

Superintendent Carter starts school coffee chats to discuss school issues

Join him for coffee, juice and sweet rolls...

Friday, November 19

Edison Elementary Cafeteria

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Superintendent Rich Carter started this outreach program at each school to better connect with parents and community members. He will discuss issues facing Walla Walla Public Schools and talk about efforts to improve district schools. Rich stresses the setting will be very informal and encourages people to drop in and join him.



Upcoming Coffee Chats...

Friday, December 10

• Green Park Elementary

8:05 to 8:50 a.m.

Cafeteria

Friday, January 21

• Garrison Middle School

8:00 to 8:45 a.m.

Cafeteria

October Extra

What's New?

Celebrate!

American Education Week Event

Thursday, November 18

10 a.m. to 12 noon

- Visit the school of your choice
- We'll even treat you to lunch!

Please contact Communications Director Mark Higgins at 526-6716 or by e-mail at: mhiggins@wwps.org if you know of people who are interested in participating.

Staff Spotlight - *Conor Fish*

• Look for Garrison 8th Grade Teacher **Conor Fish** as the November *Staff Spotlight* employee. Conor will be featured on cable television stations throughout November and his video will be posted on the district web site under the district news area.

Staff Profile - Count on us!

Conor Fish - Garrison Middle School

Job Title: 8th Grade Social Studies teacher (also computer coordinator/coach)

Years in District: 3

High School: Wa-Hi

Favorite Band: Pearl Jam (all genres of music) **Favorite Movie:** *Forrest Gump*

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Book: *Lord of Discipline*

Birth place: Walla Walla

Hobbies: Family, dog (Bogey), golf, movies

Most memorable life experiences: Graduation at WSU.

Tell Us Something About Yourself That Nobody Else Would Know: I was a Walla Walla School district student (Prospect Point, Garrison, Wa-Hi) and now I teach with some of my former middle school teachers:)



District News Briefs

Staff earn Altrusa Club grants

The Altrusa Club of Walla Walla has once again given a generous donation to literacy projects in our schools. This year, the group gave a total of \$1,000. Elementary grants were given to **Sara Erwin** of Edison and **Linda Seibold** and **Kerri Coffman** of Sharpstein. A preschool grant was given to **Lucy Gregoire** and a high school grant was given to **Sherry McConnell**.

All district teachers are invited to submit proposals for literacy projects in their classrooms and Altrusa Club members make their selections based on how projects directly relate to student success.

Kessler shines at Quilt Festival

Special Programs Occupational Therapist Nancy Kessler recently took third place at a local Quilt Festival. There were more than 100 quilts in the competition. She won a ribbon and \$100. Congratulations!

Budget Committee formed

Business Manager **Aron Rausch** recently formed a broad-based Budget Committee consisting of community members, parents, staff, administrators and a board member.

The committee has been formed to establish recommendations and budget priorities to be presented to Superintendent Rich Carter regarding the 2005-2006 budget. The committee will meet once or twice a month through March. Contact Business Manager Aron Rausch for more information on the newly formed Budget Committee.

Edison's 'Pennies for Power' helps hurricane victims

Edison Elementary students collected *Pennies for Power* to help with hurricane relief efforts in Florida. The students designed special collection buckets for the project.

Final tallies show nearly \$400 was collected and donated to the American Red Cross.

Special thanks to first grade teacher **Kit Chryst** for helping organize the program.

Strategic Planning "Core Team" established

Superintendent Rich Carter recently formed a broad-based Strategic Planning committee. The committee will meet for the first time Wednesday, November 3. The 35 member committee consists of community members, parents, staff, administrators and two school board members and is charged with developing the district's new, vision driven, strategic plan.

In Our Thoughts *Our condolences to...*

- Green Park's **Barbara Thatcher** on the loss of her father-in-law.
- Wa-Hi's **Lyn Lindel** on the passing of her father.
- Prospect Point's **Cindy Nass** who lost her sister after a long battle with cancer.
- Berney's April Graybill on the loss of her sister (Oscar Graybill's sister-in-law).

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

For the Health of It!



Sharpstein Speech Language Pathologist **Patty Weeks** (L) has her blood drawn by Davis-Sameh-Meeker Labs Chief Technologist **Jean Ponti** during a recent health screening program offered to district staff.

Davis-Sameh-Meeker Labs in Walla Walla has teamed with the district Wellness Program for 12 years to offer affordable blood testing for cholesterol levels, thyroid problems, and prostate screening.

This year, more than 100 employees and spouses participated. They will receive printouts of test results that can be shared with their physicians to help them maintain good health. Thank you, Davis-Sameh-Meeker employees, for your help and dedication in providing low cost health screenings to district staff.

Wa-Hi schedules annual College Fair

All area high schools invited

Walla Walla High School will be hosting a college fair on their campus **Wednesday, November 10** from 11:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Approximately 60 different groups will be represented including community colleges, four-year colleges, technical and proprietary schools, apprenticeship programs, military academies and branches of the armed services. All area high schools are invited to attend!

During the evening sessions, in addition to the gym presentations, there will be some informational sessions in the commons. These will cover: financial aid including scholarships and WUE, SAT/ACTs, essay and personal statement writing, Educational Talent Search, College Assistance Migrant Program, information for undocumented students and military options for higher education.

Parents are encouraged to attend these sessions with their students as many of their questions could be answered.

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