

10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

2004 Graduates of Distinction named

In a special report to board members, Deputy Superintendent **Judy Reault** announced **Harold Frank**, **Ned Shafer**, and **Jeffrey Ray** as this year's honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program.

The 2004 Graduates of Distinction will be honored at a community reception on **Friday, June 4** from 2 to 4 p.m. in the board room. Staff are invited to listen to their stories and hear who helped shape their lives during their school years.

2004 Honorees**Harold R. Frank - Class of 1941**

Successful entrepreneur and benefactor

• *Inspirational Staff Member*

B.A. Tack (deceased) - Walla Walla High School Science

Ned Shafer - Class of 1961

Community leader and civic volunteer

• *Inspirational Staff Member*

Lola Whitner - Walla Walla High School English Teacher

Jeffrey Frank Ray - Class of 1978

Award winning news anchor and community advocate

• *Inspirational Staff Member*

Glen Mitchell - Walla Walla High School Band Instructor

Graduates of Distinction Reception

Friday, June 4

2 - 3 p.m. - Social Hour

3 - 4 p.m. - Program

District Office Board Room

School Board Meeting Recap • June 1**KTEL awarded Wa-Hi sports radio contract**

Wa-Hi sports fans will need to adjust their radio dials next school year to catch all their favorite Blue Devil action, as KTEL 1490 AM was recently awarded the district's three year radio services broadcast contract.



A committee consisting of community leaders, a coach, parents and district administrators made the final selection.

In a report to the school board last night, Communications Director **Mark Higgins** said the committee was impressed with KTEL's approach to covering local news and weather and felt sports was a natural fit.

"It's was part of Capps Broadcast Group's (*KTEL owner*) business plan when they came to Walla Walla a year ago," Higgins said. "They have successfully been covering high school sports at all their other radio stations markets, so we're excited to have them on board in Walla Walla."

News and Sports Director **Andrew Holt** will be the voice of the Blue Devils during the radio broadcasts. Holt has an extensive sports broadcasting background, including calling UCLA basketball games on his college radio station.

KTEL has also committed to reporting on all Wa-Hi varsity and underclassmen sports during their broadcasts, as well as conducting more coaches interviews and player spotlights.

KTEL will cover Wa-Hi football home and away games and Wa-Hi Girls and Boys basketball away games. KTEL will also broadcast playoff action for these sports.

In other School Board meeting business...**Board members:**

- approved May 18, 2004 board meeting minutes; and Personnel report, schedule of school board meetings July-December 2004: 7/20, 8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 12/14.
- approved curriculum for a high school leadership class - *Building Leaders for Life*. This course will be offered next school year to a hand scheduled group of students as a CTE credit.
- approved curriculum for basic English course for grades 9-12. This course is designed for students who need intensive reading and language instruction to improve reading comprehension, writing and analyzing skills.
- approved a request from Wa-Hi's Shared Leadership Committee (SLC) to allow a one-year extension of the Wa-Hi Graduation requirements revision. Wa-Hi Science Department Chair and Shared Leadership Committee member Rob Ahrens said he will lead the process next for review, revision and recommendation for the new graduation requirements. Board members also approved a request from the SLC to remove the math proficiency test as a graduation requirement. Ahrens said the math portion of 10th grade Washington Assessment of Student Learning made this requirement out of date.

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

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(*Certificated*) - **Heather Babbitt**, 4th grade teacher, Prospect Point
Roger Garcia, Band teacher, Garrison
Craig Buchanan, Auto Mechanics Teacher, Wa-Hi

• Resignations/Retirements

(*Administrative*) - **Betty Schubert**, Director of Special Programs, 15 years

(*Certificated*) - **Betsy Burns**, Library Media Specialist, Green Park, 1 year
Vince Jimenez, Bridge teacher, Paine Alternative/Wa-Hi, 3.5 years
Diane Randgaard, 4th grade, Green Park, 3 years

(*Classified*) - **Donna Anderson**, Kitchen Manager, Sharpstein, 18 years
Heather Babbitt, Bilingual Para-Educator, Prospect Point, 2 years
(*Heather was on a leave of absence for the 2003-2004 school year*)
Diane Johnson, Kitchen Manager, Berney, 21 years
Shannon Patton, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, 6 years
Susan Stinebaugh, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, 19 years
Jane Zanger, Bilingual Assistant Secretary, Garrison, 3 years

• Leave of Absence

(*Certificated*) - **Marqui Shields**, PE Specialist, Garrison, 3 years
(*Marqui is requesting .5 FTE leave of absence for the 2004-2005 school year*)
(*Classified*) - **Kathy Moore**, Para-Educator, Sharpstein, 2 years
(*Kathy is requesting a leave of absence for the 2004-2005 school year*)

Quote of the Week

"We must learn to live together
as brothers or perish together
as fools."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Administrators plan All Staff Breakfast

Who: YOU are cordially invited to attend this annual event.

Where: The Wa-Hi Commons

Date: Friday, June 11

Time: 7 to 8 a.m. breakfast will be served

Special Program begins at 8:00 a.m.

Program includes:

- Recognition of retirees
- Announcement of Staff Achievement Grant Winners

Our theme this year is "**Up, Up & Away**" with lots of balloons - so feel free to celebrate by wearing hot air balloon attire.



Thanks for the great year!

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2004 End of Year Events (*remaining*)

Wa-Hi Academic Recognition

- June 2 - Wa-Hi Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Paine Campus Graduation

- June 3 - Paine Gym, 6:00 p.m.

Wa-Hi Commencement

- June 4 - Wa-Hi grounds, 7:30 p.m.

Graduates of Distinction

- June 4 - Board Room, 2 to 4 p.m.

Pioneer 8th grade Recognition

- June 8 - Cordiner Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Garrison 8th grade Recognition

- June 9 - Cordiner Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Last Day of School

- June 10 - Early release

Summer School

- June 21 to July 22

Retirement Celebrations (*remaining*)

• **Bill Bieloh** - Personnel Director

Wednesday, June 2 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. - District Office Board Room

• **Milton Ross** - Speech Specialist

Tuesday, June 8 - District Office Board Room

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