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## District Stories

### Thanksgiving Holiday Break

- No School - November 21-25
- Classes resume - Monday, November 28
- Have a safe and restful break!

### Superintendent Miller seeks input on calendar options

Walla Walla Public Schools is in the process of adopting calendars for the next two school years. Superintendent Mick Miller is seeking input.

The district's broad-based calendar committee has met three times and has narrowed the options down to two per year. Please visit the district web site at [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org) by November 28 to take this brief survey. Your input will be considered in the final recommendation which will go to the school board December 13.

### Superintendent Miller updates board on budget

*District remains fiscally sound despite state economic woes*

Superintendent Mick Miller provided the school board an update on the district's budget during Tuesday night's meeting. He said the district's conservative budgeting practices have helped the district build its unrestricted reserves to more than nine percent.

Miller said the district spent down some of its reserves to balance the 2011-12 general fund budget. He said this practice cannot sustain itself over time and administrators will soon begin looking at options for future spending reductions. He reported the district set aside \$200,000 as a contingency for possible midyear state budget cuts for the 2011-12 budget. Last year legislators passed on a nearly \$500,000 midyear funding reduction to the district.

Miller said enrollment is up 60 students at elementary, but down slightly in district secondary schools. He said the district will closely monitor enrollment figures the rest of the year and work hard to keep students enrolled.

### Personnel Report from Nov. 15, 2011 school board meeting

Employment

(Certificated)

Mildred Crawford, School Psychologist, Special Programs

(Classified)

Arthur Cadieux, Bus Driver, Transportation

Stephanie Guzman, Birth-to-Five Para-Educator, Prospect Pt/Blue Ridge

Carolyn McFetridge, Bus Driver, Transportation

Resignation/Retirement

(Classified)

Sherry Orchard, Secretary to Assistant Principal, Garrison MS, 10 years

Leave of Absence

Julie Maney, Special Education, Green Park, 1.5 years

(Beginning January 2, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.)

### Voter registration forms available

Voter registration forms are available at the district office and all WWPS schools. Voter registration forms must be submitted to the Walla Walla County Auditor by Monday, January 23 to vote on the February 14, 2012 replacement levy.

### **Banner Bank donates paper to district**

This week Banner Bank donated 30 boxes of white copy paper it had in surplus to the school district in support of area children. Banner Bank also donated 20 boxes of the paper to College Place Public Schools.

“Banner Bank is committed to being a supportive force within the communities we serve,” said Jessica Peters, Banner Bank AVP/Advertising Coordinator. “One area where Banner is most passionate about focusing its support is education and our area’s youth. We sincerely hope this small donation will be useful to the school districts as they provide exceptional education to our community’s children.”

### **Senior citizens and elected officials honored during Focus on Education Week event**

Thursday morning area senior citizens and elected officials went back to school to celebrate *Focus on Education Week*. Guests visited Green Park or Edison Elementary Schools as part of *Senior Citizen and Elected Officials Appreciation Day*. This event was an opportunity for senior citizens and elected officials to visit and tour a local school and have lunch with students.

Walla Walla Valley Education Association President Margo Piver, Green Park teacher Wes Sanders and Edison teacher Kay Barga helped the district organize this event to raise awareness of the importance of public education and to thank the community for its continued support. Piver published a guest column in last Sunday’s Union Bulletin newspaper honoring teachers. Monday students from Lincoln High School served as greeters at the Exchange Club luncheon and members of the JROTC presented the colors and Walla Walla High School senior Kayla Leinweber sang the National Anthem.

### **Winter weather is on the way! School closure and delay procedures**

At Walla Walla Public Schools, we make every effort to post up-to-the-minute school closure information due to inclement weather or any circumstance that would delay or cancel the normal school schedule. Decisions to delay or close school usually are made by 5:30 a.m. or earlier. This triggers the district’s comprehensive school closure/delay announcement plan. The district makes every effort to begin announcements by 6 a.m.

#### Announcements include:

- Media release (radio, tv, newspaper)
- Telephone automated message (staff and parents)
- Web posting ([www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org))
- Staff e-mail (GroupWise)
- E-news message (sign up on the district web site: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org))
- Twitter message ([twitter.com/wwschools](https://twitter.com/wwschools))
- Facebook page message
- Orange signs posted in front of schools

## School Stories

### Final week to see *Radium Girls* fall production

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.

Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

- Box office open 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays and one hour before shows
- Box office number: 526-8613
- Show dates: (remaining) November 18 at 7 p.m.
- November 19 at 2 p.m.
- \$6 student tickets & \$12 adult tickets

### Green Park Elementary students raise nearly \$14,000 with annual Math-a-thon

Green Park Elementary PTA exceeded their expectations this year with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Math-a-thon” by raising a record breaking \$13,914.29. The goal was \$11,500. A total of 233 students participated which represented a 50 percent improvement from the previous year. The average amount brought in by students was around \$60, with 35 students raising more than \$150 to earn lunch with Principal Mike Lambert at Big Cheese Pizza.

“Coordinators Troi and Mark Coram and Karene and Joe Gonzalez did an excellent job rounding up volunteers to pass out packets, grade tests, and collect money,” said Cyndy Knight, Green Park PTA President.

The top class this year was Wes Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class which brought in \$2,294.87. Students in Sanders’ class were treated to a pizza party in their classroom. Anne Shelley’s 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class had the highest participation rate and earned an extra recess.

The top individual winners were;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Mary Kennedy, (won \$200 cash)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Emily Snider, (won \$100 gift certificate to Inland Octopus)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Jacob Coram, (won \$75 gift certificate to Inland Octopus)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Charlie Gonzalez, (won \$50 gift certificate to Inland Octopus)

The Green Park PTA uses these donations to help fund classroom supplies for teachers, Ice Cream Social and Open House, Reflections Art Show, AR Reading Tests, Science Fair, Book Fairs, Missoula Children’s Theater, Math Team, Books for the Library, Safety Patrol Team, Teacher Appreciation Week, the Green Park Carnival and much more.

“A special thank you goes out to our Panther kids, parents, relatives, Green Park teachers and staff, and our Walla Walla community for their generosity,” Knight said. “Thank you for your support!”

### Ambler signs to play softball at Connecticut

Walla Walla High School Senior Alyson Ambler, with her parents Debbie and Gerald “Chip” at her side, signed a national letter of intent Tuesday night at the district office to play softball for the University of Connecticut Huskies next season. Ambler led the Walla Walla High School softball team to its first-ever 4A State Softball title last spring. Ambler has gone 25- 0 over the past three seasons. Ambler thanked her parents, teammates and coaches for their support.

### **Bulb-In-A-Can Sale benefits Books for Babes program**

The Bulb-In-A-Can fundraiser for the Books for Babes program is underway. Books for Babes is a community service project of Edison Elementary second grade.

“We have given away over 4,200 bags of books to newborn families in the Walla Walla area thanks to your donations and purchases,” said Kay Barga, Edison Elementary Second Grade teacher and program coordinator. “Bulbs-In-A-Can are great for your teacher, boss, co-worker, hairdresser, neighbor, party host, or grandmother.”

- \$5 a can
- Proceeds benefit Books for Babes
- Great holiday gifts
- Send orders via email by December 1 to: [kbarga@wwps.org](mailto:kbarga@wwps.org)

Make payment by check to:

Books for Babes

Mail to: Kay Barga

Edison Elementary

1315 East Alder Street

Walla Walla, WA 99362

### **Walla Walla High School Debate team shines at Whitman College event - by Coach Jean Tobin**

Walla Walla High School’s Debate Team had a very successful first showing of the year at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitman College Debate Tournament. Walla Walla took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Individual Events out of 49 schools attending from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Additionally, Walla Walla tied for 6<sup>th</sup> in Congressional Debate. This is one of the most prestigious (and one of the largest) tournaments in the nation. Overall, Walla Walla High School was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> out of the 49 schools attending based on scores in four forms of debate and nine Individual Events. Wa-Hi had 26 students competing at the tournament.

In Individual Events, Machado Mijiga and Calvin Brigham took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in Senior Division Editorial Commentary. Kera Parsons took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior Division Interpretive Reading and Marisol Beck placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Hope Grant-Herriot placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior Oratory. In Junior Division, Anna Apostolidis-Morefield and Ben Parsons took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Expository Speaking. Emma Gregoire placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Oratory. Kate Kuhlmann was one point from being in the Finals round of Expository.

In Congressional Debate, Hope Grant-Herriot and Machado Mijiga both advanced to the Finals Round in Senior Division. In Junior Division, Maggie Herriot, Nathan Myers and Jennifer Cho advanced to the Final Round and Jennifer Cho placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, in Lincoln-Douglas debate Rosa Tobin earned 4<sup>th</sup> speaker overall in Senior Division. Walla Walla High School’s 2 senior level L-D debaters, Rosa Tobin and Calvin Brigham had 3-3 records and were 1 round from breaking into the quarter final round of LD debate. The Public Forum team of Julia Cosma and Kera Parsons went 3-2 in Champ division and barely missed breaking into quarter finals. The novice team of Malcolm Gabbard and Emily Prull also went 3-2 in Public Forum debate and were ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in their division.

