

Dr. Hampson officially sworn into office



Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge **John Lohrmann** presides over the taking of oath ceremony for new school board member **Dr. David Hampson**.

Hampson takes the vacant seat of Max Carrera who resigned from the board August 1. Hampson, a physician at the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Urgent Care Clinic, will stand for election in November 2015.

Helpline donates school supplies

Last week Helpline Executive Director **Liz McDevitt** and volunteers **Sheila Kelly, Drew Kelly, Patrick Kelly** and **Leo Lapke** delivered donated school supplies to the district. Paper, pens, backpacks and more were stacked into the district warehouse for distribution to schools. Providence St. Mary, Rotary Club of Walla Walla and the Washington State Penitentiary also donated school supplies this year.



Calendar change moves parent conferences

During the August 20 school board meeting, the Board of Directors approved revising the 2013-14 school year calendar to adjust the February conference dates. Conference dates are now Feb. 27 and 28 (*original dates were Feb. 13 and 14*). The elementary report card preparation date is now Feb. 21 (*original date was Feb. 7*). WWVEA leadership and district administrators believe these changes will better support teachers, students and parents.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the August 20, 2013 regular board meeting and executive session, minutes of August 27, 2013 special board meeting and executive session, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, Sept. 3 accounts payable and August payroll, and Public School Employees (PSE) contact.
- approved Board Policy 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience programs.

Personnel Report

Employment

(Classified) **Amanda Archer**, Para-Educator (temp), Green Park Elementary

Mark Case, Para-Educator (temp), Wa-Hi

Jyasmine Dillon, Para-Educator (temp), Prospect Point Elementary

Dawn Drennan, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School

Stacy Just, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School

Jennifer Lee, Para-Educator, Green Park Elementary

Heather Michels, Para-Educator, Garrison Middle School

Bianca Navarrete, Assistant Secretary, Walla Walla High School

Kaila Rodighiero, Para-Educator (temp), Green Park Elementary

Resignation/Retirement

(Classified) **Cindy Cutlip**, Assistant Secretary, Facilities and Operations, 8 years

Leave of Absence

(Classified) **Ian Gregoire**, Intervention Specialist, Green Park, 3 years (for 2013-14 school year)

Out-of-State Travel

- **Chris Blackman** and **Stacy Estes** to attend PBIS Leadership Forum in Rosemont, IL (Funding: LAP, Ad Match)
- **Angie Gardea** and **Andrea Sundberg** to attend NCTM Regional Conference in Las Vegas, NV (Funding: LAP)
- **Mick Miller** to attend College Board Forum in New York, NY (Funding: WSU GEAR Up)
- **Mark Mebes** to attend USA Shooting Coaches Conference in Colorado Springs, CO (Funding: Vocational)

Quote of the Week

“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.”

Robert Frost

Staff Achievement grant recipients named

Congratulations to this year's *Staff Achievement Grant* recipients. *Staff Achievement Grant* recipients are nominated and chosen by teachers and support staff for superior performance; innovation; exemplary leadership; exceptional service.

Staff Achievement Grant recipients receive a \$1,500 stipend and five days of paid release time for professional growth activities.

2012-2013 Staff Achievement Recipients (Photo L to R)

- Susie Golden, Business Office
- Julia Woods, Orchestra Teacher
- Cindy Nass, Special Education Coordinator
- Brenda Crumpacker, Green Park Title One Coordinator
- Joanna Gogl, Edison Elementary 3rd grade teacher



Gillespie Golden Onion recipients honored



Blue Ridge Elementary teacher **Tina Brennan**, Garrison Middle School teacher **Marcia Follett**, and Lincoln High School teacher **Marci Knauft** recently received 2012-2013 Gillespie Golden Onion awards as recognition for their outstanding service to Walla Walla students. These recipients received \$500 each for use in their classroom.

Longtime Walla Walla residents Dr. Mike Gillespie and his wife Sue established the “Golden Onion Award” to provide school supplies, equipment and professional development funds to Walla Walla educators.

(Photo L-R) Marcia Follett, Tina Brennan, Sue Gillespie and Marci Knauft.