

School board salutes retirees

District honors educators for service

Last night the district honored this year's retirees. Assistant Superintendent **Laure Quaresma** acknowledged their years of service and dedication to the school district. Each retiree received an engraved Golden Apple from the district. WWVEA President **Margo Piver** presented certificated staff a special poster and PSE President **Bill Heiser** presented classified staff a token of appreciation. Thank you for all you have done to help Walla Walla children receive an outstanding education.

- Ardis Dick, 22 - Blue Ridge: Para-Educator
- Diana, Erickson, 8 - District Office: CIA/GMS Bilingual Coordinator
- Jeanine Griffin, 10 – Pioneer: Food Service Assistant
- Susan Hansen, 29 - Blue Ridge: PE Specialist
- Maryelyn Hebel, 7 - District Office: CIA Admin Assistant
- Kristin Lee, 22 – Sharpstein: Second-Grade Teacher
- Susan Morasch, 25.5 - Wa-Hi: Bookkeeper
- Jill Parcels, 20 - Green Park: Kitchen Manager
- Sue Parrish, 22 – Garrison: Science Teacher
- Connie Pinza, 27 – Edison: Para-Educator
- Jeanne Ruecker, 26 - Wa-Hi: Counselor
- Vicki Shafer, 18 – Homelink: Art Teacher
- Elissa Stites, 30 - Green Park: Fifth-Grade Teacher
- Mary Matau, 19 - Wa-Hi: Social Studies (her retirement date is Dec. 2012)

Berney's BizTown Field Trip promotes business

This spring approximately 70 Berney 5th grade students participated in "The World of Business at Junior Achievement BizTown" in Yakima.

The experience was made possible through a grant. Teachers **Laura Grant, Debbie Schade** and **Tammy Baker** organized the trip. BizTown focused on financial principles and business. The program fosters work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

Students also learned about the economy, government and taxes. They opened a bank account, wrote checks and went to work for a mock business during the day long event. Students also learned how to apply for jobs, create a resume and tips for interviewing.

The students from all three Berney 5th grade classes left at 6:30 a.m. and returned home at 5 p.m. Twenty-four parents volunteered to help provide supervision and support.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the May 1, 2012 school board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, May 15 accounts payable, April financial report, school board meeting schedule: September to December 2012, Flexible spending arrangement plan, use of equipment for summer sport camps, 2012-13 Head Start/ECEAP program goals, Head Start/ECEAP Self Assessment Executive Summary.
- approved 2012-2013 Head Start grant approval
- Resolution No. 04-2012 Authorized Signature/SEA TECH Skills Center
- Revision to Board Policy 6215 - Voucher Certification and Approval

Personnel Report

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Employment

(Certificated) **Sara Heimbigner**, Music, Edison Elementary
Anne Schulz, Math, Pioneer Middle School

Resignation/Retirement

(Certificated) **Jeanne Ruecker**, Counselor, Wa-Hi, 26 years
(*resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year*)
Heather Nelson, Homelink Science, Berney, 7 years
(*resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year*)

Leave of Absence

(Certificated) **Georgiann Delgadillo**, Science, Garrison, 2 years
(*Georgi is taking a .1 FTE leave of absence for the 2012-13 school year. She will continue as a .5 FTE employee*)
Mike Gobel, Math, Walla Walla High School, 22 years
(*Mike will take a leave of absence for two periods to serve as a teacher on special assignment (TOSA) in affiliation with Gear Up and AVID for the 2012-13 school year.*)
Mary Matau, Social Studies, Walla Walla High School, 19 years
(*For the first half of the 2012-2013 school year*)

(Classified) **Hilary Tinneland**, Para-Educator, Prospect Point, 2 years
(*For the 2012-13 school year*)

Out-of-State Travel

Matt Bona, **Terri Gilbert**, **Luz Phillips**, and **Ben Woiblet** to attend AVID Summer Institute in San Diego, CA (Funding: Title I / Professional Development)
Dan Coffey, **Sean Reid** and **Ben VanDonge** to attend AVID Elementary Training in Dallas, TX (Funding: Title I / Professional Development)

Quote of the Week

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

Chinese proverb

Lincoln choir teams with senior citizens



The Lincoln High School choir, under the direction of music teacher **Margaret Yount**, has teamed with the Park Plaza Retirement Center choir to make music. The group performed two songs for the school board last night.

The Lincoln/Park Plaza choir will be performing June 6 at the WWCC China Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. The concert is open to the public.

Coaches to receive training on use of social media and compliance issues

All Walla Walla Public Schools coaches will spend two hours Wednesday evening reviewing appropriate coach conduct, use of social media, student-athletes supervision and boundary invasion issues. Attorney and former high school coach **Chris Burton** will lead the training session.

“We want to be proactive on our training and awareness of these issues,” said Assistant Superintendent **Laure Quaresma**. “We are professionals and we owe it to our coaches, students and parents to be well prepared.”

Training Information:

Wednesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ District Office

Topics to be included in this training:

- Coaches’ use of social media
- Coaches and boundary invasions
- Coaches and AAU and possible violation of district conflict of interest policies
- WIAA out-of-season compliance
- Is the coach an employee in the summer?
- Volunteer coaches and student athlete supervision