

National Board Certified Teachers



Last night school board members congratulated Walla Walla educators for recently earning their National Board Teaching Certificates.

(L-R) **Brenda Kirk** (Blue Ridge), **Marc Yonts**, **Kris Duncan**, **Scott Tibbling** (Walla Walla High School), **Wes Sanders** (Green Park), School Board President **Cindy Meyer** and Superintendent **Rich Carter**. Meyer and Carter presented the recipients pins recognizing their accomplishments. Walla Walla High School Physical Education Teacher **Gayle See** and Green Park 5th grade teacher **Elissa Stites** served as coaches and mentors.

Blue Ridge Air Quality Test Results

Parent Meeting
Thursday, January 21
3 p.m.
Blue Ridge Gym

Radon and Health Industry Professionals will be in attendance to share information and answer questions.

School Board Recognition Month

Last night school board members were honored as part of School Board Recognition Month. Staff and students presented tokens of appreciation and even made a short video thanking school board members. Below is the Letter to the Editor Superintendent Carter released last week.

Superintendent Carter's Letter: January is School Board Recognition Month and a time to thank our five volunteer school board members: **Max Carrera**, **Dan Hess**, **Anne Golden**, **Dr. Jim Lehmann** and **Cindy Meyer**. We are so fortunate in Walla Walla to have five caring and committed community members serve on our school board and represent our public school system. Walla Walla voters can rest assured they made excellent choices for the school board when they cast their ballots.

Although our school board members have vast personal and professional backgrounds and diverse opinions, they have a common purpose for service. They are all deeply committed to a quality school system and have a genuine love for children.

Max Carrera has a young family and demanding professional position with the Washington Department of Corrections, yet he is generous with his time for the good of all Walla Walla children. Dan Hess has a successful law practice, but he has signed up for a second go around on the school board because he wants all Walla Walla youth to have every opportunity to be successful. Anne Golden has dedicated much of her adult life to public service and volunteerism and as a leader of the National School Board Association to bring awareness to educational issues on a broader scale. Dr. Jim Lehmann is an online professor with adult children, but believes so strongly in public education and technology he makes himself available to serve. Cindy Meyer has been volunteering in schools since her daughters were in kindergarten and, though her youngest is in high school now, she still generously gives of her time because she cares about her community. Our school board members set high standards for themselves and demand the same of their public schools. Thanks to their support of teaching and learning, Walla Walla School District 140 remains one of the state's premiere school districts. Take time this month to thank our school board members for a job well done.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of the December 15, 2009 school board meeting, Personnel Report, January bills and payroll, and December Financial Report.

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified)

Yazmin Behena, Para-Educator (Temp), Garrison
Amie Barnett, Bus Assistant, Transportation
Daniel Beuck, Custodian, Walla Walla High School
Gladys Coley, Food Service Assistant, Garrison
Mary Claire Gegen, Para-Educator (Temp), Garrison
Justin James, Para-Educator (Temp), Edison
Barbara Kenny, Bus Driver, Transportation
Erika Montgomery, Para-Educator (Temp), Edison
Chris Myers, Bus Driver, Transportation
Michelle Poulson, Para-Educator (Temp), Sharpstein
Twyla Swanson, Para-Educator (Temp), Green Park
Jennifer Wood, Para-Educator (Temp), Edison

• Resignations/Retirements

(Certificated)

Steve Droke, Resource Room, Edison 6 years
Joe Jansen, High School, Lincoln Alternative High School, 11 years
Don McCoy, Special Education, Walla Walla High School, 34 years
Jessica McDaniels, Kindergarten, Blue Ridge, 3 years
Greg Reid, Social Studies, Garrison, 41 years
JoAnne Savage, First Grade, Blue Ridge, 3 years
Lynn Waldron, Library Media Specialist, Walla Walla High School, 31 years
Harvey Wellington, Counselor, Walla Walla High School, 43 years

(Classified)

Gabrielle Arrowood, Para-Educator, Green Park, 2 years
Vicky Cornelius, Records Secretary, Special Programs, 23 years
Pat Hanford, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School, 11 years
Bonnie Hanson, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School, 11 years
Sue Bloom, Head Secretary, Walla Walla High School, 31 years
Kathy Jordan, Head Secretary, Blue Ridge, 4 years
Toni Kelm, Assistant Secretary, Garrison, 16.5 years
Cindy Morales, Assistant Secretary, Blue Ridge, 2 years
Kathy Olson, Para-Educator, Garrison, 16 years
Abigail Roman, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Preschool, 2 years
Linne Wagner, Para-Educator, Pioneer, 5 months (1/14/10)
Bill Watson, Plumber, Plant Facilities, 22 years

• LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(Classified)

Kathy Jordan, Head Secretary, Blue Ridge, 4 years (For the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year)

Quote of the Week

“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

Victor Hugo

NOTE: All resignations/retirements are for the end of the 2009-2010 school year unless otherwise noted.

Garrison Trooper Time helps students learn

Last night Garrison Middle School Principal **Gina Yonts**, Assistant Principal **Josh Wolcott**, and teacher **Luke Hamada** presented a report to school board members on the school's Garrison Trooper Time program.

Garrison students also reported to the school board on the program developed to help students improve organizational skills, communicate their school experiences through student-led conferences and make good choices.

