

10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

District enrollment counts to be reported this Friday

Although students returned to Walla Walla Public Schools last week for the 2003-2004 school year, it's still too early to accurately log enrollment counts according to a report last night to school board members from Executive Director of Personnel **Bill Bieloh**.

*Bill Bieloh*

Bieloh said the Frontier Days Fair and long Labor Day weekend complicate the district's enrollment counting process. He said numbers are still coming in and it's too early to report any figures. He said the enrollment numbers will be much clearer by Friday when the district is required to post its official count to the state.

Board begins M&O Levy discussions

Superintendent **Rich Carter** asked school board members last night to begin thinking about a time frame for this school year's replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy.

Carter said funding from the successful 2002 M&O Levy will expire in December 2004. Funds for the levy to be proposed to voters later this school year would replace those local dollars.

M&O Levy funds provide approximately 13 percent of the district's general fund budget. The school board will conduct an M&O Levy work session in October to discuss a date and rate for the election.

The *Citizens for Schools* committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 24 on the 3rd floor of Whitman's Administration Building.

School Board Meeting Recap • September 2**Summer book study links Edison staff**

What began as a opportunity to meet over coffee each Friday to discuss books they were reading, turned into a professional development opportunity for 10 Edison staff members that continued throughout the summer.

Edison staff members, under the guidance of Principal **Nancy Withycombe**,

*Nancy Withycombe*

reported to school board members last night the positive experiences they realized from their unique book study club.

These dedicated Edison staff members met each Tuesday throughout the summer to review books pertaining to educators.

Leslie Hanson, Genie Huntemann, Georgie Germain, Karen Fuller, and Kay Barga explained to board members how they learned new teaching strategies that will help them improve their classroom instruction.

They said meeting weekly also helped them bond and learn more about each other.

Withycombe said this learning opportunity was strictly voluntary. She said she is proud of her staff for their commitment to grow professionally.

New Berney teacher puts out house fire

New Berney teacher **Wes Sanders** hoped he would be a hero in the eyes of his new students when he arrived last week for his first day of school.

By the end of the day, he was seen

*Wes Sanders*

as a hero in the eyes of the entire school. Wes noticed smoke rolling out the basement window of a house across the street. Without hesitation he donned a Berney

fire extinguisher and raced over to the house.

Sanders pushed his way to the basement and extinguished the fire before it could spread. The owner had no idea the house caught fire.

City of Walla Walla Fire Chief **Terry Thomas** told Berney staff members Friday Sanders' actions saved the home from extensive damage. Sanders is from Santa Cruz, CA and teaches first grade.

In other School Board meeting business...

September 2 • Board Meeting

Board members:

- approved August 19, 2003 board meeting minutes; Personnel and Out-of-State travel reports; Revision of Policy No. 5401, Sick Leave, Increase in Food Service Imprest Fund.

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

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(*Certificated*) - **Pamela Clayton**, Homelink Teacher, Paine

Greg Pegel, 5th Grade Teacher, Prospect Point

Johanna Rogers, Math/LA/Computer Teacher, Garrison

Jeannie Boschker, Special Education Teacher, Berney

(*Classified*) - **NONE TO REPORT**

• Resignations/Retirements

(*Certificated*) - **Lois Assink**, 5th Grade, Prospect Point, 13 years

Paul Wickline, Drama/English, Wa-Hi, 10 years

(*Classified*) - **Tanya Hoffman**, Para-Educator, Wa-Hi, 9 years

Connie Maiden, Assistant Secretary, Garrison, 4 years

• Out-of-State Travel

Bob Gregoire to English for Academic Purposes Level II Conference in Fullerton, CA (*funding - Title III*)

Quote of the Week

Our greatest glory is not in never failing,
but in rising up every time we fail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Wa-Hi Sports Schedules

Walla Walla High School fall sports schedules are now available at all schools. Special thanks to *Inland Printing and Cox-Jones Insurance* for sponsoring the sports schedule.

