

Exchange students enjoy Walla Walla *Students praise school and opportunity*



American Field Service (AFS) Exchange students (L-R) **Catherine Chevalier** (France), **Soukaina Kherdioui** (Morocco) and **Thierno N'Diaye** (Mali) meet with Superintendent **Mick Miller** during last night's school board meeting.

Area AFS Coordinator **Linnea Keatts** organized the presentation detailing the students' experiences in Walla Walla. Keatts reported AFS provides intercultural learning experiences that bring global cultures together. She said the program started in 1947 following WWII and is now offered in more than 50 countries.

The exchange students thanked the school board and administration for its support. They reported they are having a great experience in Walla Walla and are thankful for the opportunity to spend time in America.

Focus on Education Week

District plans to raise awareness

Focus on Education Week is November 13 to 19. The Walla Walla Valley Education Association and the district are teaming to raise awareness about public education and to thank the community for its support. *Senior Citizens & Elected Officials Appreciation Day* will be Thursday, Nov. 17.

Guests will visit Green Park and Edison Elementary Schools from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Special thanks to **Wes Sanders**, **Kay Barga** and **Margo Piver** for helping coordinate activities.

How can staff get involved?

- Invite a Senior Citizen to attend event.
- Write a Letter to the Editor thanking the community for its support and praise fellow staff members, parents and students.
- Have students make signs thanking the community and post them at your school and at area business locations.

Reser Road and Howard Street intersection closed for three weeks

The Reser Road and Howard Street intersection is now closed for three weeks. Detour signs are in place and Walla Walla County has detour maps posted on the Public Works Department web site.

The project remains on schedule to be completed in early December.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of October 18 and 25, 2011 board meetings, personnel report, Out-of-State Travel, November 1, 2011 accounts payable and October payroll.

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated) **NONE TO REPORT**

(Classified) **NONE TO REPORT**

Resignation/Retirement

(Classified)

Ardis Dick, Para-Educator, 23 years

Jeanine Griffin, Food Service Assistant, 10 years

Leave of Absence - NONE TO REPORT

Out-of-State Travel

Bill Bialozor to attend JROTC Drill Meets in LaPine, Prineville and Bend, OR (Funding: Vocational)

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Every Classroom*

Quote of the Week

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of becoming.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Walla Walla High School Drama Presents its Fall Production: *Radium Girls* by D. W. Gregory

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.

Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

- Tickets go on sale November 1
- Box office open 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays and one hour before shows
- Box office number: 526-8613
- Show dates: November 10,11,12,17, and 18 at 7 p.m.
- November 19 at 2 p.m.
- \$6 student tickets & \$12 adult tickets

Principal Appreciation Month

In recognition of Principal Appreciation Month, Walla Walla Public Schools is proud to recognize our building leadership and give them a heartfelt thanks for their tireless efforts on behalf of the kids. We encourage everyone to express their gratitude. Tell your principal what they mean to you! Thank you for dedication to our students, staff and families.

Comment from Laure Quaresma, Assistant Superintendent:

“A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a *great* leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves. (unknown)

Thank you to our principals for the energy and optimistic attitude affirming that everyone in the school is doing their best for every child and that each day brings another opportunity for improvement.”



Laure Quaresma

Prospect Point earns distinction award

Prospect Point Elementary School received a 2011 School of Distinction award for five-year improvements in reading and math. Outstanding improvement in student achievement led to a special honor for 99 schools; all received the 2011 *School of Distinction* Award from The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSPP), Phi Delta Kappa-Washington Chapter (PDK-WA), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), Washington State ASCD and Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA).

The 2011 *School of Distinction* award winners include 53 elementary schools, 22 middle/junior high schools, 17 high schools and 7 alternative schools. This represents the 5th annual *School of Distinction* award recognition in Washington State.

2011 School of Distinction Award Ceremony (other area schools including Prescott JR/HS will be honored)

- Monday, November 14
- 1 to 2 p.m.
- Prescott School District

General Election

Remember to Vote!

November 8, 2011