

McMorris Rodgers presents special flag to Edison



Congresswoman **Cathy McMorris Rodgers** presented Edison Elementary School with an American flag that flew at the United States Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

Local Boy Scouts conducted the flag raising ceremony. McMorris Rodgers told students the American flag represents our freedoms and personal liberties.

Boy Scouts and Leaders:

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| Joseph Musick | Jaron Dagleish | Levi Parsons |
| Ray Musick | Drew Hollopeter | |
| Bill Musick, Cub Master | | |
| Jake Hollopeter - Assistant Cub Master | | |

Student work on display at Walla Walla Fair September 2-6

Be sure to stop by the Education Building at the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days September 2-6. Education Building Coordinator **Amy Reed** says visitors will see student artwork and class projects from schools throughout the area. Walla Walla Public Schools will feature technology projects and have an information station for school materials and information.

Sidewalk grant targets Reser Road

Last night school board members approved a property line adjustment in support of a "Small Communities in Rural Counties Grant Program Application" for sidewalk improvements near Prospect Point Elementary.

If funding is approved, the project will begin at Howard Street and end at the existing parking lot entrance for the Walla Walla High School gym lot. Additional improvements will be made to Reser Road as well.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$724,000. **Aaron Grimm** is serving as the Project Engineer for Walla Walla County Public Works.

C.I.A. team helps connect the dots

Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Linda Boggs** reported to school board members last night how the district's Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team, or C.I.A., is coordinated to support each other.

Boggs said math curriculum continues to be a focus area, while Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) and Student Learning Protocol (SLP) drives instruction. She said a variety of assessments are used across the district.

She said the district will concentrate professional development efforts on GLAD, SLP and math. Once you connect the dots, the picture becomes clear, Boggs said.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved the Personnel Report, WWVEA Contract Ratification, District Insurance Premium 2009-10, January-June 2010 School Board Meeting Schedule, July Financial Report. In a separate action, approved the August 18, 2009 ammended minutes to include Resolution #12-2009.
- received an update on the Edison project from Superintendent **Dr. Rich Carter**. Carter said the contractor expects to have the project completed by the end of September. He said the Bridge St. sidewalk project is nearing completion too.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(*Certificated*) **Sarah Maheras**, Kindergarten, Green Park
Shana Smith, Math (temporary), Pioneer Middle School
Paul Starkebaum, Physical Education Specialist, .8 FTE, Sharpstein
(*Classified*) **James Bennett**, Bus Driver, Transportation Dept.
Richard Bunnell, Bus Driver, Transportation Department
Heather Davidson, Bus Driver, Transportation Department
Araceli Garcia, Para-Educator, Sharpstein
Justin Hampton, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School
Dawn Moore, Para-Educator (temporary), Berney
Jessica Ruiz, Para-Educator (temporary), Sharpstein
Laura Segovia, Para-Educator (temporary), Blue Ridge
Theresa Shafer, Para-Educator (temporary), Prospect Point
Mickey Weber, Para-Educator (temporary), Sharpstein

• Resignations/retirements

(*Certificated*)

Jill Carter, Physical Education Specialist, Garrison, 8 years

(*Classified*)

Ada Hodgson, Para-Educator, Sharpstein

Arthur Davila, Trades Assistant, Plant Facilities, 34.5 years

• Leave of Absences

(*Certificated*)

Angela Gardea, LAP Coordinator, Pioneer, 10 years

• Angie will serve as Learning Specialist at Berney Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year

Quote of the Week

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

Malcolm Forbes

Staff Transfers

• **Jackie Lewis** transferred from Garrison to Wa-Hi to teach in the Resource Room.

• **Connie Goude** transferred from Wa-Hi to Prospect Point to serve as the Assistant Secretary.

• **Dina Anderson** is the new secretary to Director of CTE at Wa-Hi. Anderson previously was the assistant secretary in the ASB office at Wa-Hi.

Elementary enrollment counts up, secondary down to start year

Deputy Superintendent **Dr. Bill Jordan** reported to school board members Tuesday night preliminary enrollment figures reveal districtwide “head count” numbers are down slightly to begin the school year. Elementary schools have more students this year compared to last year, while fewer middle and high school students are in class this fall.

As of Tuesday, “head count” numbers were 6064 compared to 6079 at this time last year. These figures do not include Running Start student counts.

Jordan said the district’s 2009-10 budget was based on 5800 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) students. Jordan said the district’s first official FTE count day is September 8.

| | 9/5/08 | 8/31/09 |
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| School | 2008/2009 (hc) | 2009/2010 (hc) |
| Berney | 478 | 448 |
| Homelink | 99 | 146 |
| Blue Ridge | 308 | 309 |
| Edison | 274 | 454 |
| Green Park | 459 | 457 |
| Prospect Point | 542 | 462 |
| Sharpstein | 474 | 474 |
| Garrison | 645 | 606 |
| Pioneer | 616 | 608 |
| WaHi | 1850 | 1771 |
| Lincoln | 257 | 197 |
| AEP at this time | 77 | 132 |
| Running Start n/a at this time | | |
| Total | 6079 | 6064 |

Budget Target for 2009-2010

- 5725 FTE - K-12 without AEP & Running Start
- 5800 FTE - K-12 all reported students

UNOFFICIAL COUNTS

School Board Meetings

January to June 2010

- January 19
- February 2 and 16
- March 2 and 16
- April 20
- May 4 and 18
- June 1 and 15

German & American partnerships

Last night Wa-Hi German teacher **Curtis Schafer** and PE teacher **Gayle See** reported on the German American Partnership Program.

This summer Schafer and See escorted nine Wa-Hi students to Germany for a one month cultural exchange program. Students stayed with host families, attended school and traveled. Schafer and See said it was an amazing experience for all.

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