Go online at wwhs.wwps.org/wwhs_bdfootball/ and vote for the Blue Devil game against Bellevue to be aired live on the Seattle Times webcast this Friday. Votes have to be in by Thursday!

September Varsity Games

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/5	Bellevue	Bellevue	7:30 pm
9/12	Kamiakin	Walla Walla	7:30 pm
9/19	Eastmont	Walla Walla	7:30 pm
9/26	Eisenhower	Yakima	7:30 pm

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/6	Jamboree	Richland	9:00 am
9/9	Richland	Richland	7:00 pm
9/11	Pasco	Walla Walla	7:00 pm
9/13	NW Invite	Walla Walla	8:00 am
9/16	Kamiakin	Kennewick	7:00 pm
9/18	Southridge	Walla Walla	7:00 pm
9/20	Eastmont	E. Wenatchee	1:30 pm
9/23	Kennewick	Walla Walla	7:00 pm
9/25	Eisenhower	Walla Walla	7:00 pm
9/27	Wenatchee	Walla Walla	1:30 pm
9/30	Davis	Yakima	7:00 pm

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/6	Davis	Walla Walla	1:00 pm
9/9	Richland	Richland	5:00 pm
9/13	Wenatchee	Walla Walla	1:00 pm
9/16	Southridge	Walla Walla	5:00 pm
9/20	Kamiakin	Kennewick	3:00 pm
9/23	Eisenhower	Walla Walla	5:00 pm
9/27	Eastmont	E. Wenatchee	1:00 pm
9/30	Pasco	Walla Walla	4:00 pm

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/13	Edmonds Invite	Edmonds	TBD
9/16	SR,PA,DA,RI,KA	Pasco	4:00 pm
9/30	KE,KA,SR,EI,WE	Kennewick	4:00 pm

VARSITY SWIMMING

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/11	Central WA Invite	Wenatchee	3:30 pm
9/13	Wenatchee	Walla Walla	11:00 am
9/18	Moses Lake	Moses Lake	4:00 pm
9/23	Kamiakin	Kennewick	4:00 pm
9/27	Richland	Richland	2:00 pm
9/30	Southridge	Richland	4:00 pm

Education Building exhibits shine at WW Fair

Ebding's leadership and staff commitment key to success

Thousands of people who came out to enjoy the Education Building at Walla Walla's Frontier Days Fair over the long Labor Day Weekend had the opportunity to witness the power of learning.

More than 1,000 exhibits were submitted this year representing students from all district schools. From artwork and websites to woodwork and horticulture displays, the Education Building was packed with samples of work from Walla Walla students.

Education Building Superintendent **Jim Ebding** of Wa-Hi has organized efforts at the fair for nearly 30 years.



Jim Ebding

Ebding coordinates submission procedures and secures judges to score all the exhibits. Ebding also is responsible for supervision of the building. Thanks to volunteers from all Walla Walla Public Schools who agree to supervise the building for

two-hour shifts, Ebding has never had a problem keeping the exhibits safe and secure.

"Without staff members giving up part of their Labor Day weekend, we couldn't have a successful Education Building," Ebding said. "Our staff realize the importance of showcasing our students' work to the public and make time for this annual event."

Staff members also serve as building representatives throughout the year. Fair representatives submit student's work for judging and help decorate the building.

Education Building Highlights

- More than 1,000 exhibits shown
- All district schools represented
- Dedicated staff volunteers cover two hour supervision shifts

Special thanks to Janis Barton and the Technology Department for submitting 67 "Tech" exhibits.

Barton also coordinated staff volunteers to showcase students' work at a sophisticated tech lab the Technology Department designed for the fair.

School Board meeting dates

- September _____ 16
- October _____ 7 & 21
- November _____ 4 & 18
- December _____ 16

All school board meetings are open to the public and start at 7:30 p.m.

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