



# STUDENTS HONOR LOCAL VETERANS

Patriotic students at Springdale Elementary hosted a Veteran’s Day Breakfast and Assembly on November 9, 2011, to honor all of the local Veterans for their service to our country. Banners created by Mrs. Meyers’ 4th/5th-grade class welcomed and thanked the Veterans as they arrived. Entering the cafeteria, they were served breakfast on patriotic placemats constructed by Mrs. Welch’s 4th-grade class. The Veterans enjoyed wonderful food prepared and served by Mrs. Zollman’s and Mrs. Gearhart’s 3rd-and 5th-grade classes.

Veterans were then escorted to, and honored with, an assembly in the auditorium where Mr. Schell, the new Principal, directed the assembly. The local Boy Scout troop was the Color Guard and explained the ceremony and significance of the way the flag was folded and presented. This was followed by Mrs. Talley’s and Mrs. Howard’s kindergarten and 1st-grade students singing “It’s a Grand Old Flag.” Next came the reading of letters written to Veterans by Mrs. Walters’ 2nd-graders. Lieutenant Colonel Jim Mach, a former teacher at Springdale, then presented students with medals won for their excellent work in response to the VFW Patriot’s Pen contest that is held yearly. This year the students addressed the topic “What is an American?” Mrs. Sulgrove’s 6th-grade and Mr. Edward’s 1st/2nd-grade classes presented the VFW with a check for their charity. The students held a change drive to generate the funds.

Mrs. Zollman then presented the school with a flag that was flown over Iraq by the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Ali Air Base, flown in honor of Jason Zollman, her nephew, who is currently serving in Iraq. The assembly concluded with the entire school singing “Thank You Soldiers”, directed by Mrs. Petrina. Students and about 50 local Veterans enjoyed a patriotic morning and were excited to meet each other. Hopefully, this will become an annual event to honor Veterans for their service.



# ALUMNI UPDATES

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**Stephanie Swiger ~ Class of 1983:** Stephanie married Frank Swiger and has 2 sons that graduated from Mary Walker High School and 4 daughters who presently attend Springdale Elementary and Mary Walker High School. Steph and Frank own the Number One Store in Ford, and a logging company, while still running their farm. Stephanie says that if she could do anything different, it would be to go to college. At the least, it would have prepared her for the day-to-day operations of running a business.

**Mark Scott ~ Class of 1995:** Mark and his wife, Rhonda, live in Cheney with a 16-month-old child and another baby on the way. Mark went to Whitworth College, where he obtained his teaching certificate and fulfilled one of his dreams of playing football. In addition to teaching for 2 years in St. Mary's, ID, Mark now works full-time as a Maintenance Officer (Captain) in the Washington Air National Guard, where he has served for 14 years. Mark said that, with the help of special services and through hard work and perseverance, he made it through his struggles with academic challenges in high school and college. He encourages everyone to follow their dreams, no matter how big they are.

**Josh Kreig ~ Class of 2003:** Josh enrolled in Washington State University after graduation and earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education. His first teaching job was in Naches. Currently, he is teaching Ag science class at West Valley High School in Yakima. He is continuing his education at WSU and will have a Master's degree in Soil Science. Josh is married to Randi Kreig who also teaches Ag Science. Josh wants Mary Walker students to know that taking AP classes really helped him adjust to college work. He also said that being involved in school activities is not only fun, but results in important skills that pay off later in life.

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## WEATHER-RELATED INFORMATION

### Late-Start

In the event that Mary Walker School District has a two-hour late-start and Valley School starts on time, students may ride their regular bus to Springdale. They will then be supervised in our cafeteria until school starts. Parents need to know that they have a choice if they decide the weather, roads, bus stop, or walking conditions are unsafe for their students.



### Lost and Found

Please write your child's name in his/her jacket, gloves, snow pants, etc. Our 'Lost and Found' is overflowing, and many of the items are only gently used. At the end of each quarter, all remaining clothes are gifted to families in need.



### Warm Clothes

As the temperatures get colder, please make sure you are sending your child to school with the appropriate attire. We, unfortunately, do not have enough gloves, hats, etc. to supply all of our students with the essentials for winter. So, please take an extra minute to make sure your child is ready for school before leaving the house.

# SCHOOL CLOSURES ~ PREPARING FOR WINTER

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Mary Walker School District's School Closure Procedure is in place to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of an unexpected school closure. The plan includes several elements that are important for parents to be aware of.

First, an emergency plan for all students must be on file in the event that it is necessary to close school early. We would like to know where your child should go in case of an emergency or unexpected school closing. Causes of an emergency school closure may include an extended electrical outage, gas line leak, interruption of water or sewer service, or severe weather conditions.

Checking the safety of the students' route to school is especially important in winter because weather in Northeast Washington can be quite challenging! Parents need to know that they have a choice if they decide the weather, roads, bus stop, or walking conditions are unsafe for their students with consideration for the students' maturity level and clothing.

The expectation in Mary Walker School District is to hold school every day that we can safely transport students and that our staff can safely get to work. However, parents are in the best position to make a judgment as to whether or not to send their children to school based on weather conditions in their specific locale. If parents believe it is too cold or too dangerous for their children to walk, be driven, or to drive to school, they certainly have the option to keep their children home.

When weather and road conditions are a concern, we gather information from different sources to decide if it is safe to transport our students to and from school. Our first concern is the safety of students and staff. Our school buses are well-equipped for winter conditions, and our drivers are trained to drive in all types of weather. We do know that it is safer for students to ride the bus than to drive themselves to school, so we encourage beginning drivers to take the bus when road conditions are poor.



