

## 10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

## Walla Walla celebrates American Education Week



Pioneer Middle School 8th grade student **Hillary Blanc** explains the school's Accelerated Reader Program to Father **Pat Kurst** of St. Patrick's Church. Kurst joined nearly 100 fellow community members who visited Walla Walla Public Schools November 20 to celebrate American Education Week. Students at all schools played an active role in the event organized to showcase educational programs and activities and provide a platform to discuss issues facing Walla Walla Public Schools.

Guests also received information on education reform issues, toured classrooms and ate school lunch with students.

November  
**Extra**

## What's New?

**Prospect Point's Rick Nebeker named Regional Elementary Principals VP**

Prospect Point Elementary Principal **Rick Nebeker** was named Eastside Vice President for the Elementary School Principals Association of Washington. Nebeker will begin his two year term in May.

**Wa-Hi Turkey Shoot builds staff unity**

The First Annual Wa-Hi Turkey Shoot helped promote staff unity while raising nearly \$100 for the school's Sunshine Fund.

*Top women's scores:*

• **Michelle Higgins** - 50/50

• **Tracy Williams** - 49/50

*Top men's scores:*

**Greer Bevel, Dennis DeBroeck and John Butenhoff** all had high scores of 48/50.

All winners brought home turkeys. Special thanks goes to Sgt. Major **Taylor** and Assistant Principal **Kirk Jameson**.

**Staff Profile - Count on us!****Michelle Shaul - Berney Elementary School**

**Job Title:** Library Media-Specialist

**Years in District:** 16 years

**High School:** Eatonville High

**Favorite Music:** Miles Davis, Salsa

**Favorite Movie:** *Cold Comfort Farm, Amelie*

**Favorite Food:** Pesto

**Favorite Book:** *Harry's favorites, many others*

**Birth place:** North Dakota

**Hobbies:** Outdoors, gardening, cycling, family, restoring her Victorian home

**What I love about my job:** The interactions with students and the creativity it allows.

**Tell Us Something About Yourself That Nobody Else Would Know:** J.K. Rowling once answered an e-mail question of mine.



Our Core Values are more than mere words; they're our business!

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy



## FFA team earns national title

Wa-Hi FFA advisors **Mike Martin** and **Arch McHie** helped the school bring home another national title during recent national competition in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the second national title in as many years.

Great job and keep up the good work!

### Marketing—NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Danielle Gray

Mitch Frazier

Kyle Williams

### Issues—3rd Place Team

Katie Brewer

Jill Bughi

Nikki Hunter

Rachel Rudnick

Nick Loudermilk

Tony Vinti

Josh Williams

### Floriculture—4th Place Team

Melissa Bughi

Holli Davin

Kaitlin McClellan

Laura Wood

### Creed—5th Place Individual

Brooke Petkevicius

FFA members in the past two school years have earned 20 academic scholarships worth \$13,200! Special thanks to the students and staff for all their hard work.

## In Our Thoughts

*Our condolences to...*

- Green Park's **Jim Lux** on the loss of his dad in October.
- Prospect Point's **Jill Sporleder** on the loss of her mother in October. Jill is married to Garrison Principal **Jim Sporleder**.
- Berney's **Milissa Gierman** on the loss of her identical twin sister, who fought a long and hard battle with cancer.
- Berney's **Mary Ellen Farr** on the loss of her brother.
- Wa-Hi's **Michelle Higgins** on the loss of her Great Uncle John.
- Green Park's **Kathy Rudell** on the loss of her father.
- Transportation's **Steven Hagen** on the loss of his brother.

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

## Boardroom technology upgrade enhances audio/visual presence

The days of board members having to get out of their seats to watch a powerpoint presentation are long gone, thanks to the completion of the much needed boardroom technology upgrade.

Technology Director **Janis Barton** reports that the Technology Department has completed the installation of the new media presentation systems for the boardroom.

These improvements include an updated PA and board microphone system, expanded viewing capabilities and integrated projection devices for computer, video, DVD, VCR, Internet and cable access controlled from a central lectern.

Prior to the project, it was also difficult for the audience to hear our board members.

"These enhancements facilitate more seamless presentations with greatly improved audio and video capabilities," Barton said.

Training will be available for those who will use the new systems. Anyone preparing a presentation can email their finished product to [presenter@wwps.org](mailto:presenter@wwps.org) and their work will be made available in any of the meeting rooms in the Administration Building. Contact **Pam Nichols**, Media Secretary, to schedule training.

Special recognition goes to the Technology Department's **Steve Olsen**, Telecommunications Specialist, for the design and installation of the presentation and sound systems in the boardroom and to **Mark Harvey**, Plant Facilities Carpenter, for construction of the presentation lectern. Their skill and expertise is greatly appreciated.



## Holiday Concert Series

Contact the Wa-Hi Music Department at 527-3039 for a complete series schedule.

Special thanks to our music teachers for making the holiday season extra special!

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