to support student learning at home; and access community resources that support their child's education and life experiences.

### Parents' Right to Know

Communications are a two-way process. Per the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) or better known as No Child Left Behind, parents always have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. The following information is available upon request:

- Licensing for grade level and subject
- Emergency or provisional status
- B.A. major and graduate degrees
- Paraprofessionals' qualifications

Walla Walla Public Schools will also notify parents if their child has a teacher for four weeks who is not "highly qualified" per the definition provided from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The district will make available any program evaluations, plans, and reports relating to the Special Education

Part B program available to the public, upon request, through the district's special education office and the superintendent's office.

## School Report Card

State test scores and attendance for Blue Ridge School are available online at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>. Under federal legislation ("No Child Left Behind"), schools must demonstrate Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in basic subject areas. This performance data must be broken down into multiple subgroups. For 2011, Blue Ridge Elementary School met AYP in 82.4% of the categories. Blue Ridge is in the Step 3 stage of improvement. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test scores for 2010-11 were only recorded by state, not district. In 4th grade reading, the nationwide basic scale score level was 208, the state average was 221 and the national average was 220; and in math, the nationwide basic level was 214, the state average was 243 and the national average was 240. In 8th grade reading, the nationwide basic scale score level was 243, the state average was 268 and the national average was 264; and in math, the nationwide basic level was 262, the state average was 288 and the national average was 283.

