

District names *Volunteers of the Year*

In celebration of *Volunteer Appreciation Month*, last night Superintendent Rich Carter announced **Staci Wanichek**, **Karen McDaniels**, and **Laura Schueller** as the district's 2008 *Art Regier Volunteers of the Year*. This award is presented in recognition of the volunteers in our schools and their important contributions to our students and educational program.



Staci Wanichek - Prospect Point Playground
Nominators - Rick Nebeker, Kindergarten teachers, and Christine Ludwig

- Helped raise more than \$73,000 for new playground
- Organizes class parties and volunteers in the classroom
- Serves on district's boundary review committee



Karen McDaniels - Berney, Pioneer and Wa-Hi
Nominators: Britt Adkins

- Volunteered weekly in the classrooms of each of her four children for more than 15 years
- Active in the Berney and Pioneer PTSA for years
- Member of the Big Blue Boosters board
- Organized numerous school fundraisers



Laura Schueller - Garrison and Citizens for Schools
Nominators: Grace Ogoshi, Ronda Gabbard, Stacy McPherson, Beth Clearman, Chris Blackman, and Gayle Kinman

- Garrison PTA President
- Organized PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser and Book Fair
- Organized refreshments at Citizens for Schools Levy Rally
- Tennis Team Parent Volunteer
- Explorer Program active volunteer

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Edison contractor bids reviewed

The district expects to name a contractor soon for the Edison Construction project. General contractor and sub-contractor bids for the project were unsealed and reviewed yesterday.

The project includes replacing the existing 70-year-old school at its current location with a modern two-story facility.

Several houses near the site are currently being removed to expand the campus size. Construction is expected to begin in June.

School board approves calendars

School board members last night approved calendar "A" for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

Hard copies of the calendars will be sent out to staff this week. The calendar will also be posted on the website under the calendar section (www.wwps.org).

Homelink to offer online courses

School board members approved a contract last night with K¹² Inc. to provide online curriculum for the district's Homelink program beginning in September 2008. Currently, the Homelink program serves approximately 85 students in grades K-8.

The K¹² online curriculum will be added to the current Homelink choices. Learn more about K12 at: "<http://www.k12.com>."

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved Personnel Report and Out of State travel, Use of Equipment for Summer Sports Camps, Resolution #9-2008 Authorizing Signatures for Edison Project and Recinding Resolution #11-2007, Resolution #10-2008 -- Procurement Card, Resolution #11-2008 -- Online K-12 Curriculum Contract and April Bills and Payroll.
- adopted 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 School Calendars.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(*Certificated*) **Jennifer Nicholson**, Library Media Specialist, Edison
(*Classified*) - **Phil Daniel**, Grounds Worker, Facilities Support
Brad Erdman, Grounds Worker, Facilities Support
Abigail Roman, Head Start/ECEAP Para-Educator, Blue Ridge
Robert Ruthven, Grounds Worker, Facilities Support

• Resignations/Retirements

(*Certificated*) **Barb McRae**, Middle School Alternative, Creekside, 13 years
• Barb was on a leave-of-absence for the 2007-2008 school year
Kelsee Anderson, Math, Wa-Hi, one year
Brad Hobbs, Bilingual Third-Grade, Green Park Elementary, 7 years
• Brad is resigning .5FTE and will continue as a .5FTE teacher for the 2008-2009 year
Siomara Hobbs, Bilingual Second Grade, Green Park Elementary, 6.5 years
• Siomara is resigning .5FTE and will continue as a .5FTE teacher for the 2008-2009 school year
(*Classified*) - **Marilyn Brown**, Superintendent's Secretary, District Office, 41 years

• Leave of Absences

(*Certificated*) **Scott Ford**, PE Specialist, Berney Elementary, 4 years
Jason Harrison, Science Teacher, Lincoln Alternative High School, 9 years
• Jason will serve as the Graduation Outreach Advocate for the 2008-2009 school year
(*Classified*) **Carmelita Guery**, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, 8 years
Kelley Hubbard, Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Secretary, Blue Ridge, 6 years

• Out of State Travel

Dr. Bill Jordan to attend Career Fair in Missoula, MT (Funding: Recruiting)
Jeanne Ruecker to attend VIP Counselors Weekend in Klamath, OR (Funding: Oregon Institute of Technology)
Gayle See to attend National PE Conference in Fort Worth, TX (Funding: Professional Growth/Personal)

Quote of the Week

"Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day."

W. Earl Hall

NOTE: Last night Superintendent **Rich Carter** permanently appointed **Patricia "Pat" Johnston** as the district's Business Manager.

She has been performing these duties in an interim capacity since November.

A superintendent's best friend to retire



After serving six superintendents over nearly a 60 year span, Superintendent Secretary **Marilyn Brown** is saying good-bye to the district at the end of August after 41 years of service.

Brown began her career in 1950 as secretary to Superintendent **Wesley Lacey**. During her career she was the lead secretary to superintendents **Arthur Jones** (1951-1952 -- *Marilyn stepped away from work for nearly 20 years to raise a family*), **Franklin "Pete" Hanson** (1971-1980), **Dr. Dennis Ray** (1980-1990), **Dr. Ellen Wolf** (1990-2000), and **Dr. Richard Carter** from 2000 to present.

"I consider myself a very privileged secretary," Brown said. "I offer my very best wishes to everyone for your continued success."

District celebrates National Library Week

District Library-Media Specialists showcased their services and libraries last night in celebration of National Library Week.

A common theme throughout all the presentations was how district library-media specialists are committed to supporting classroom lessons and projects.

Special thanks to all district library-media specialists for their efforts supporting learning and students in the district.

Garrison Starfish Project helps students improve WASL math and reading skills

This spring Garrison Middle School students who were within 10 points of meeting WASL standard in Math and Reading were identified to receive extra support through the school's Starfish Project.

The program's focus was to provide coaching in the content area in native language and to practice WASL test taking strategies.

Principal **Gina Yonts** said this afterschool intensive instructional model was also fun for students and staff.