

Classified Employees Week: March 9 - 13

Last night school board members and Superintendent **Rich Carter** honored the district's support staff as part of Classified Employees Week - March 9 to 13. Carter read a proclamation from Governor Gregoire officially recognizing this week across the state.

Carter said there are 361 classified employees in the district and each one of them plays a key role in supporting teaching and learning. He thanked PSE President **Larry McCauley** for his dedication and professionalism as the union's leader.

McCauley applauded the school board and administration for the continued support classified employees receive from the district. He said he is humbled to lead such an outstanding group of employees.



Superintendent Rich Carter reads a proclamation recognizing Classified Employees Week to PSE Union President Larry McCauley. Carter said the district could not operate without classified employees and their contributions are appreciated.

Go Big Blue!

Tune to KTEL 1490 AM

Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Wa-Hi

vs.

Todd Beamer

Wednesday, March 4
2 p.m.



All Staff Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 12
2 p.m.

Walla Walla High School Commons

- Retirement celebrations
- Staff Achievement grant recipients
- End of year celebration

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of the Feb. 17, 2009 board meeting and Personnel Report. (Anne Golden not present)
- received a report from Assistant Superintendent Dr. Linda Boggs on the Basic Education Entitlement Compliance. Boggs reported the district meets all requirements and is eligible for this year's state funding.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified) **James Bennett**, Bus Driver, Transportation

Richard Bunnell, Bus Driver, Transportation

Heather Davidson, Bus Driver, Transportation

• Resignations/retirements

(Certificated)

Scott Ford, Physical Education teacher, Berney, 5 years

- Scott was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Kim Cassetto, English, Walla Walla High School, 7 years

- Kim was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Peggy Willcuts, Science Coordinator, Curriculum Dept., 19 years

- Peggy was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Jason Harrison, Graduation Advocate, Lincoln Alternative High School, 10 years

- Jason was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

(Classified)

Kelley Hubbard, Assistant Secretary, Head Start/ECEAP, 7 years

- Kelley was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Carmen Guery, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Elementary, 9 years

- Carmen was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Karen Larson, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary, 10 years

- Karen was on a leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year

Maria Remington, Para-Educator, Prospect Point Elementary, 5 years

- Maria was on a leave of absence for the last half of the 2008-09 school year

Alison Spencer, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Special Programs, 2 years

- Alison was on a leave of absence for the last half of the 2008-09 school year

• Leave of Absences

(Certificated) **Maria Garcia**, School Psychologist, Special Programs, 13 years

- Maria will continue as the RTI Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year

Laura Grant-Herriot, Fifth grade teacher, Berney, 17 years

- Laura is on a leave of absence to serve in the Washington State Legislature

Quote of the Week

"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change."

Carl Rogers

National Geographic giant traveling map coming to Sharpstein school March 6-8

What better way to teach young people the power of maps and the limitless depth of geography than a gym-sized map on which they can explore, travel from place to place, hop around, compete, collaborate and have lots of fun?

That's exactly how local students will get to explore North America, courtesy of National Geographic, when a giant 26 by 26 foot map makes a stop at Sharpstein Elementary School next week.

The map will be located in the Sharpstein Elementary School Gym and is open without charge to the public on Friday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., then on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, from noon to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Just remember that socks are required for walking on the map.

The huge map, designed for grades K-8, tours with a trunk full of accessories, including interactive games, geography adventures, atlases and books that teach students about the physical characteristics of North America, as well as its rich history and varied cultures.

To learn more about the Giant Traveling Map project, visit www.ngsednet.org/giantmaps. For more information, contact **Mary Cortinas** at Sharpstein Elementary School, 527-3098.

Missoula Theatre experience helps students gain confidence and improve oral language

Blue Ridge Principal **Connie Taylor-Randall** and ELL Specialist **Brenda Kirk** reported to school board members on the school's recent drama production in partnership with the Missoula Theatre. Fifty-eight students participated in the production of "Robinson Crusoe."

Kirk and Taylor-Randall teamed to raise money to bring the production to Blue Ridge. Kirk said many of the Blue Ridge families live in poverty and don't have the means to offer the performing arts to their children. She said students also improved language skills.

