



**WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JUNE 2020**

EQUITY AND DUAL PROGRAMS

EDISON WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL



“¡Hola! My name is Jenny Foster and I am the new principal of Edison Elementary starting July 1st. I am excited and honored to be the next principal of this amazing school

and to work in a school whose mission is to ensure an environment, which provides for academic success and positive self-worth for all students. I can't wait to meet our incredible students, families and staff. I will be moving to Walla Walla in the upcoming weeks with my family, which consists of my husband Robert, our two sons Jackson and Henry, and our daughter Lily.

Being part of a community in which I work and live has always been important to me and I'm excited to get to become part of the greater Walla Walla community. I grew up on a 500 acre grass seed farm in Oregon in the middle of wine country so coming to Walla Walla feels like a great fit for my family and me. I lived in Bogotá, Colombia when I was 16 where I fell in love with the Spanish language and the culture. I have also lived and spent time throughout my adult life in Perú, Spain and México.

I've been an educator for 30 years – a Spanish teacher for 27 years, an instructional coach for 1 year and an Associate Principal for 2 years. Becoming principal of a dual language elementary school is my dream job and I feel extremely blessed for this opportunity. I look forward to working collaboratively with staff and families to support students' learning and the whole child under the dual language model for years to come.” – Jenny Foster

SAFETY NET SUMMER

Hello everyone,

As you know, equity is not only about building bridges, opening doors, and ensuring inclusive practices for all students. It is also about creating and sustaining systems that provide safety nets in times of uncertainty, ambiguity and stressful environments. Keeping in mind that all students matter, at all times, we are collaborating with Nutrition Services Meals Program this summer, to provide a "Safety Net Summer". This means that on Mondays during our Food Distribution program, coordinated by WWPS, at various sites where food is distributed, we will have a Monday resource table where parents can ask questions, seek support, and students can take a bit of summer fun home with them. We continue to seek ways to remove obstacles from our students' experiences, to honor and recognize their identities, even in tough times, and be the table for our community.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Julie Perrón

Summer Meal Service Pick Up Locations & Times

School Locations, beginning June 22

- Sharpstein Elementary (Howard St side) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Blue Ridge Elementary (South entrance – back of school) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Garrison Middle School (front of school) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Edison Elementary (front of school) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Green Park Elementary (near gym entrance) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Lincoln HS (4th St side) – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Prospect Point Elementary -11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Berney Elementary -11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Locations beginning June 22

- Vista Terrace Park – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Washington Park – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Veteran's Memorial Park – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Valle Lindo – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Kiwanis Park – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beginning July 1

- YMCA – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Pioneer Park - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Jefferson Park – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Walla Walla Library – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meal Service and Delivery Questions:
Pamela Milleson, Nutrition Services Director
(509) 526-1870 / pmilleson@wwps.org

EQUITY HOTLINE

Hotline: 509-526-6787

The Equity and Dual Programs Department created a hotline, where if a parent has any questions or concerns regarding school and community resources, they can give us a call. We have a point-person for every school, so if we do not know the answer to the question, we will contact that point person to contact the family.



SAFETY NET SUMMER

WWPS STUDENTS:
COME SAY HI TO OUR WWPS STAFF AND PICK UP YOUR MEALS EVERY MONDAY-FRIDAY AT VARIOUS SITES FROM 11:00-1:00PM

MEAL SITES:
CCF (BLUE RIDGE)
EDISON
GREEN PARK
SHARPSTEIN
GARRISON
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
WASHINGTON PARK
& OTHER SELECT LOCATIONS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
ON MONDAYS, WE WILL BE OFFERING TAKE-HOME SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES AT VARIOUS SITES!
ARTS & CRAFTS
CHALK ART
BOUNCY BALLS
BRACELET KITS & MORE

MORE INFORMATION:
WWPS.ORG
509-526-6787

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR OUR TABLE WITH THE HEART!

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

Juneteenth, also referred to as “Emancipation Day” or “Freedom Day”, celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing those enslaved. Yet the news of freedom landed in Galveston, Texas two and a half years later on June 19th, 1865. Texas was the last state to abolish slavery and the first state to recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday. **Juneteenth** is a symbol of freedom from slave trade across all states.

The holiday received its name by combining *June* and *nineteenth*. Juneteenth is celebrated in many communities across the United States, which include people enjoying music and food that connect them to a shared ancestry and history.

Resources:

The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth - <https://nmaahc.si.edu/blog-post/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

Happy Juneteenth! - <https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/happy-juneteenth>



JUNETEENTH

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 **Escuelas Públicas de Walla Walla**

BOOK SUGGESTIONS BY SARA STRICKLAND
(PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST)



Planting Stories is a beautifully illustrated and written picture book biography about the first Puerto Rican librarian in New York. Pura Belpré's love of the written word urged her to "spread story seeds across the land". The book award, Pura Belpré award is named after her and is presented to a Latinx author whose work best portrays

the Latinx experience.

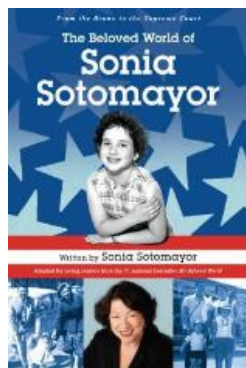
Grade: K+
Lexile: 860



Lety Out Loud is on the Pura Belpré 2020 Honors list. Lety moved from Mexico to Kansas. She volunteers at an animal shelter and wants to adopt a dog and the job of shelter scribe. As scribe she would write the adoptive animal profiles, but fellow volunteer Hunter believes he should get the job as Lety is still learning English. The two

end up in a secret competition to become the scribe. Lety fears for her position at the animal shelter is in jeopardy due to the competition and her language barrier.

