

## Wa-Hi earns Top AFS School award



Last night, local AFS Intercultural Programs Coordinator **Linnea Keatts** presented Walla Walla High School Principal **Pete Peterson** with a Top AFS School Award for 2014.

Keatts reported there were only two schools in the state of Washington to receive this award. She said this award is given in recognition of dedication to global education and increasing intercultural learning in the school and in the community. Wa-Hi has facilitated more than 70 AFS placements in the past 16 years. This year there are four AFS students at Wa-Hi.

## Board approves Asset Preservation Plan

School board members unanimously approved the district's Asset Preservation annual review presented by Facilities and Operations Director **Dan Johnson**.



*Dan Johnson*

Johnson reported this state required plan serves as a tool to help prioritize maintenance efforts. He said his department strives to help maintain safe and effective learning environments for staff and students. Johnson praised his staff for their professionalism and commitment to a quality education for all.



*Carpenter Kevin French supports maintenance.*

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes from the March 3, 2014 board work session, March 4, 2014 regular board meeting, March 6, 2014 special board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extracurricular contracts, March 18 accounts payable, February Financial Report, Policy 4130 district and parent family involvement - Title 1 annual review, WWPS Head Start/ECEAP Program Eligibility Policy Revisions (Policy ID 5210), WWPS Head Start/ECEAP Program Selection Process Policy Revisions (Policy ID 5230), WWPS Head Start/ECEAP Program Enrollment and Re-enrollment Policy Revisions (Policy ID 5240 and 5241).
- approved Asset Preservation Annual Review.

## Personnel Report

### Employment

(Classified)

**Blaine Barlow**, Carpenter, Facilities and Operations

**Yahaira Cruz**, Para-Educator (Temp), Green Park Head Start/ECEAP Program

### Retirement/Resignation

(Certificated)

**Chris Eastep**, Sports Medicine/Athletic Trainer, Wa-Hi, 13 years

(Classified)

**Barbara Kenny**, Bus Driver, SE Transportation Co-Op, 4 years

**David Morales**, Head Custodian, Lincoln High School, 22 years

### Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

**Angela Butler**, Science, Pioneer Middle School, 8 years

- Angie is requesting a .4FTE leave of absence and will continue at .6 FTE

### Out of State Travel

**Chris Blackman** to attend Youth Instructor Training Mental Health First Aid in Louisville, KY (Funding: LAP)

**Lindsey Butcher** to attend CASE Lead Teacher Training in Denver, CO (Funding: Vocational)

**John Golden** to attend Nike Championship Basketball Clinic in Las Vegas (Funding: Coaches Professional Growth)

**Casey Monahan** to attend Equip OER Evaluation Meeting in Washington, DC (Funding: Title II/Equip)

Quote of the Week

“Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.”

Rabindranath Tagore

### Hi-Tech School Board

Last night prior to the regular school board meeting, Technology Director **Forrest Baker** demonstrated to school board members how to use the district's new Electronic School Board documents system.

The new system utilizes Google Drive features for board members to easily access information.



*Forrest Baker*

### Wa-Hi Science teacher Rob Ahrens



“Not only are the science classrooms the same as when I went to high school here in the 1980s, they are the same as when my parents went to high school here.

In fact, my grandfather was the first principal to open this school in 1964 and science facilities are the same now as they were then.”

Learn more about the Wa-Hi bond at: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org)

### Tour Garrison, Wa-Hi and Lincoln High School during Superintendent's Patron Tour

Superintendent **Mick Miller** invites you to join him for a behind the scenes look at Walla Walla Public Schools. The Superintendent's Patron Tour program is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the district, ask questions, tour local schools and enjoy lunch together.

- Wednesday, March 26

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

- Tour sites: Garrison Middle School, Walla Walla High School, Lincoln HS (tour begins at district office - 364 S. Park) St.)

- RSVP by contacting Mark Higgins at: 526-6726 or [mhiggins@wwps.org](mailto:mhiggins@wwps.org)

### Wa-Hi Science Building Open Houses

Community members are encouraged to visit the Walla Walla High Science building during two open house events to learn more about the April 22 bond proposal. Wa-Hi Science teachers will be in attendance to provide guided tours of the 50-year-old facility. District administrators and school board members will also be present to answer questions. Learn more about the bond proposal on the district website: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org).

Open House Details:

- Thursday, March 27

- Monday, March 31

- 6 to 8 p.m. (both evenings)