We have been working since before school started to prepare and I think this is a tribute to the hard work of all the students that competed. They have spent hours researching, writing, revising and arguing. We are so grateful for the support of the Walla Walla School District, Walla Walla High School and the incredible community support. I especially want to thank many of the staff and administration at Wa-Hi who are very supportive and kind to the program and to the students. I don’t work at Wa-Hi but I can tell from what the kids say that it is a school where the teachers really care about the kids, and the kids feel it. Whitman College’s debate coach Jim Hanson is also invaluable in providing support and guidance over the last 2 years. We have a wonderful group of parent volunteers who have also put in countless hours helping us prepare, including Annie Capestany, Heidi Brigham, Nancy Forsthoefel, Dona Dunovant, Kami Kuhlmann, Shirley McLaughlin, Katie Christianson, Joe Cooke and Carl Christianson.

### **Lincoln and Walla Walla High School students team for Veterans Day Debate in Yakima - By Coach Jean Tobin**

The Lincoln High School and Walla Walla High School Debate Team spent Veteran's Day weekend competing at the 2011 Ike Invitational Debate Tournament at Eisenhower High School in Yakima Washington. The combined team earned top honors, walking away with 1<sup>st</sup> place in Individual Events, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Debate and 1<sup>st</sup> place Overall. Twenty-four students from Walla Walla and six students from Lincoln competed in 12 different events. Other 5/6 District schools attending the competition included: Eisenhower, Pasco, Chiawana, Othello, Ridgefield, Cascade and Moses Lake.

In Individual Events, the following students placed:

- Oratory: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Senior division, Hope Grant-Herriot. Hope's oratory discusses cultural stereotypes about obesity. 1<sup>st</sup> place Novice division, Emma Gregoire. Emma's speech concerns the misrepresentation of home births vs. hospital births. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Novice, Tristan Moore. In his speech Tristan discusses the complications of first impressions. For this event students had to write and memorize a persuasive essay.
- Expository: 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior division, Anna Apostolidis-Morefield with a speech on national anthems. This is only Anna's second tournament and she placed first in all three of her top division rounds. 1<sup>st</sup> place Novice division, Ben Parsons (presenting on the game "Mindcraft"), 3<sup>rd</sup> place Kate Kuhlmann (with a speech on conspiracy theories) and 4<sup>th</sup> place Sabine Vernon (explaining the past and present implications of the Spanish Influenza). Students competing in this event researched and wrote an expository essay, then created visuals for their speech. These speeches are generally memorized.
- Editorial Commentary: 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Division Julia Cosma, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Machado Mijiga. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Novice Division Kurt Funk. Students write a commentary on a current news event.
- Dual Interpretation: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Senior Division Hope Grant-Herriot and Marisol Beck.
- Humorous Interpretation: 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Division Konor Clark, 1<sup>st</sup> place Novice Division Malcolm Gabbard.
- Interpretive Reading: Senior Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place Marisol Beck, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kera Parsons, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Hope Grant-Herriot. Novice Division, 4<sup>th</sup> place Lupe Beck.
- Impromptu Speaking: Novice Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place Emily Prull, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nathen Myers. They both earned top speaker in every round they competed in, and the tie was broken by only 1 rating point.
- Extemporaneous Speaking: Senior Division: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rosa Tobin, Bryan Preston placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Novice Division 2<sup>nd</sup> place Emily Prull
- Tall Tales: Senior Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Machado Mijiga

In Debate, Walla Walla had 4 of the 6 debaters that competed in the final rounds in front of an audience of between 100 and 200 fellow competitors.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate students were debating the resolution, Resolved: Individuals have a moral obligation to assist those in need. Rosa Tobin and Calvin Brigham competed in the final round. Calvin Brigham took 1<sup>st</sup> place negating the resolution and Rosa Tobin placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kendall Dunovant, also from Walla Walla H.S, took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Novice Division Tristan Moore took 1<sup>st</sup> place.

In Public Forum debate students debated: Resolved: Direct Popular Vote should replace the Electoral Vote in Presidential Elections. Julia Cosma and Kera Parsons competed in the final round against competitors from Eisenhower H.S. Julia Cosma and Kera Parsons upheld the Electoral Vote and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament. The Walla Walla High School team of Bryan Preston and Sean Hamilton had the best record in Senior Public Forum debate, winning 3 of their 4 preliminary rounds but due to a tournament error were not placed in the final round.

Wa-Hi also dominated in Novice Public Forum debate, with Malcolm Gabbard and Emily Prull taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the team of Anna Apostolidis and Ben Parsons taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Malcolm Gabbard and Emily Prull actually had a perfect record and would have taken 1<sup>st</sup> place but a judge incorrectly filled out a ballot and the error was not found until after the tournament.

