

Lincoln Health Center opens for business



Lincoln Health Center Coordinator **Holly Howard** (R) shows school board members and administrators the Lincoln Health Center during a tour of the facility last night.

The Lincoln Health Center opened for business this fall after nearly two years of planning. This stand alone operation offers Lincoln Alternative High School students medical services, mental health and drug counseling and referrals to outside agencies as needed for a variety of health-related services.

Students are required to have a signed parent permission form on file in order to access services. Walla Walla Public Schools provides no funding or operational support of the Lincoln Health Center. St. Mary Medical Center is the primary funding source for the program.

“Walla Walla Public Schools school board members, administration and staff embrace the mission of the Lincoln Health Center and are grateful to this community-based group for bringing these services to Walla Walla to support the needs of at-risk youth in the community,” Superintendent **Rich Carter** said. “This just proves a small group with a large vision can make a difference.”

St. Mary Medical Center teams with Albertsons on school supplies drive

Last night school board members thanked Providence St. Mary Medical Center Director of Mission Services **Kathie Oreb** for donating \$6000 in school supplies to Walla Walla children.

This fall, St. Mary Medical Center teamed with Albertsons for the cause. Oreb said donations were slow in coming this year, so she reached out to Albertsons for help and they jumped at the opportunity. This team approach netted more supplies than ever before, according to Oreb. Thirty-two boxes of school supplies have been distributed to schools and 60 backpacks are on order.

Albertsons has already committed to teaming with St. Mary Medical Center again next year.

New security cameras to support safe and civil schools program

Security cameras will be installed this fall at Pioneer and Garrison Middle Schools to help support the district’s safe and civil schools program. Additional cameras will also be installed at Lincoln Alternative High School.

The cameras will be strategically placed throughout the schools and used to promote safety and support emergency plans.

Pioneer Principal **Dana Jones** says the cameras are a welcome addition.

“We’ve been talking about this for a long time,” Jones said. “They will help.”

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved the Personnel Report, Out-of-State travel, September Bills and Payroll, security cameras for Pioneer and Garrison Middle Schools and Lincoln H.S., and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Grant. In a separate action, approved the September 1, 2009 board minutes.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified)

Mary Boeckman, Para-Educator (temporary), Green Park

Christina Fields, Para-Educator (temporary), Green Park

Rosa Flores, Para-Educator (temporary), Edison

Karina Morin, Para-Educator, Edison

Megan Odum, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School

Hilary Tinnesand-Darnold, Para-Educator (temporary), Green Park

• OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Janis Barton to attend 2009 T & L Conference as a speaker in Denver, CO. (Funding: No cost to the district)

Diana Erickson and **Connie Taylor-Randall** to attend the GLAD Tier II Trainer Conference in Costa Mesa, CA (Funding: Title I)

Nicole Miller to attend AAMFT Conference in Sacramento, CA (Funding: Special Education Stimulus)

September enrollment count similar to last fall's numbers

Deputy Superintendent **Dr. Bill Jordan** reported to school board members Tuesday night the district is serving about the same number of students it was serving at this time last year.

Jordan reported the district logged 5808.27 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) students on the first official enrollment count for the 2009-2010 school year. These figures do not include Alternative Education Program (AEP) or Running Start students. Last fall the district reported 5801.74 FTEs for the September 2008 enrollment count.

Enrollment this fall is up at elementary schools, down at middle schools, up slightly at Walla Walla High School and down at Lincoln Alternative High School. See the chart to the right for more details.

FIRST OFFICIAL ENROLLMENT COUNT

School	9/5/08 2008/2009 (fte)	9/8/09 2009/2010 (fte)	9/5/08-9/8/09 +/-	Net +/-
Berney	437.65	407	-30.65	
Homelink	94.5	126.22	+31.72	
Blue Ridge	308	309	+1	
Edison	247.47	413.8	+166.33	
Green Park	459	462.09	+3.09	
Prospect Point	510.6	419.06	-91.54	
Sharpstein	432.98	436.2	+3.22	+83.17
Garrison	642.94	607.2	-35.74	
Pioneer	616.2	601.9	-14.3	-50.04
WaHi	1814.4	1833	+18.6	
Lincoln	238	192.8	-45.2	-26.6
Budget Target	5550	5650		
Sub Totals	5801.74	5808.27		
AEP at this time	77	141.76	+64.76	+64.76
Running Start	n/a	n/a	(available 10/1)	(available 10/1)
Total	5878.74	5950.03	+71.29	+71.29

We are 158.27 over budget target in student FTEs at this time.

Sharpstein Summer Camp a hit

Last night Explorer teacher **Mary Cortinas** reported to school board members on a successful program offered this summer at Sharpstein. Cortinas said 35 students attended the eight day camp.

Students spent four hours each day learning about Science, Reading, Writing and Math. Cortinas used hands-on activities to keep the students engaged. Fifth grade student **Angeles Hernandez** demonstrated to school board members how she learned the parts of the human eye. By using cut out paper parts and detailed information labels, Hernandez illustrated what she had learned.

She had so much fun at summer camp, she is encouraging Cortinas to start a Science Club at Sharpstein.



Edison Dedication program

Join us in celebrating the Dedication of this beautiful new school.

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. (social)

6:30 to 8 p.m. (program and tours)

Location: Edison Elementary

Information: (509) 527-3072

Please join us!