

## District names Volunteers of the Year



Last night, Superintendent **Mick Miller** and School Board President **Anne Golden** honored (L-R) **Bunny Aragone, Jim Hanson, Troi Coram, Rachel McCauley** and **Karri Bruce** (not in photo) as the this year's *Art Regier Volunteers of the Year*.

The Art Regier Outstanding Volunteer Award was instituted in 1991 as a memorial to "Grandpa Art" Regier. Regier was a retiree who devoted years of service to elementary schools in Walla Walla. Each recipient has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to the children of Walla Walla Public Schools. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. Thanks for all you do for our district!

## District to study 1:1 Technology options

*Initiative focuses personal devices for students*

Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Linda Boggs** and Technology Director **Forrest Baker** reported to school board members last night on planning efforts to develop a WWPS 1:1 Technology Initiative which hinges on personal electronic devices for students and curriculum delivered electronically.

Boggs and Baker visited the Vail School District in Tucson, AZ during the winter to learn how its schools have embraced this concept. The process in Walla Walla will start with the establishment of an internal Technology Task Force. This group will help develop a vision for the project.

Boggs and Baker revealed a Top 10 list of areas to address in order for this initiative to gain traction. Funding, professional development and content management of curriculum are critical elements of this list, according to last night's report.

Baker said the Technology Task Force will serve in an advisory role. He expects approximately nine to 14 meetings within a year, meeting monthly. He said some sub-committees may meet outside of this schedule.

For more information, contact Baker at: [fbaker@wwps.org](mailto:fbaker@wwps.org) / 509.526.6744.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes from the March 18, 2014 regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular contracts, issuance of certificated contracts & notifications of reasonable assurance, April 1 accounts payable and March payroll, April 15 accounts payable, board meeting schedule: July to December 2014, Revision: Policy 3200 Students Rights and Responsibilities.
- approved Policy 3246: Use of Reasonable Force
- approved Policy 3247: Isolation & Restraint of Students with IEP's & Section 504 plans

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## Personnel Report

### Employment

(Classified)

**Miguel Calvario**, Custodian, Walla Walla High School

**Marsha Fleming Jacobsen**, Kitchen Asst., Prospect Point

**Resa Hayward**, Kitchen Asst., Wa-Hi

**Jeffrey Ratliff**, Custodian, Wa-Hi

### Retirement/Resignation

(Certificated)

**Norb Rossi**, Choral Director, Wa-Hi, 14 years

(Classified)

**Gail Lutton**, Health Clinician, 1 year

### Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

**Susan Bauer**, Language Arts/Reading, Garrison Middle School, 23 years

- 2014-15 school year

**Audra Cummings**, Physical Education/Language Arts, Garrison Middle School, 10 years

- 2014-15 school year

**Jeremy Hubbard**, Third Grade, Blue Ridge Elementary, 13 years

- Jeremy will continue as Math Coach at Blue Ridge for the 2014-15 school year

**Sara Van Donge**, Language Arts/Reading, Garrison Middle School, 14 years

- 2014-15 school year

### Out of State Travel

**Linda Boggs** to attend AVID District Leadership in San Diego, CA (Funding: Curriculum)

**Stacy Estes** to attend ACSA Conference - Facing Tomorrow's Challenges Today in Reno, NV (Funding: Principal's travel)

**Mike Gobel** to attend AVID Western Div. Consultant Training in Green Wood Village, CO (Funding: AVID/LAP)

**Mira Gobel** to attend Leverage Leadership Workshop in New York, NY (Funding: Principal Travel)

### Quote of the Week

"The result of the educative process is capacity for further education."

John Dewey

### School Board Meeting dates

#### July to December 2014

Tuesday, July 15	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 2	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 16	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16	6:30 p.m.

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### Berney 4th grade team wins Battle of the Books competition

District Library-Media Specialists **Jeff Irland**, **Carrie LaRoy**, **Michelle Shaul** and **Linda Seibold** presented an overview to school board members of this year's Battle of the Books competition.

Berney students **Kellen Kenny**, **Denali Parodi**, **Brooklyn Schoesler** and **Jasaih Keifer** from **Robyn Ponti's** 4th grade won the 2014 All-City Battle of the Books. All six elementary schools participated as well as an All-Star team of elementary principals who competed during a warm up exhibition round, according to the report.

About the Battle of the Books: This is an activity all 4th and 5th grade students participate in during library time. Teams of students from each class read the 20 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award nominees. After reading the books, the students take notes on the literary elements of the books, identify genre and other distinctive text features.

Each class has a quiz show type battle to determine a class champion. The classroom winners proceed to an all school battle. The school champion then represents their school in the All-City competition. This year's battle was held April 2 at the Sharpstein Gym.

### Whitman research project focuses on INK-OUT and Health Center

Whitman College student researchers in Professor **Paul Apostolidis'** Politics Department reported to school board members on the INK-OUT program and The Health Center which has clinics at Lincoln High School and Blue Ridge Elementary. These Whitman students conducted interviews, reviewed policies and legislation as part of the project.

The INK-OUT study was part of the State of State for Washington Latinos. Recommendations include more awareness of the gang lifestyle and how it impacts learning, mental health and creates barriers to success. The Health Center study encourages legislative changes to allow billing of insurance companies for service and supporting awareness efforts.