Grade: 3+
Lexile: 720



The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor is adapted for young readers from her adult memoir. Sotomayor writes about her childhood growing up in an immigrant family. Her story is frank and poignant. She expresses her experience living in two cultures as a Puerto Rican American, her struggles and celebrations as she journeyed from childhood, to college, and her success in law practice. Readers will find her story an encouragement to succeed in what

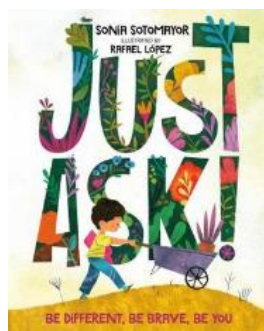
they set their mind to do.

Grade: 4+
Lexile: 1070



A Dash of Trouble is the first in a delicious fantasy trilogy about sisterhood, family, and magic. Leonora Logroño is the youngest of five sisters. She is not allowed to help at Amor y Azúcar Panadería (Love and Sugar Bakery), the family bakery. Leo sneaks in and discovers that Mama, Tia, and her sisters are brujas (witches) and that there is more in their baked goods than sugar and flour. Leo steals a magical recipe book to see if she is like the other women in the family. Her supportive sisters help her come into her own magic. Extra: Real recipes at the end of the book that you can bake and munch on while you read.

Grade: 3+
Lexile: 850



Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You is written by Sonia Sotomayor. She compares communities to a garden. Each plant is different and has a different purpose. Readers meet a diverse group of children throughout the book who create a beautiful garden at the end. The illustrations are vibrant and the text prompts the reader to answer questions the characters ask. This is a

great book for older students to read with younger siblings.

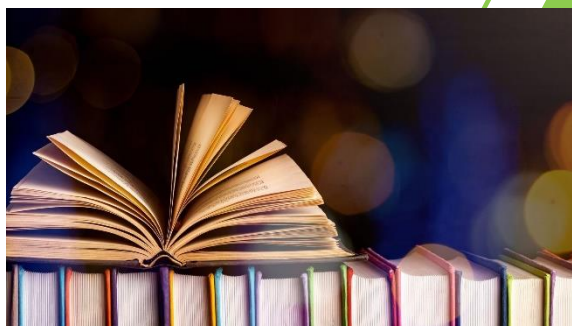
Grade: K+
Lexile: NA



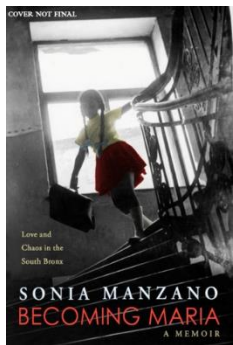
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe won the 2020 Pura Belpré Author Award. In this science fiction story Sal needs to heal from his mother's death. With new friend Gabi's help they reach into time and space to retrieve people, but can they do this and not break the universe? This action-packed book, sprinkled with bits of conversations in Spanish, is great for dual-language students. The author wraps grief,

bullying, and diabetes up in a weird metal bow, complete with a robot parent. Fans of Rick Riordan and Madeleine L'Engle will adore this book.

Grade: 4+
Lexile: 700



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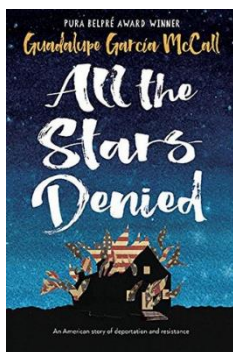


Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx is the autobiography of Sonia Manzano and her life's journey to becoming a ground-breaking Latina educator and Maria on the show Sesame Street. As a child, her apartment was full of people, cockroaches, rats, noise, and sometimes violence. Although there were moments of music, friends, laughter and that's when Sonia's love of acting shined, she clung to the

stories on TV as she dreamed of a better life. In this coming-of-age memoir, readers will learn of the resilience people have and their grit as they reach for their dreams.

Grade: 8+

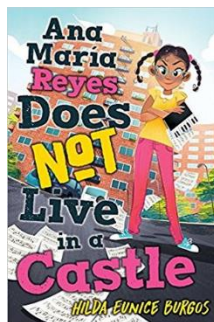
Lexile: 910



All the Stars Denied takes place during the Great Depression in Texas and tells of a lesser known episode in United States history. It follows 15-year-old activist Estralla del Toro as she organizes protests to fight the deportations en masse to Mexico. Authorities retaliate by burning down her family ranch and forcing them onto trains to Mexico. This historical fiction enlightens readers to the intense yet little know about part of history.

Grade: 6+

Lexile: 825

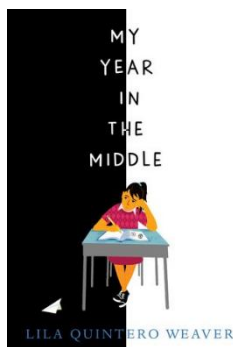


Ana María Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle, she lives in a too-small apartment in New York with too many sisters and her parents. Her dream is to win a music scholarship to attend a private school as her parents have little money. She struggles to find practice time as family gets in the way. A new baby, a trip to the Dominican Republic for her aunt's wedding are just a few of the distractions. Ana María struggles

with the socioeconomic differences she sees in her extended family and community. Readers glimpse living in a successful immigrant family who wants to stay true to their roots and their community.

Grade: 4+

Lexile: 750



My Year in the Middle takes place during the civil rights era in Alabama. Lu Olivera loves running and dreams of joining the running team at school, but fears that her immigrant parents from Argentina won't allow it. Lu befriends African American runner Belinda. Lu's view of the world changes as her older sister works on the campaign to defeat George Wallace's 1970 reelection. Lu must take a stand with her African

American friends or side against them by staying silent. Readers will appreciate the social justice lens combined with the immigrant experience.

Grade: 4+

Lexile: 720

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