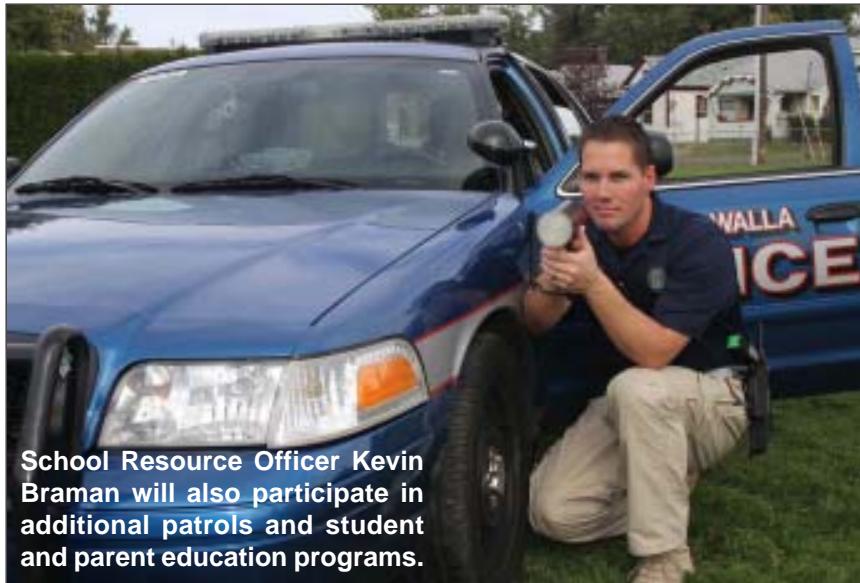


# 10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning | November 2, 2010 - School Board Meeting Recap

## District teams with city and county to enhance law enforcement patrols in district school zones



**School Resource Officer Kevin Braman will also participate in additional patrols and student and parent education programs.**

With four students being hit by cars this school year on their way to school, Walla Walla Public Schools, the City of Walla Walla and Walla Walla County have teamed to form the Walla Walla Aggressive Drivers Response Team to increase police patrols in school zones.

The program is designed to keep children, parents and staff safe in school zones by creating zero tolerance for traffic infractions in these areas. Walla Walla Public Schools Superintendent **Mick Miller** says forming an alliance between the three organizations will enhance the program's effectiveness as it relates to enforcement, awareness and education.

"We value this partnership as we work collaboratively to keep kids safe in our school zones," Miller said. "We've had four students hit by cars this school year and several near misses and we believe it is important to be proactive when it comes to the safety of our students."

Motorists will see additional police officers on foot, in cars and on motorcycles while driving through school zones at all 10 district schools.

## Pioneer and Garrison "Food Bowl" supports Realtors Annual Food Drive

Garrison Middle School Principal **Gina Yonts** and Pioneer Middle School Principal **Dana Jones** reported to school board members their schools collected more than 3000 pounds of food during the "Food Bowl" campaign in conjunction with the annual Garrison vs. Pioneer 8th grade football game.

All the food was donated to the Blue Mountain Action Council Food Bank in support of the Realtors Annual Food Drive which netted more than 20,000 pounds of food this year.

Students began collecting food one month before the big game and had collection bins at Borleske Stadium during the football game.

Special thanks to Realtor **Peter Swant** for helping coordinate this successful effort.

## Garrison Parent Involvement program brings families to school

Garrison Middle School Principal **Gina Yonts** and Para-Educator **Jackie Scholl** briefed school board members on the school's parent involvement plan.

Yonts and Scholl said they were concerned when the school's PTSA dissolved last year and put a plan in place to ensure parents stayed connected to school. Garrison's plan includes quarterly parent forums, surveys, special events and activities and opportunities for parents to serve in classrooms. Yonts and Scholl reported the plan has been effective.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes of October 19, 2010 board meeting, personnel and out-of-state travel reports, November Accounts payable/first half, Minimum Basic Education Requirements Compliance and Head Start/ECEAP Policies and Procedures.

# Personnel Report

## Resignations/Retirements

Alejandro Garcia, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, 2 weeks

## Quote of the Week

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

Diogenes Laertius

## Out of District Travel

Maria Garcia and Mira Gobel to attend the RTI Round Table in Dover, DE (Funding: Department of Education/Curriculum Travel)

Aaron Martin, Daniel Ojcius, Karen Peddicord, and Curtis Schafer to attend the ACTFL Convention in Boston, MA (Funding: Curriculum Clock Hour Budget)

## Berney welcomes "Winston" the Bulldog to school



Superintendent **Mick Miller** brought "Winston" the Bulldog to Berney Elementary Tuesday afternoon as part of an all-school assembly. Berney kindergarten student **Ava Kirtley** and mother **Jennifer Blomme** take a moment to pet Winston and welcome him to school. **Lori Thomas** is Ava's teacher.

Winston was the guest of honor at the "Best Dog-Gone Bulldogs" assembly honoring students for good behavior and success in school.

## Wa-Hi Drama Department presents "Pride and Prejudice"

The Walla Walla High School Drama Department is in high gear, preparing for their fall production: Jane Austen's classic story, "Pride and Prejudice."

To reserve tickets, contact the box office at 526-8613 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to show times.

Show dates and times:

- November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults: \$12 / Students: \$6

Location: Walla Walla High School Performing Arts Auditorium

## Walla Walla High School students participate in climate change camp

Walla Walla High School students **Yvonne Segovia** (junior) and **Jasmin Llanes-Macias** (senior) reported to school board members on their experience participating in the Cascade Climate Challenge.

The three-week camp challenged the students to learn about the carbon cycle, greenhouse effect and other issues which impact climate change.

Nineteen students from Washington and Oregon participated in the camp sponsored by the North Cascades Institute. The participants hiked in the North Cascades to study actual glaciers to determine how much they have receded over the years.

Segovia and Llanes-Macias received recommendations from Walla Walla High School staff to earn placement in the program. The students also had to write essays describing why they were a good fit for the program.

They will now be challenged with sharing what they learned with others through an awareness campaign.

Segovia and Llanes-Macias plan to work with Edison Elementary 5th grade students as part of a science unit. They will also be participating in speaking engagements and preparing presentations for the public.

Both students said the camp experience was life changing and challenged them to grow personally and academically. They said they have more confidence in themselves and are considering career options related to science.

## No School

Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day