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- October 4, 2011
- 6:30 p.m. (regular board meeting)
- Location: Lincoln High School
- 5:15 p.m. (public work session): Tour of Lincoln Health Center prior to the school board meeting
- Meeting & tour open to the public

### Citizens for Schools seek volunteers

Citizens for Schools chairs Peter Swant and Shauna Bogley conducted their first Walla Walla Citizens for Schools meeting Wednesday at Whitman College. Swant and Bogley report there are many volunteer opportunities available to help raise awareness about the district's replacement levy expected to be on the ballot Tuesday, February 14.

The mission of this non-profit, community organization is to ensure Walla Walla Public Schools have the resources and support necessary to provide essential educational programs and activities to Walla Walla children. Bogley and Swant will focus their attention on educating the community on the replacement levy which funds nearly 20 percent of the district's general fund budget.

#### Next Citizens for Schools Meeting:

- Thursday, Oct. 27
- Whitman College Memorial Building
- Room 328, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Front door will be open
- Those wishing to volunteer are welcome

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Shauna Bogley

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### District teams with Realtors for "Care and Share" food drive

Walla Walla Public Schools is teaming with area realtors to help those in need through through the "Care and Share" annual food drive. There are many ways for parents, students and your staff to get involved. All donations help the Blue Mountain Action Council Food Bank. Demand is at an all time high. Peter Swant is the project coordinator: [pswant@cbfr.biz](mailto:pswant@cbfr.biz)

#### Here's how you can help:

- "Fill the Bus" drive at area grocery stores: Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Pick a section of town to distribute bags to area homes and then collect them the following day (Oct. 15 & 16)
- Donate food during Walla Walla High School home football games
- Donate food at all district schools (collection barrels are now in place)

### PictureLab (formerly Picture Lady) bring talented artists into district schools

The PictureLab program, formerly know as Picture Lady, recently organized an amazing experience for district elementary students. Artists Emily Carr, Albrecht Durer and Andy Goldsworthy worked with K-5 students at all district elementary schools. Activities centered around movement in nature, drawing with charcoal and installation of outdoor artwork. Books were donated to students as part of the program. Special thanks to PictureLab Chair Augusta Farnum for organizing the events.

**Upcoming Early Dismissal dates for Parent Conferences (October 6&7)**

- Thursday, Oct. 6 (K-12)
- Thursday, Oct. 7 (K-12)

*(Parent/Teacher Conferences - both days - see conference schedule on district website: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org))*

**Walla Walla High School graduate to perform at WSU volleyball game**

Former Walla Walla High School Orchestra and Choral student Jeff Ladderud will be singing the national anthem for the Washington State University volleyball game tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Root Sports. Jeff's parents are Ruth and John Ladderud. Congratulations!

**Partners Roundtable brings community resources together**

Volunteer Augusta Farnum is planning her first Partners Roundtable Monday, Oct. 3 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the district office board room. This gathering is an effort to bring community resources together to determine how they may better serve district educators and students. This is a brown bag event and is open to the public.

**Girl's Council plans fundraiser at Walla Walla Country Club**

Girl's Council is planning a fundraiser at the Walla Walla Country Club Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. to raise money for its project, "The Cottage." Girl's Council is a non-profit organization in Walla Walla which intervenes in the lives of girls ages 9 through 18. It has been operating in the Walla Walla Valley since 2006. Since then, over 200 local girls have been served by our organization.

Girls referred for our program receive training through the Girl's Circle curriculum. Teaching girls to manage their feelings and behaviors by taking charge of their thoughts, empowers them with some of the crucial skills necessary to successfully navigate through life. These groups are run in various community locations as well as within the public school setting.

In addition to providing specialized groups, our goal is to build a residential, ranch-like home for girls in our community in an effort to alleviate the continued risk of physical and emotional harm through residential placement. Once built, "The Cottage" will house up to six girls and will be staffed 24 hours. This home will be a safe place for girls ages 12-17 where they can grow and become empowered within a structured, nurturing environment.

How can you help?

- 1) Donate an item or money for our silent auction which will be held October 8 at the Walla Walla Country Club from 6 to 9 p.m.
- 2) Attend the event. The \$40 ticket cost includes admittance to the event, dinner and dessert as well as the opportunity to bid on various local items.

Visit the Girl's Council Website at [www.girlscouncil.org](http://www.girlscouncil.org) for more information. Contact Marci Knauff, Brandi McIntire or Karen Neher at Lincoln High School to make a donation or purchase tickets for the event.

**District partners with The Moms' Network for free Parent Workshop Series**

Stability & Sustainability in the Home

- Tuesday, October 11 @ 7 p.m.
- YMCA
- Jenifer Clark
- Free child care available and translation services

Your Child's Health

- Wednesday, November 9 @ 7 p.m.
- YMCA
- Dr. Trent Rodgers, Pediatrician, Walla Walla Clinic
- Free child care available and translation services

Reserve your spot by contacting Beth Swanson at 509.301.7471 or [beth@themomsnetworkww.com](mailto:beth@themomsnetworkww.com)

## School Stories

### **Blue Devil volleyball team selling Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts**

The Walla Walla Blue Devil Volleyball team is doing its part to raise awareness of Breast Cancer by selling t-shirts. Fans are encouraged to wear the shirts to the Varsity Volleyball game Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This year the t-shirts are available in long or short sleeve, pink or black. Order forms are available in staff breakrooms or by contacting Berney Kindergarten teacher Lori Thomas at: [lthomas@wwps.org](mailto:lthomas@wwps.org).

