

Green Park students share holiday joy



Green Park Elementary choir members, under the direction of Music Teacher **Marybeth Norby**, performed holiday selections during last night's school board meeting.

School board members praised the students for their talents and thanked them for sharing holiday joy.

Winter Break

*December 23 to January 4
(Classes resume Monday, January 6)*

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

New board members take oath of office



Superintendent **Mick Miller** administers the Oath of Office for school board members **Sam Wells**, **Cindy Meyer** and **Ruth Ladderud**. Wells and Meyer have been elected to four year terms and Ladderud will stand for election in 2015.

Also, school board members elected **Anne Golden** to serve another term as board president and **Cindy Meyer** as vice president for 2014.



Anne Golden



Cindy Meyer

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes from the Nov. 19, 2013 executive session and regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, Dec. 3 accounts payable and November payroll, Dec. 17 accounts payable, November financial report, facility lease/Opportunity Program, Head Start/ECEAP Positive Guidance policy revision, Head Start/ECEAP Recruitment & Selection of Employee policy revision and revision of Policy 2413/ Equivalency Credit for Career & Technical Education courses.
- approved Wa-Hi Smallbore Club (.22 caliber rifles for JROTC shooting program)
- elected Anne Golden to serve another term as board president and Cindy Meyer as vice president for 2014.

Our Core Values
are more than mere words;

they're our business!

Quality | Integrity | Accountability | Respect

Courtesy | Innovation | Diversity

Personnel Report

Employment

(Classified)

Gloria Alonso-Rodriguez, Kitchen Assistant, Wa-Hi
Kristopher Bland, Para-Educator (temp.), Lincoln HS
Stephanie Maldonado-Salgado, Assistant Secretary, Nutrition Services
Chau Peng Ng, Kitchen Assistant, Prospect Point
Gabriela Salazar, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge
Lori Storey, Kitchen Assistant, Blue Ridge
Kanet Turner, Para-Educator (temp.), Sharpstein

Retirement/Resignation

(Certificated) **Julie Johnson**, Psychology, Wa-Hi, 21 years
Deborah Rowland-Smith, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Education, 32.5 years
(Classified) **Scott Harvey**, Assistant Custodian, Berney, 6 years

Leave of Absence

(Certificated) **Audra Cummings**, Health/Fitness, Garrison Middle School, 9 years
* For the remainder of the 2013-14 school year
(Classified) **Sandy Leos**, Head Start/ECEAP, Green Park, 3 years
* For the remainder of the 2013-14 school year

Out of State Travel

Linda Boggs, **Robert Elizondo**, **Mira Gobel** and **Pete Peterson** to attend NASSP Conference in Dallas, TX (Funding: Title II and LAP)
Lisa Cox, **Carrie Lujan** and **Mindy Meyer** to attend Master Schedule Building Workshop in Chandler, AZ (Funding: Professional Growth/Ad Match)
Laure Quaresma to attend No Excuses University Conference Turnaround Schools in San Diego, CA (Funding: Personnel)

21st Century grant provides programs for at-risk youth

In August, Walla Walla Public Schools was awarded a \$2.5 million 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This initiative is the only federally appropriated funding source specifically allocated for after school programming, according to a report last night from **Brent Cummings**, 21st CCLC Program Director.

Blue Ridge, Garrison, Pioneer, Lincoln, and Wa-Hi (9th grade) are the targeted district schools, based on federal demographic requirements, serving at-risk youth in an after school setting.

“These programs offer exciting, engaging, and dynamic enrichment activities, as well as numerous academic intervention opportunities for the student body,” said Cummings. “Significant community partnerships provide supplemental resources and help ensure the success of the grant.”

Site Directors:

Ruben Hernandez (Blue Ridge), William Hammond (Garrison), Martin Fortney (Pioneer), Jeremy Gradwohl (Lincoln), Andrew Sayers (Wa-Hi).

Community Partners:

Walla Walla Public Library, YMCA, Walla Walla Health Department, City of Walla Walla (Parks & Rec), Whitman College, WWCC and BMAC

Quote of the Week

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)

Wa-Hi adds smallbore rifle club

School board members approved the formation of a Wa-Hi Blue Devil Smallbore Precision Rifle Club. This club will prepare the top high school precision rifle shooters for college-level NCAA smallbore rifle shooting, according to JROTC Rifle Coach **Mark Mebes**.

The club, which will consist of three to five members, will meet one night per week at the Wa-Hi range under the supervision of Mebes and **Lt. Col. Bill Bialozor**. Three, .22 caliber, single shot rifles will be used. Strict safety procedures are in place, according to Bialozor. The equipment will be donated to the club and Mebes and Bialozor are giving their time so there are no additional costs to the district.

Farm-to-School program update

Farm-to-School Coordinator **Beth Thiel** updated the school board on the program. The district is beginning the final year of the two year \$96,000 grant. Thiel said the focus is bringing local food to cafeterias and promoting healthy eating habits.