In Congressional Debate students debate over 25 proposed pieces of legislation over the course of 2 months. Marisol Beck earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and Machado Mijiga took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Senior Division. Nathen Myers earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Novice Division.

## Community Stories

### **Exchange Club honors Waitsburg and DeSales High School students with Youth of the Month awards**

Congratulations to Waitsburg High School seniors Zach Bartlow and Kayla Huxoll and DeSales High School seniors Claire Konen and Lauren McCaw for receiving Exchange Club of Walla Walla Youth of the Month Awards this month.

These students will also be eligible to compete for the Exchange Club of Walla Walla *Youth of the Year Award* and a \$1,000 college scholarship. The 2011-2012 Youth of the Year Theme is: "All Aboard! Today's Youth, Strengthening America One Community at a Time."

Walla Walla Public Schools Communications Director Mark Higgins is the Youth of the Month program coordinator for the Exchange Club.

### **Walla Walla County hires new Emergency Management Director**

The Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the selection of Jim Duncan to fill the position of Emergency Management Director. The position was left vacant earlier this year with the resignation of Gay Ernst. The Emergency Management Department is responsible for preparing and coordinating disaster response plans for the county, and in his position, Duncan will continue oversight of emergency preparedness planning for the entire county, including the incorporated cities.

Duncan most recently served as Emergency Management Coordinator for Benton County Emergency Management and was active in Homeland Security Region 8 emergency management and preparedness activities. He has a Masters in Management and Operations from Embry-Riddle University, and was a member of the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Fairchild AFB, Spokane.

As an Air Force Commissioned Officer, he specialized in nuclear weapon security, safety and maintenance, and was the Emergency Preparedness Officer for a large nuclear weapon storage depot. He has much experience in distribution operations, providing leadership and being responsible for all aspects of operations, including management, training, safety, and budgetary cost controls.

With more than ten years of experience in emergency management in the Air Force, working with the Hanford DOE complex, and providing emergency management training and exercise support in Southeast and Central Washington, he will be a huge asset to the county emergency management operations, training and planning activities.

After an extensive selection process involving a screening panel made up of representatives of various emergency management operations or facilities, as well as citizens, the recommendation to appoint Jim Duncan was confirmed after a meeting of the Emergency Management Executive Board (EMEB). (The EMEB is comprised of the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners, mayors of the incorporated cities and towns within the county (Walla Walla, College Place, Prescott, Waitsburg) the Walla Walla City Manager and the College Place City Administrator.)

"With the knowledge and experience Mr. Duncan brings to the county, Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department will continue to provide the same quality of services to which we and all citizens are accustomed. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Duncan," said Board Chair Perry Dozier.

Duncan began work with the county November 14, 2011. He can be reached by email at [jduncan@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:jduncan@co.walla-walla.wa.us), or by telephone at 509.524.2901.

"We look forward to working with Duncan to support Walla Walla Public Schools emergency planning efforts," said district Communications Director Mark Higgins, who oversees WWPS Safe Schools programs. "We rely heavily on community resources and collaboration to help keep our staff, students and visitors safe."

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program donates winter clothing to district students**

Thursday morning Loretta Cole from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program delivered several boxes of hats, gloves and sweaters for donation to district children. Volunteers hand knit the hats and sweaters thanks to a grant from Pacific Power to purchase the materials. Cole said the volunteers work on the items throughout the year. She said they enjoy helping area children and want to find ways to support the community.

**DeSales High School hosts free Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Tuesday November 22

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: DeSales High School (919 E. Sumach)

**Parade of Lights entries now accepted**

The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation is accepting entries for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Macy's Parade of Lights, to be held Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Entry forms are available at the Downtown Foundation office at 2 South First Avenue, #300; at the Destination Walla Walla information booth at 26 East Main Street; and on the Downtown Foundation website, [www.downtownwallawalla.com](http://www.downtownwallawalla.com). Entry forms are due November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Macy's Parade of Lights is traditionally held the first Saturday of December. There is no fee to participate in the Parade; however, all entries must be lit.

To learn more, contact the Downtown Foundation at 529-8755.

**Annual Gingerbread House contest entry forms available**

The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation is looking for a few good pastry chefs – both professional and amateur! It's time to get ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Competition to benefit the Blue Mt. Community Foundation.