### **Parent Partnership Forum helps families prepare for college entrance**

Walla Walla High School Commons

Monday, October 17

5:15-7:30 p.m.

#### Agenda

- 5:15 p.m.: Opening Statement
- 5:15-6 p.m.: Pizza served in Commons
- 5:15-7:30 p.m.: College and Career Resource Fair Booths open in Commons
- 5:30 p.m.: Breakout Session 1: Advance Placement VS Running Start with Pete Peterson
- 6 p.m.: Breakout Session 2: Financial Options for College with Max Weber
- 6:30 p.m.: AVID Parent Advocacy with Christina Price-Huntington
- 7 p.m.: WOIS Connecting Interest to College and Careers with Margaret Thomas and Lauren Hemenway
- 7 to 7:30 p.m.: College and Career Resource Fair Booths open in Commons

### **Walla Walla High School Football team joins the Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy**

Walla Walla High School Varsity Football Coach Eric Hisaw, along with over 500 universities and high schools around the country join Coach to Cure MD in the fight against Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Walla Walla High School is the first high school in the state of Washington to participate. Washington State University is also involved.

Tonight Walla Walla High School will be playing Davis High School at Borleske Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Coaches from both teams will be wearing armbands to show their support for Coach to Cure MD and the fight against this terrible disease. Donations will be gathered throughout the game.

Coach to Cure MD is a partnership between Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy and the American Football Coaches Association. The goal of Coach to Cure MD is to raise national awareness of Duchenne muscular dystrophy and to raise money to fund research for a cure.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a progressive muscle disorder that causes loss of muscle function and independence which includes decline in respiratory and cardiac function. Boys with Duchenne face loss of mobility and wheelchair dependency. Duchenne primarily affects boys. One boy out of every 3500 live male births will be diagnosed with Duchenne. There is no cure but there is great hope and promising treatments on the horizon. There are boys right here in Walla Walla fighting this terrible disorder.

For more information, contact Amanda Hammond at (208) 284-6640.

### **Marching band takes 2nd place in regional competition**

Congratulations to the Walla Walla High School Marching Band for taking 2nd place at the Autumn Leaf Grand Parade in Leavenworth, WA. There were four entries in the AAAA division judged in both pre-parade inspection/playing and during the parade itself. There were 3 judges with 100 points possible from each. The Wa-Hi band missed out on 1st place by only two points!

“Great job to our Wa-Hi Marching Band and Dance Team,” said Band Director Andrew Ueckert

### **Walla Walla High School College Visits fall schedule**

Sessions held in the library unless otherwise noted. Students may sign-up now in the Career Center in the library to get a pass from class. Topics will include: application process and personal essay, scholarships and financial aid, successful first year, academic majors and minors, housing and meals.

#### October 2011

10/4 Linfield College 10:40 a.m.

10/5 Whitman College 9:30 a.m.

10/6 University of Washington- Bothell 8:30 a.m.

10/7 Northwest College of Art 8:00 a.m.

10/14 Montana Tech. 1:30 p.m.

10/21 George Fox 9:00 a.m.

#### November 2011

11/4 University of Puget Sound 11:30 a.m.

11/10 Willamette University 8:00 a.m.

11/10 Whitworth University 10:45 a.m.

11/10 Eastern Oregon University 2:00 p.m.

11/16 Whitman College 9:30 a.m.

### **FFA sponsors Powder Puff football game - Wednesday, October 12**

The Walla Walla High School FFA chapter is organizing its annual Powder Puff football game as a part of the school's Homecoming Week. The game, on October 12 at 7 p.m. at Borleske Stadium, pits the junior and senior girls against one another in a game of flag football.

#### Event Fact Sheet:

- Event Name: Powder Puff
- Homecoming Week Fundraiser for FFA
- Date: October 12 @ 7 p.m.
- Location: Borleske Stadium
- Cost: Children under 12 – Free
- Adults - \$5

For more information, contact Arch McHie at 527-3027 or by email at [amchie@wwps.org](mailto:amchie@wwps.org)

## **Community Stories**

### **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty hunger walk October 9**

- CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) hunger walk
- Sunday, October 9
- Starts and ends at Walla Walla Community College
- Free registration begins at 1pm. with the walk at 2 p.m..
- Walkers can choose to walk a 1/2 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile route.

The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to alleviate local and world hunger with 25% of the funds staying here in Walla Walla. Walkers are encouraged to seek sponsors; funds can be collected by the walker or given online at [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org). This is an opportunity for a school group to challenge another group or a team spirit builder or a family activity. For further information call 525-1376.

**Walla Walla Police Department organizes police Citizen's Academy**

- November 2011 to January 2012
- Starts November 8
- Tuesdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with holiday weeks off (Thanksgiving/Christmas)
- Register online at: [www.ci.walla-walla.wa.us](http://www.ci.walla-walla.wa.us) or at the police station (15 N 3rd)
- Limited to the first 30 people
- Application Deadline: November 3, 2011

Goals for Police Citizen's Academy

- Creating better understanding and communication between citizens and law enforcement through education.
  
- This is an opportunity for the citizens of our community to know more about the men and women who are protecting the community and why they make the decisions they do.
  
- The Citizens Academy also presents an opportunity for Citizens to “connect” with law enforcement on a continuing basis, to the benefit of both law enforcement and our community!

Additional Information: Vicki Ruley, Crime Prevention Coordinator/Crime Victim Advocate: 509-524-4409