

District names Volunteers of the Year

Shauna Bogley – Walla Walla Citizens for Schools and Music Boosters

Nominators: Mick Miller and Cindy Meyer

- Co-Chair, Walla Walla Citizens for Schools
- The levy passed with nearly a 65 percent yes vote
- Co-Secretary of the Walla Walla Public Schools Music Boosters Program

Peter Swant – WW Citizens for Schools and Realtors Food Drive

Nominators: Mick Miller and Cindy Meyer

- Co-Chair, Walla Walla Citizens for Schools
- Realtors Association “Care & Share” Food Drive Coordinator
- Big Blue Boosters member and organizer

Sue Westergard – Green Park Elementary Accelerated Reader (AR)

Nominators: Elizabeth Razo, Mike Lambert and Jean Tobin

- Sue was a teacher at Green Park serving the district for 30 years
- Sue started the Green Park Accelerated Reader (AR) program in 2000
- In retirement, she continues to coordinate the school’s AR program

Tania Nelson - Berney Elementary and Walla Walla Citizens for Schools

Nominators: Lisa Davis and Jennifer Holbrook

- Coordinator of the Citizens for Schools calling committee
- Strong volunteer at Berney during the school day and afterschool

Barnyard Champs 4H group - Head Start/ECEAP

(Leaders Ruth Ladderud, Mirney Wagner)

Nominators: Kerri Coffman and Sandra McCoy

- The club annually sews book bags for each of the more than 200 children
- Since 2004, more than 1800 bags have been sewn
- Many families cannot afford a book bag
- Each classroom has a specific color for easy identification and safety

Transportation Cooperative now hitting on all cylinders

Transportation Director **Steve Olson** and the team of Bus Mechanics **Patrick Byrnes, Wes Polley, Bret McKinney, and Edward Czyhold** are now successfully offering bus maintenance and repair service to Walla Walla Public Schools, Prescott and Dixie School Districts at the Southeast Washington Transportation Cooperative.

Olson reported to school board members last night the facility has been in operation for nearly two years. WWPS has 41 buses and 15 vans. Prescott has nine buses while Dixie has six. They also service all the lawn mowers, vans, forklifts, tractors and specialty equipment for Walla Walla Public Schools.

The cooperative saves districts approximately 50% on parts and labor.

They also do all types of troubleshooting and have all the diagnostic testing tools to do the job. Olson said operating a successful shop and operation is a team effort. Olson said bus drivers will also be supporting bullying prevention efforts by training in the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the March 20, 2012, March 28, 2012 and April 9, 2012 school board meetings, personnel report, out-of-state travel, April 3 accounts payable and March payroll, April 17 accounts payable, March financial report, issuance of certificated contracts and notification of reasonable assurance, co-curricular contracts, extra-curricular contracts.
- approved Resolution No. 02-2012 Transfer of Funds

Personnel Report

Employment

(Classified)

Viviana Villalobos, Assistant Secretary, Walla Walla High School

Resignation/Retirement

(Certificated)

Tiffany Buissink, English, Walla Walla High School, 1 year

(resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

Ronda Gabbard, Music, Edison, 6 years

(resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

(Classified)

Brenda Barraza, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge, Head Start/ECAP, 8 years

(resignation effective April 20, 2012)

Sylvia Neil, Food Service Assistant, Berney, 2 years

(resignation effective March 30, 2012)

Jill Parcels, Kitchen Manager, Green Park, 20 years

(retirement is effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year)

Connie Pinza, Para-Educator, Edison, 27 years

(retirement is effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year)

Christopher Yoo, Para-Educator, Berney & Green Park, 1 year

(Resignation is effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year)

Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

Cami Baker, PE Specialist, Pioneer Middle School, 5 years

(for the 2012-2013 school year)

Maria Garcia, RTI Coordinator, CIA Department, 12 years

(Leave from her school psychologist position for the 2012-13 school year to continue as RTI Coordinator)

(Classified)

Araceli Garcia, Para-Educator, Sharpstein, 3 years

(For the 2012-13 school year)

Nicole Miller, Intervention Specialist, Sharpstein, 3 years

(For the 2012-13 school year)

Out-of-State Travel

Jack Mehn and **David Tegtmeier** to attend WEBS Refresher Course in San Fran./Santa Cruz, CA (Funding: GEAR UP)

Casey Monahan to attend International Reading National Conf. in Chicago, IL (Funding: Staff Achievement/Prof. Dev.)

Excellence in Every Classroom

Quote of the Week

“Instruction ends in the school-room, but education ends only with life.”

Frederick W. Robertson

Staff Transfer:

Pioneer Math Teacher **Bryan Eggart** will transfer to Blue Ridge as PE Specialist for the 2012-2013 school year.

Garrison teacher invited to Space Academy

Garrison Middle School Science teacher **Sue Schultz** has been invited to join teachers from throughout the world to participate in the Honeywell Space Academy for Educators June 15-20 in Huntsville, AL. See more at: <http://educators.honeywell.com>.



Schultz will train as an astronaut, participate in problem solving exercises, conduct science experiments, experience NASA math and science curriculum, and meet people from all over the world. Math and Science teachers from all 50 states and from countries all over the world are expected to attend.

Jamaica HS Exchange Program

Last night district educators **Julia Woods** and **Carl Robanske** introduced Jamaican High School Exchange student Alicia Hyman to school board members.

Hyman is the first exchange student from Jamaica. Woods and Robanske travel to Jamaica each summer to support Jamaican youth. Robanske is the Chief Executive Officer of the Embracing Orphans Foundation (<http://www.embracingorphans.org>).

Hyman thanked the school board for their support of the program and for having the opportunity to experience America.