

Wa-Hi Fall Drama opens Thursday



Wa-Hi students **Kristen Glaeser** and **Tom Rowley** treat school board members to a sneak preview of this fall's Drama Production - Horton Foote's *Orphans' Home Cycle*. Under the direction of Brian Senter, the play opens Thursday. At its center of this production is a love story and an exploration of the intricacies of family life.

Show dates:

November 8, 9, 10 (7 p.m.) / November 15, 16 (7 p.m.)
November 17 (2 p.m.)

Tickets: \$8 adults and \$6 for seniors & students.

Information: Please call the ticket office at 526-8613 for reserved seating and show information.

November 6 • School Board Meeting Recap

Board approves M&O levy election date

School board members approved Tuesday, February 19 as the election date for the 2008 replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy.

The voter approved 2004 M&O Levy, which passed at 67.4%, expires in December 2008 and this four-year Levy would replace it.

The cost for this replacement levy is similar to what Walla Walla property owners are currently paying.

Summary of Proposal

2009 - \$8,278,000 (projected rate \$3.42 per \$1,000)

2010 - \$8,828,000 (projected rate \$3.56 per \$1,000)

2011 - \$9,378,000 (projected rate \$3.69 per \$1,000)

2012 - \$9,978,000 (projected rate \$3.83 per \$1,000)

What do school levies pay for?

Local levies support school needs. Our levy pays for approximately 14 percent of the District's operating budget. In Walla Walla, the M&O levy helps to support:

- approximately 30 additional teachers
- approximately 50 additional non-certified staff
- school safety staff & technology
- elementary PE & music specialists
- health clinicians & library-media specialists
- elementary physical education specialists
- school supplies & building maintenance
- extra-curricular (athletics, music, drama, FFA and more)
- transportation for school activities

More information will be coming out to staff and the community later this fall.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of the board meeting of October 16, 2007, Personnel Report, Out of State travel, Resolution #15-2007 for reimbursement of expenses for new board members attending the WSSDA Conference.
- Approved the purchase of a home to expand the site for the Edison Construction project.
- approved an Interagency Agreement for a School Resource Officer (SRO) with the City of Walla Walla to support Lincoln Alternative High School, Garrison and Pioneer Middle Schools. Officer Steve Echeverria will serve as the SRO.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Certificated) **Suzann Rose**, Dyslexia Teacher, Special Programs

(Classified) **Ron Amen**, Custodian, Various Locations

Norma Mata, Para-Educator, Green Park

• Resignations/Retirements

(Classified) **Jonathan Bogle**, Para-Educator, Wa-Hi, 2 years

• Leave of Absence

(Classified) **Denise Ongers**, Para-Educator, Lincoln Alternative, 10 years

- Denise will serve as Assistant Secretary at Lincoln for the 2007-08 school year

• Out of State Travel

Michael Lambert to attend NAESP National Conference in Nashville, TN (Funding: Principal Travel)

Anne Bickelhaupt, Gay Buissink, Mike Gobel, Matt Shaw, and Darcy Weisner to attend Learning by Doing Conference in Anaheim, CA (Funding: I-728)

Quote of the Week

"I'm very proud...that I'm smart enough to get the point."

Harry S. Truman

General Election Results Summary

Simple Majority -- House Resolution 4204

Washington State

51.87%	Rejected
48.12%	Approved

WW County

61.68%	Rejected
38.32%	Approved

Walla Walla School Board of Directors

School Board Election (Position 3)	Total	Percent
Jim Lehmann	2,228	53.70
Roger Bairstow	1,898	45.75

School Board Election (Position 4)	Total	Percent
Max E Carrera, Jr	3,556	97.61

School Board Election (Position 5)	Total	Percent
Anne Golden	3,772	97.64

College Place School Board of Directors

School Board Election (Position 1)	Total	Percent
Kim Doepker	1,098	99.08

School Board Election (Position 3)	Total	Percent
William L Armstrong	562	51.75
Tad Willis	519	47.79

School Board Election (Position 5)	Total	Percent
Marci Knauft	725	60.62
Vincent Jimenez	468	39.13

Parent Conferences this week

No School Thursday and Friday

Assistant Superintendent **Linda Boggs** reported to school board members on this week's fall conference schedule. There is no school Thursday and Friday.

Boggs thanked the teachers for all their efforts preparing for conferences. She said the introduction of *Online Grades* may have an impact on attendance at the secondary schools.

She said principals are closely monitoring attendance to track numbers. She noted with *Online Grades* many issues often discussed during conferences have already been communicated through *Online Grades*.

She reported Green Park Second Grade Teacher Martin Telstad is piloting an *Online Grades* program for elementary teachers. Boggs said she expects elementary schools to offer *Online Grades* next school year. Parents are asked to check with their child's school for a conference schedule.

Agencies team with district to curb truancy

Garrison Principal **Gina Yonts**, Wa-Hi Assistant Principal **Matt Bona** and Lincoln Alternative High School Intervention Specialist **Brooke Bouchey** briefed school board members on the district's Inter-agency Truancy Committee.

Yonts said the committee is working with the same message -- "truancy hurts everyone." The committee is designed to bring agencies together to help keep students in school.

A regional luncheon was held recently to discuss the Becca Bill, share data, improve communications and develop action plans.