

## Board members elected to office

Incumbent school board members **Cindy Meyer** and **Ruth Ladderud** have retained their seats on the board following the November 5 General Election. **Sam Wells** was elected to replace retiring school board member **Dan Hess**.

The election will be officially certified by the Walla Walla County Elections Office Tuesday, November 26. All three directors will be sworn in during the December 17 school board meeting.

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“Education is very important for me and my kids and everyone in the community, so it was a chance to get involved and practice what I preach.”

*Sam Wells*

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*Ruth Ladderud*



*Cindy Meyer*



*Sam Wells*

## No School Monday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day

### School district salutes Veterans

Staff and students across the district are organizing Veterans Day celebrations this week. Walla Walla High School's event is the district's largest activity. The Wa-Hi Veterans Day assembly is Friday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m., large gym. Veterans will be seated beginning at 9 a.m.

Veterans Day coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

Thanks to all of our district staff, former students and parents who have served in the military.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes from the Oct. 15, 2013 regular board meeting, minutes from the Oct. 21, 2013 Public Work Session (Preschool), minutes from the Oct. 22, 2013 Public Work Session (facilities), personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, Nov. 5 accounts payable & October payroll.
- approved Revision: Policy 1310 - Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures
- approved Revision: Policy 1610 - Conflicts of Interest
- approved Revision: Policy 3410 - Student Health
- approved Revision: Board meeting schedule, January-June, 2014

## Personnel Report

### Employment

(Classified)

**Elias Alonso**, Custodian, Wa-Hi

**Brandon Butler**, Custodian, Wa-Hi

**Jorge Gutierrez**, Custodian, Wa-Hi

**Mark Michaud**, Para-Educator (temp), Berney

**Sylvia Tang**, Para-Educator (temp), Edison/Pioneer

### Retirement

(Classified)

**Elaine Bluhm**, Fiscal Assistant, Business Office, 26 years

### Out-of-State Travel

• **Linda Boggs** to attend AVID National Conference in Dallas, TX (Funding: C.I.A.)

• **Amy & Eric Hisaw** to attend National Strength Training Conf. in Indianapolis, IN (Funding: Professional Growth - Coaches)

### Quote of the Week

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges."

*Sir Isaac Newton*

### Coming later this month...

American Education Week

November 18-22

## Flag retirement ceremony at Garrison Middle School



Members of the Governor **Jay Inslee's** state Task Force for Veterans Affairs visited Garrison Middle School Wednesday morning to conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Teacher **Grace Ogoshi** organized the event to help students learn more about this traditional ceremony.

## Pioneer National Junior Honor Society teams with Toys for Tots

Pioneer Middle School's National Junior Honor Society is partnering with Toys for Tots to collect new unwrapped toys from November 4 to December 13. In 2012, Toys for Tots distributed more than 1000 toys. Toys or cash contributions may be delivered or mailed to Pioneer Middle School (450 Bridge St).

All toys and donations collected will stay in the Walla Walla Valley (College Place to Dayton) for local children in need. Toys will be distributed to children ages birth to 18. For more information, contact NJHS Advisor Alba Biagi at 527-3050 or [abiagi@wwps.org](mailto:abiagi@wwps.org).

## Sharpstein staff thank board

Sharpstein Elementary teacher **Rob Griffith** and several Sharpstein teachers attended the school board meeting to present board members and senior administrators with thank you cards.

Griffith said the Sharpstein staff appreciate the board's service and commitment to quality education in our community.



*Griffith*

## Books for Babes bulb sale in bloom

The Books for Babes program, a service project of Edison Elementary that provides a bag of books for all newborns in Walla Walla, is conducting its annual Bulb-In-A-Can fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the program.

These adorably wrapped cans with a narcissus bulb inside makes a nice holiday gift. They are \$5 each. Bulbs will be delivered by Friday, December 13. Send orders via email by Monday, December 2. Email: [bargabk@charter.net](mailto:bargabk@charter.net)

Make payment by check to Books for Babes. Staff can send checks/orders to Edison via inter-district mail.