

10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

January Extra

What's New?

Please Remember to Vote • February 3
• Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Dance Camp/Clinic

• The Wa-Hi Dance Team is sponsoring a K-5 Dance Clinic, Saturday, Jan. 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Wa-Hi small gym. Cost is \$10 per student (without T-shirt) or \$20 per student (with T-shirt). Dance camp participants will be performing at halftime of the Wa-Hi Girls varsity basketball game that evening. All Dance Camp participants will be admitted free to the game. Parents will be charged the normal entrance price.

Art Regier Volunteer of Year Forms

• Forms for the annual Art Regier *Volunteer of the Year* program have been distributed. Please submit completed forms to the Communications Department by March 19.

Seattle NAACP President speaks to Wa-Hi students on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy

“You have the power of one to eradicate racism,” Carl Bernard Mack, president of the Seattle National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said to Wa-Hi students during an all school assembly Tuesday to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mack, a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering who now is an engineer with METRO King County, challenged students to ‘scratch their conscience’ as they reflect on treating people equally.

“I want kids in Walla Walla to realize racism is stupid, it makes no sense,” said Mack who took office as President of the Seattle Branch of the NAACP in January.

Mack, a powerfully built, towering man, used his “hip-hop” style approach to engage students. His passionate delivery captivated the Wa-Hi student body as scores of students lined up for hugs and advice after his speech.

Mack is a noted historian, author and speaker. He discussed how Martin Luther King, Jr. helped lead him away from his self-centered ways as a young man to an adult who is committed to giving back to society. Mack and his wife, Jamiyo, reside in Federal Way, WA with their one month-old son Joshua.



Carl Mack

Staff Profile - Count on Us!

Marc Randow - Green Park Elementary School

Job Title: 5th Grade Teacher

Years in District: 25 years WW, (28 total) **High School:** Columbia High, Richland

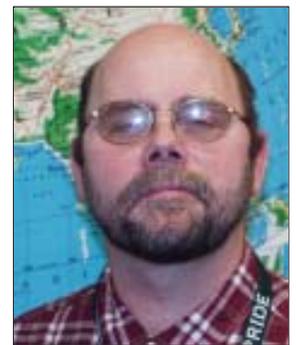
Favorite Band: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band **Favorite Movie:** *Cool Hand Luke*

Favorite Food: Tacos **Favorite Book:** *Mr. Lincoln's Army*

Birth place: Richland, WA **Hobbies:** Hunting, coaching, camping

Most memorable life experiences: The birth of my three daughters.

Tell Us Something About Yourself That Nobody Else Would Know: I was the Table Tennis Champion in 1975 at Eastern Washington University.



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

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy

Sponsored by Walla Walla County PTSA Council

An Evening with the Superintendent

Annual District State of Education Address

March 18

Walla Walla High School Auditorium

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Rich Carter
Superintendent

Topics of Discussion...

- ✓ Review education reform issues
- ✓ Discuss comprehensive facilities study
- ✓ Community public education issues
- ✓ Have open dialogue with Rich Carter

Congratulations

- Opportunity Program's **Tom Porter** and his wife Kerri on the birth of their son Nolan Thomas Porter, 8 lbs. 6oz.
- Garrison's **Esteban Florian** and his wife **Jackie Martinez** (Sharpstein) on the birth of their son Esai Andres Florian. He weighed 7 lbs, 6 oz. and is 20" long.
- Garrison's **Marqui** and Scott Shields on the birth of their son. Cameron Scott Shields came into the world weighing 5 lb. 10 oz, and 18" long.
- Green Park's **Michele** and Berney's **Joe Gribnau** on the birth of their daughter Saturday, Jan. 24.
- Green Park's **Mariela Lopez** on the birth of her daughter on Jan. 19.

In Our Thoughts

Our condolences to...

- Green Park's **Bob Gregoire** on the loss of his mother and father. Bob is married to district bilingual coordinator **Cindy Gregoire**. Bob is Blue Ridge's **Lucy Gregoire's** father-in-law.
- Wa-Hi's **Mark Agrellas** on the loss of his father earlier this school year.
- Former Superintendent **Ellen Wolf** on the loss of her mother.
- Special Programs' **Melito Ramirez** on the loss of his father-in-law.
- Garrison's **Linda Stevens** on the loss of her mother.
- Garrison's **Kathy Olson** on the loss of her sister after a long, hard fought battle with cancer.
- Prospect Point Food Services **Karen K. Watson** on the loss of her father.
- Plant Facilities **Kevin French** on the loss of his 47-year-old brother.
- Sharpstein's **Donna Anderson** on the loss her father.

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

Pioneer Middle School teacher elected city Planning Commission chairperson

Pioneer Middle School 8th Grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher **Kenny Renner-Singer** was recently elected Chairperson of the City of Walla Walla Planning Commission for 2004. His responsibilities as chairperson include leading Planning Commission meetings.

"One of my main interests as a commissioner is to keep working with the city to encourage more redevelopment and infill in some of our older neighborhoods," Renner-Singer said.

In 2003 Renner-Singer served as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Renner-Singer was recently appointed to his second three-year term on the City of Walla Walla Planning Commission. Sharpstein Elementary Third Grade Bilingual teacher **Sara Van Donge** was also just appointed to her second three-year term on the commission.

The City of Walla Walla Planning Commission considers all amendments, modifications or alterations to the City's comprehensive plan, zoning code, and subdivision code.

The Commission conducts hearings on subdivisions, street vacations, and other planning functions and forwards recommendations to the City Council for review and final decision. Commissioners are required to be residents of Walla Walla County. Appointments are made to unexpired or full three-year terms.

Thanks!

Citizens for Schools

From all of us at Walla Walla Public Schools, thanks to all *Citizens for Schools* committee members for your efforts to ensure our schools have the resources and support necessary to provide essential educational programs and activities to Walla Walla children.

Special thanks to Co-Chairs **Cindy Meyer** and **Bob Hill** for their leadership in providing information to the community regarding the February 3 Maintenance and Operations Levy.

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