

10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

Levy approved!**67 percent of voters say yes to levy**

Walla Walla voters sent a strong message of support for Walla Walla Public Schools yesterday by overwhelmingly approving a four-year replacement Maintenance and Operations levy.

With the 67.13 percent yes vote tallied from the February 3 election, local funding is preserved through 2008. M&O Levy dollars make up approximately 17 percent of the district budget and impact nearly all district programs and operations.

Thanks to all our staff for their efforts to inform the community regarding this essential funding source.

The College Place High School proposal failed to meet the required 60 percent supermajority yes count by receiving just 40.97 percent approval.



Superintendent Rich Carter and Citizens for Schools Co-Chair Cindy Meyer celebrate at the Walla Walla County Courthouse after results were read last night indicating the M&O Levy passed.

School Board Meeting Recap • February 3**International Club raises cultural awareness**

Board members took a virtual trip around the world last night as members of Wa-Hi's International Club provided an overview of their diverse student group.

Consisting of Exchange students from numerous countries spanning the globe and local Wa-Hi students, the International Club was created to raise cultural awareness and support visiting Exchange students. Wa-Hi Social Studies teacher **Michelle Higgins** advises the 50 member club.

International Club Exchange student Runa Durhuus told board members they learn more about America through their club experiences. Wa-Hi students Jenny Fredrikson and Tabitha Stark said it's an excellent way to experience the world without ever leaving Walla Walla. The club features social events such as a Halloween party at Wa-Hi's **Rhonda Olson's** house, a holiday skating party, a Yamate Exchange Pizza Dinner, and end-of-year barbecue celebration at Bennington Lake.

International Club Purpose

- Educating students about world cultures
- Promoting friendships
- Creating lifelong memories

2003-2004 Wa-Hi Exchange Students

Markus Buchmayr	Austria
Andreas Balslev	Denmark
Ayumi Arika	Japan
Mikolas Teska	Czech Republic
Naruse Natsuki	Japan
Uravee (Pam) Limpivest	Thailand
Runa Durhuus	Denmark
Oscar Cabrera	Mexico

In other School Board meeting business...

February 3 • Board Meeting

Board members:

- approved January 20, 2004 board meeting minutes; and Personnel and Out-of-State travel reports.
- received an invitation from Blue Ridge Principal Linda Boggs to join Governor Gary Locke and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Terry Bergeson at Blue Ridge, Friday, Feb. 13 to celebrate the honor of being named Washington State *Reading School of the Month* for February. Blue Ridge will have an all school assembly at 9:00 a.m. and later have a roundtable discussion on education issues with their special guests.

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

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified) - **Maria Alonso**, Food Service Assistant, Wa-Hi
Diane Cherry, Food Service Assistant, Wa-Hi
Velma Gilliam, Food Service Assistant, Wa-Hi
Evelyn Wallace, Food Service Assistant, Wa-Hi
Deborah Prior, Food Service Assistant, Prospect Point
Yvonne Warner, Special Education Bus Assistant, Transportation
Sarah Stone, Computer Lab/Copy Center Technician, Wa-Hi

• Resignations/Retirements

(Classified) - **Ivan Chard**, Bus Driver, Transportation, 3 years
Mark Scott, Custodian, Wa-Hi

• Terminations

(Classified) - **Charles Vigneron**, Printer, Communications Department, 21.5 years
(unable to perform essential printer job functions due to medical conditions)

• Leave of Absence

(Classified) - **Susan Echtenkamp**, Food Service Assistant, Wa-Hi, 13 years

• Out-of-State Travel

John Golden and **Jim Thacker** to Basketball Coaching Clinic in Las Vegas, NV (*funding - Professional Growth and Extracurricular Travel*)
Mike Locati to Coaching Clinic in Bristol, IN (*funding - Professional Growth*)
Tracy Williams to Classroom Instruction that Works Advanced Session in Denver, CO (*funding - I-728*)
Cindy Gregoire, Donna Hernandez, Angelica Martinez, Terri Morgan, and Laure Quaresma to Dual Language Consult & Observation in San Antonio, TX (*funding -Title III*)

Quote of the Week

"Experience is one thing you
can't get for nothing."
Oscar Wilde

Graduates of Distinction nominations now accepted

Do you know someone who...

- is a high school graduate from Walla Walla Public Schools
- graduated at least 10 years ago.
- is an exemplary citizen and has distinguished accomplishments in his/her community, profession, or career (*need not be a current Walla Walla resident*).
- should be forever remembered for service to humanity, exceptional career achievements, or accomplishments in many areas.

About the program...

With the Graduates of Distinction program, Walla Walla Public Schools wants to recognize and honor the distinguished achievements of our high school graduates. In addition, we want to pay tribute to school staff members who provided positive school experiences and were inspirational in the lives of these graduates.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Complete an application form (*available at Walla Walla Public Schools Curriculum Department*), and send it to GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION, 364 South Park Street - Walla Walla, WA 99362. ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15. INDUCTEES WILL BE HONORED AT A RECEPTION AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE FRIDAY, JUNE 4 AND LATER BE RECOGNIZED AT WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

For more information, contact Kay Schisler at 526-6735

Walla Walla to host annual Career Fair

Walla Walla High School will be hosting a college fair on their campus Wednesday, February 11, 2004 from 11:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

The fair will be arena style and held in the small gymnasium, allowing students the opportunity to browse during their lunch periods and/or come with their afternoon classes.

More than 30 groups will be represented including community colleges, four-year colleges, technical and proprietary schools, apprenticeship programs, military academies and branches of the armed services.

Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and collect information. Interested parents are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Renae Bendix at 527-3020, ext. 8606.

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