

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank You
Walla Walla Educators!

Partners in Learning Month

District names Partners of the Year

May is Partners in Learning Month. The district established Partners in Learning Month in May 2010. This month the district will send over 130 proclamations and letters of recognition to our Partners in Learning.

“We so appreciate the businesses, organizations and agencies who partner with the district throughout the year to support our students,” said **Anne Golden**, School Board President. “We initiated Partners in Learning Month to raise awareness of the important role our partners have in our school system.”



Superintendent **Mick Miller** presented plaques to the district’s 2013 Partners of the Year. He thanked them for providing essential support to help Walla Walla Public Schools offer a first class educational program

2013 Partners of the Year

- JJ Stubblefield Trust
- Big Blue Boosters
- Abajian Toyota
- Books for Babes

School board member resigns position

Walla Walla Public Schools Board of Directors approved the resignation of school board member **Max Carrera** during the May 7, 2013 director’s meeting. Carrera will resign his seat effective August 1, 2013.



Carrera is currently serving year two of his second four year term. He is chairing the *Lincoln High School Location and Facility Committee* and wants to conclude this work before his time on the school board is completed. Carrera cites additional demands on his time, personally and professionally, as

factors for needing to resign his position.

“It has been a pleasure to serve on the school board and I feel honored to have been a part of a group of people who I deeply respect,” said Carrera, a 1985 Walla Walla High School graduate.

The Board of Directors will begin a process August 2, 2013 to appoint a person to complete Carrera’s term. The school board has 90 days to complete this process. Application forms and additional details on the appointment process will be made available August 2. The newly appointed director will then stand for election November 2015.

“Mr. Carrera has been a dedicated member of the Board of Directors and has contributed greatly to the success of Walla Walla Public Schools,” said Superintendent **Mick Miller**.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the April 16, 2013 regular board meeting, April 25, 2013 special board meeting minutes, personnel report, out-of-state travel, May 7 accounts payable and April payroll, July-December 2013 school board meeting schedule, April 23, 2013 public work session minutes, Revision to Board Policy 6600 Transportation, Revision to Board Policy 3126 Child Custody, 2013-14 Dairy Bids, WIAA 2013-14 Membership/Res. #06-2013, Head Start/ECEAP Community Needs Assessment, Head Start/ECEAP Executive Summary, Head Start/ECEAP Strategic Planning Goals.
- approved the resignation of School Board member Max Carrera

Personnel Report

Employment

(Certificated)

Jeanette Alvarez, Bilingual third grade, Edison, (2013-2014 school year)

Silvia Rascon, Bilingual fourth grade, Edison, (2013-2014 school year)

Resignation/Retirement

(Administrative)

Brett Cox, Assistant Principal, Garrison Middle School, (7 years)

(Certificated)

Amanda Bess, Bilingual First Grade, Green Park, (3 years)

• *Amanda will continue as a .5 FTE ESL teacher*

Jesse Briones, Physical Education/Spanish, Lincoln High School, 35 years

Susan McKay, School Psychologist, Special Programs, 1 year

Candice Tan, Special Education, Blue Ridge Preschool, 1 year

• *Candice will continue as a .5 FTE Special Education Preschool Teacher*

Peggy Tierney, School Psychologist, Special Programs, 21 years

(Classified)

Janet Ihle, Health Clinician, Blue Ridge Elementary, (1 year)

Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

Carolyn Pemberton, Math, Walla Walla High School, 8 years

* *Carolyn will be on leave for the first semester of the 2013-14 school year*

Trula McFarley, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary, 12 years

* *For the 2013-14 school year*

Ita Trejo, Para-Educator, Prospect Point, 6 years

* *For the 2013-14 school year*

Out-of-State Travel

Mary Cortinas to attend STEM Forum and Expo in St. Louis, MO (Funding: Title II)

Mark Mebes to attend CMP National Championship in Anniston, AL (Funding: Vocational)

Scott Reardon to attend FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA (Funding: Vocational)

Quote of the Week

“Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in.”

Leonardo da Vinci

Pioneer students meet governor during leadership trip

Pioneer Middle School teacher **Chris Plucker** and several students from his Leadership Class reported to school board members on their recent overnight trip to Olympia to meet with elected officials.

The students met with District 16 Representatives Terry Nealey and Maureen Walsh and Senator Mike Hewitt.

The highlight of the trip was spending more than 20 minutes with Governor Jay Inslee. The students also presented Governor Inslee with a hot air balloon painting signed by the entire class. Students reported Governor Inslee took time to listen to the questions and respond with thoughtful answers. The group's Capital Building tour guide, a retired teacher, called Principal **Mira Gobel** to personally tell her the Pioneer students were amazing. He said they were the best group he's ever had since taking the job.

Plucker said he would like to make this trip an annual tradition. The students raised funds to cover the trip's expenses.



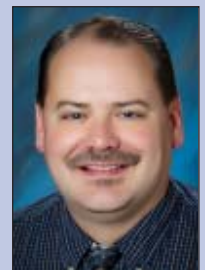
Chris Plucker

ACT testing offers Wa-Hi important data

Walla Walla High School Principal **Pete Peterson** reported to school board members results from recent ACT testing. The district currently tests students in grades 8, 10 and 11.

Peterson said the district is considering including 7th grade students in the future. Students are tested in English, Math, Reading and Science.

Peterson said the exams are aligned with Common Core state standards. Wa-Hi students are above the national benchmarks in all subject areas. He said students can also meet Collection of Evidence requirements if they score high enough on their ACT.



Pete Peterson