

## School Board Appreciation Month



January is School Board Appreciation Month. School board members are elected officials, who serve four-year terms of office. In addition to making a number of decisions at school board meetings, board members work to keep lines of communications open with the community and represent the needs of the district before state and national representatives.

Numerous tokens of appreciation were on display in the board room as a thank you from staff and students .

“Our elected school board members represent the community,” said Superintendent Mick Miller. “School board members serve on the school board because they care about providing quality education in our community.”

(Photo L-R) Dr. David Hampson, Cindy Meyer, Anne Golden, Ruth Ladderud, and Sam Wells.

## GEAR UP 4 Tomorrow Event

Last night, GEAR UP staff members **Marika Tomkins** and **Becky Waggoner-Schwartz** briefed school board members on the free GEAR UP 4 Tomorrow event. The event, created to help students prepare for college and a career, features two national keynote speakers: Lt. Col. Army (Ret.) **Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch**; and **Roy Juarez, Jr.**

Walla Walla Community College is also providing free breakfast snacks and lunch.

### GEAR UP 4 Tomorrow (FREE)

*Explore...Plan...Act*

- Saturday, Feb. 1
- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Walla Walla Community College
- Audience: Families & students (grades 8-12)

### Keynote Speaker:

Lt. Col. Army (Ret.) Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch  
“How to Live a Legacy”

### Lunch Keynote:

Keith Moo-Young, WSU Tri-Cities Chancellor

### 12 breakout sessions

- Sessions include, College Fit, Career Exploration, Mastering your Personal Statement, Scholarships 101, Financial Aid Information, and College Fair.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### Board members:

- approved minutes from the Dec. 17, 2013 regular board meeting, board in-service minutes of Jan. 10, 2014, personnel report, out-of-state travel, co-curricular contracts, extracurricular contracts, Jan. 7 accounts payable and December payroll, Jan. 21 accounts payable, December financial report, revision to Policy 2190/Highly Capable programs and Homelink supplemental curriculum materials for 2013-14.

# Personnel Report

## Employment

(Classified)

**Kathy Carranza**, Para-Educator (temp.), Wa-Hi  
**Elizabeth Hernandez**, Bilingual Assistant Secretary, Edison  
**Megan Paul**, Kitchen Assistant, Wa-Hi  
**Constance Pinza**, Para-Educator (temp.), Sharpstein  
**Miriam Torres**, Para-Educator (temp.), Blue Ridge

## Retirement/Resignation

(Classified)

**Helen Yaw**, Bus Driver, Transportation, 33 years

## Leave of Absence

(Certificated) **Georgiann Delgadillo**, Homelink Teacher, Homelink Program, 3 years

\* For the remainder of the 2013-14 school year

## Out of State Travel

**Mick Miller** to attend E4FC's National Educator Conference in Berkeley, CA (Funding: Superintendent's travel)

### Quote of the Week

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

## Opportunity Program Graduation Ceremony



Proud parents, family members and friend packed the school board room last night for the Opportunity Program Graduation Ceremony. Teacher **Tom Porter** coordinated and facilitated the event. Superintendent **Mick Miller** and School Board President **Anne Golden** presented the diplomas to the students.

### Photo:

Front Row: Kelsee Anderson, Mick Miller, Alyssa Mullins, Derek Kolbaba, Alondra Meza, Anne Golden

Back Row: Jerry Quesma, Tom Porter, Salvador Sarmiento, Max Rathbun, Josh Wheatley

Not Pictured: Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Tony Fanciullo

## Opportunity outgrows district office location

*Opportunity Program to move to new site off Isaacs Avenue*

The Opportunity Program is now serving 107 full-time high school students and has outgrown the district office.

This contract-based program -- which offers a flexible schedule, one-on-one instruction and credit retrieval -- has operated in the basement of the district office the past two school years. In February, Opportunity will move to 1917 E. Isaacs which is the former location of Real Deals Home Decor. The leased location features 5000 sq.ft. of space to adequately meet the needs of the Opportunity Program.

### Semester & Quarter Dates

Jan. 24

- 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1st Semester Ends

March 28

- 3rd Quarter Ends

June 12

- 4th Quarter Ends
- 2nd Semester Ends