Entry forms are available at the Downtown Foundation office at 2 South First Avenue, #300; at the front desk in the lobby of the Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, 2 West Rose Street; at the Destination Walla Walla information booth at 26 East Main Street; and on the Downtown Foundation website, [www.downtownwallawalla.com](http://www.downtownwallawalla.com). Entry forms are due November 28<sup>th</sup>. Gingerbread houses go on display December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Entries will be accepted for both amateur and professional categories. The gingerbread houses will be on display at the Marcus Whitman Hotel. Visitors to the display will vote for their favorite by donating money. All money raised will be used to fight homelessness in Walla Walla through the BMCF.

The winning Professional Entry will receive a trophy to display proudly all year; the winning Amateur Entry will receive dinner for two at The Marc. To learn more, contact the DWWF at 529-8755.

**2011 Local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign kicks off**

The Annual Walla Walla Toys for Tots Campaign kicks off this week with 20 local drop off locations. This is the 64th year for Toys for Tots and the 5th year of the Walla Walla Campaign. Last year in Walla Walla, new unwrapped toys were distributed to 792 local children from Dayton to College Place.

Everything collected will be distributed to local children from newborn to 18 years of age. Once again Toys for Tots is working with St. Vincent de Paul, Walla Walla Public Schools, the medical centers and other nonprofits to ensure that every child in the Walla Walla Valley has a happy holiday.

New unwrapped toys or cash donations can be delivered to:

- Book & Game -38 E. Main Street
- Community Bank – 28 E. Alder Street
- Providence St. Mary – 401 W. Poplar
- Walla Walla Sweets – 109 E. Main Street
- City Slickers – 14 W. Main Street
- Inland Cellular, 1605 SE Meadowbrook , College Place
- AAA Washington, 1361 Dalles-Military Road
- NAPA – 1830 E. Isaacs Ave
- Whitman College Bookstore – Reid Campus Center – Park St.
- Tumac Machinery – 3037 E Melrose Street
- O'Brien Chevrolet – Dalles Military Road
- Walla Walla Bread Co. – 225 E. Main Street
- Legacy Ford of Walla Walla – 11 N. Colville Street
- Oil Haus, Tiki Grille, Mama Mia Pastas – Kenwood Street/Rose Street
- John L. Scott Realty – 10 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Assumption School – 2066 E. Alder Street
- Waitsburg Hardware & Mercantile – 134 Main Street, Waitsburg
- Dayton General Hospital – 1012 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Dayton
- Dayton General Store – 426 W. Main St., Dayton
- Dayton High School – 614 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dayton

There are several local businesses that are hosting promotions to benefit Toys for Tots. Beginning now until December 14 Book & Game (1<sup>st</sup> & Main Street) will be giving a 20% discount on anything in the store purchased for Toys for Tots and the Walla Walla Sweets are offering 10% off your entire purchase when you bring in a new unwrapped toy. City Slickers (14 W. Main Street) will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cut-a-Thon to benefit Toys for Toys. City Slicker stylists will give free haircuts in exchange for a toy donation to Toys for Tots from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 4.

To request toys families can pick up applications at St. Vincent de Paul (308 W. Main Street) November 14 – 25, St. Paul's Church (323 Catherine Street) Nov. 28 – Dec. 9 or in Dayton at the Country Cupboard (330 E. Main Street) Nov 23 - Nov 30. Please only apply at one location. There can be no duplication.

For more information about Toys for Tots please visit the local website [www.walla-walla-wa.toysfortots.org](http://www.walla-walla-wa.toysfortots.org) or contact Beth Swanson at 509-301-7471 or [bethswanson@charter.net](mailto:bethswanson@charter.net)

### **Celebrate Universal Children's Day on November 20**

Join Children's Home Society of Washington for an event that shines the light on promoting the needs of our most vulnerable children. Established in 1954 by the United Nations General Assembly, Universal Children's Day is meant to promote the understanding, care, and welfare of the world's children. The day was established to initiate action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world's children. It was also chosen as the day to celebrate childhood.

In support of Universal Children's Day, Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) is hosting a children's art project to bring together local children and families through a fun, family friendly activity that raises awareness to the most pressing needs facing our children today.

The event also includes a coloring contest and free hot chocolate. To pick-up the coloring contest form, visit Children's Home Society of Washington beginning November 9 between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CHSW is located at 1612 Penny Lane in Walla Walla. All entries are due by November 18.

#### *Event details:*

**What:** Children's Art Project and Candlelight Vigil

The children will be led in an art project to teach them to appreciate each other and themselves enhancing their experiences and helping them contribute to a healthy and peaceful world. The coloring contest artwork will be visible to the public November 20 to December 31 at Children's Home Society of Washington's office.

**When:** Sunday, November 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Downtown Courtyard, Land Title Plaza, Walla Walla

**Cost:** Free