

District names Graduates of Distinction

Walla Walla Public Schools names this year's honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program.

R.F. "Dick" Monahan – Class of 1958

• Walla Walla Attorney and Vice President of the American Quarter Horse Association

Inspirational Staff: Felix Fletcher, P.E. Teacher and Football Coach (deceased)

Daniel DeSiga – Class of 1967

Artist and Muralist currently based in Yakima, Washington

Inspirational Staff: Ed Moser, Wa-Hi Art Teacher (deceased)

Greg Ralston Pepin – Class of 1968

President of Boeing, Turkey and Vice President of Boeing International

Inspirational Staff: James "Jim" Chubb, Teacher and Principal at both Pioneer and Garrison Middle Schools

Dr. Philip Phillips – Class of 1975

Researcher and Professor of Physics at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Inspirational Staff: Duane Kusler, Wa-Hi English Teacher (deceased)

Selection Committee

- Joanne Martin, Chair
- Wilber Pribilsky
- Anne Golden
- Peggy Sanderson
- Ned Shafer
- Art Griff
- Abe Roberts

2008 Graduates of Distinction

Claro Bergevin
Class of 1941

John "Jack" Pelo
Class of 1974

Gretchen Miller Kafoury
Class of 1959

Edison Farewell Celebration June 9

Edison Elementary staff and students invite the community to join them in celebrating the end of an era during a farewell ceremony at the 73-year-old school, Tuesday, June 9.

Celebrate Edison's vast traditions and historical significance by honoring past and present students and staff. The new Edison Elementary is under construction and is scheduled to open Fall 2009.

Event date: Tuesday, June 9

• School Tours of original building
(3 to 5 p.m.)

• Farewell Ceremony - 7 p.m.

Location: Edison Elementary (1315 E. Alder)

Information: Nancy Withycombe, Principal
- 509.527.3072

- Email: nwithycombe@wwps.org

All Staff Dessert Social

Friday, June 12

2 to 3:30 p.m. / Wa-Hi Commons

Program highlights:

- Honor retirees
- WWVEA student scholarships
- Staff Achievement Grant recipients

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of the May 19 board meeting, Personnel Report, Three Rivers Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement (revision), Extra-Curricular Contracts, and Co-Curricular Contracts.
- approved the acceptance of appraisal (BNSF Railroad Property) by Associated Appraisers.
- approved the purchase of BNSF Railroad property at the future Support Services site. (Purchase price: \$76,500)

Personnel Report

• New Hires

(Classified)

Danielle Alaniz, Sign Language Interpreter, Wa-Hi

Jennifer Avina, Birth-to-Three Para-Educator, Blue Ridge

Janice Baker, Intensive Reading Para-Educator, Special Programs

Brianna Candler, Sign Language Interpreter, Wa-Hi

Nicole Miller, Behavior Program Intervention Specialist, Special Programs

Samantha Morales, Secretary to the Director, Head Start/ECEAP, Blue Ridge

Holly Weisner, Assistant Secretary, Head Start/ECEAP, Blue Ridge

• Resignations/retirements

(Certificated)

Celia Boyd, Special Education, Blue Ridge, 2 years

Quote of the Week

"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

Edith Ann (Lily Tomlin)

Retired educators donate paper to schools



Walla Walla/Columbia Retired Educators Association President **Harriet Michael** and School Board President **Mary Jo Geidl**, who is also a retired educator, present Superintendent **Rich Carter** with a donation of three boxes of paper.

"Retired educators used so much paper during our careers, it was the least we could do to donate some back to the school district," Geidl said.

Stimulus funding used to off-set state deficit

Chief Financial Officer **Pat Johnston** and Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Linda Boggs** reported to school board members last night on a seminar they recently attended in Spokane to learn more about the federal funding associated with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - or stimulus package.

According to Johnston, the state is using much of the stimulus funding to off-set state funding shortfalls. Federal stimulus dollars are being used to backfill state apportionment funding for local school districts this school year. These state funds originally targeted for apportionment are now being used to draw down the state deficit.

Apportionment formulas are based on student enrollment. Johnston stressed this is not "new money," simply a different funding source for the money due to the school district based on this year's student count. She also reported the district will receive \$1,427,978 for IDEA (Special Education) and \$474,388 for Title One programs serving students living in poverty. Both are based on a two-year allocation and cannot be applied toward the general fund for basic education programs or staff.

End of Year ceremonies

• Lincoln Alternative High School Graduation

Thursday, June 4 - 6 p.m. - School Gym

• Walla Walla High School Commencement

Friday June 5 - 7:30 p.m. - Walla Walla High School

• Garrison Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

Wednesday, June 10 - 7 p.m. - Cordiner Hall

• Pioneer Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

Thursday, June 11 - 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Large Gym

Sharpstein student sings song to board

Sharpstein 4th grade student **Dylan Collins** sang an uplifting song "Happiness" to the school board Tuesday night. Principal Laure Quaresma said the song makes her "heart smile."

Blue Devil Athletic Development (BDAD)

- For Boys and Girls Grades 6-12 - June 30 to August 7

Daily Schedule

Session 1: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

- Incoming 9th-12th grade students

Session 2: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Incoming 6th-8th grade students

Session 3: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

- Incoming 9th-12th grade students

Instructors: Eric Hisaw, Amy Hisaw, Ryan Carter

Location: Wa-Hi Weight Room

Cost: \$30 pre-registered and \$35 at the door

Contact Eric Hisaw for more information: ehisaw@wwps.org