Please have a plan in place in advance for your children for when schools are closed, delayed or released early. If schools are dismissed early, it is essential that parents have arranged for someone to be responsible when the children arrive home. In the event that you work away from home, select a "second home", such as a neighbor, where your children may stay until you arrive. **If you do not have a "second home", please inform your child's Principal, so that he/she can be kept at school until you are able to pick them up, or until other arrangements can be made. In the event of an early dismissal, parent should inform the school office if they wish to come get their child at school.**

If the decision is made to close schools, that information is given to the media, so please tune in to your local TV or radio stations to be kept up-to-date. You will also be notified by telephone and e-mail through the Honeywell Instant Alert system, if you have provided accurate and current information to the schools.

# TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

## TITLE I, PART A , SECTION 1111 (H) (6) (A)

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Title I, Part A is a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving funds from this program, the District shall, at the beginning of each school year, notify the parents of children attending a Title I school that parents may request information available to them (regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher's). Upon written request, the District will provide the following information to the parents in a timely manner:

- Whether the teacher has met Washington State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Washington State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
  - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
  - Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
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## PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

From the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Policy 3207 Students). The District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, volunteers and patrons, free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any intentional written, verbal or physical act, including, but not limited to, one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080(3), (race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristics, when the intentional written, verbal or physical act:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property; or
  - Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; or
  - Is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening education environment; or
  - Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.
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## SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The District is committed to a positive and productive education and working environment, free from discrimination, including sexual harassment. The District prohibits sexual harassment of students, employees and others involved in District activities. RCW 28A.640.020 requires that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop regulations and guidelines to eliminate sex discrimination as it applies to public school employment, counseling and guidance services to students, recreational and athletic activities for students, access to course offerings, and in textbooks and instructional materials used by students. Mary Walker School District No. 207 is in compliance with all requirements, as mandated by State and Federal law.

# STUDENT RECORDS, DIRECTORY INFORMATION, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

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Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, it is the policy of Mary Walker School District No. 207 to annually notify parents, guardians or adult-age students (18 years of age or older) that they have the right of access to student records, to re-request corrections of or amendments to such records, and to appeal any refusal of a request to change or amend such records.

Student records will not be released without the consent of the student's parent/guardian or that of the adult-age student, except as provided by law or District policy. Specifically, directory information, as defined by District Policy No. 3231, and requests for records (from schools where students have transferred) will be released by the District without written consent.

An example of a non-profit entity that requests such information is the United States military. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications. **If you do not want any information released** to any and all such non-profit organizations, **or if you do not wish to have your child's image appear in a photograph, videotape, film or slide, please notify your child's school in writing.** This written request can be placed on file at any time during the school year. Inquiries regarding compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be directed to either:

Jerry Dyar  
Mary Walker High School  
PO Box 159  
Springdale, WA 99173  
(509) 258-4717

~ or ~

Scott Schell  
Springdale Elementary/Middle School  
PO Box 159  
Springdale, WA 99173  
(509) 258-4726

I (check one box please)  do  do not want directory information on my student released.

PRINTED name of student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE)

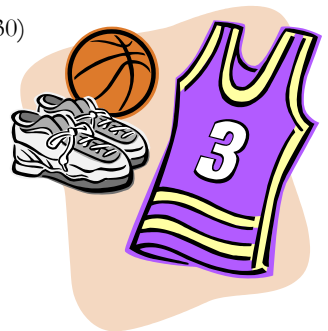
**Please complete, sign and return this form if you have not already done so this school year.**

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# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Depart Time</u>
12/3	Selkirk	Selkirk	3:00	12:30
12/6	Hunters	Hunters	4:00	2:30
<b>12/9</b>	<b>Liberty</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
12/13	Kettle Falls	Kettle Falls	4:30	2:30
<b>12/16</b>	<b>Ritzville</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
12/17	Reardan	Reardan	3:00	1:15
<b>12/20</b>	<b>Davenport</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
12/22	Chewelah	Chewelah	3:00	1:45
<b>12/30</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
1/3	NWC	NWC	3:00	1:30
1/7	St. George	St. George	4:30	3:15
1/13	Liberty	Liberty	3:00	1:30
<b>1/14</b>	<b>Colfax</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>1/17</b>	<b>St. George</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
1/20	Ritzville	LIND	3:00	12:30
<b>1/24</b>	<b>Kettle Falls</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
1/27	Davenport	Davenport	4:30	2:00
<b>1/28</b>	<b>Reardan</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>
2/3	Colfax	Colfax	3:00	1:00
<b>2/7</b>	<b>NWC</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>3:00*</b>	<b>NA</b>

\* JV Start Time (Varsity Start Times are 5:45 and 7:30)



# HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Depart Time</u>
12-7-2011	Newport Match	6:00	3:30
12-10-2011	Liberty Tournament	10:00	5:30
12-16/17-2011	Tri-State	10:00	TBA
12-17-2011	Springdale Tournament	9:30	NA
12-20-2011	League @ Lake Roosevelt	10:00	7:30
12-22-2011	Tri-County Classes @ CV	9:30	6:00
12-27-2011	Rogers Tournament	10:00	8:00
12-29-2011	Freeman Tournament	10:00	5:45
1-7-2012	ACH Tournament	10:00	5:45
1-14-2012	Selkirk Tournament	10:00	TBA
1-18-2012	Kettle Falls Match	6:00	3:15
1-21-2012	Dream Duals @ EV	10:00	TBA
1-28-2012	League @ Republic	10:00	6:00
2-4-2012	North League @ Lake Roosevelt		10:00 Friday
2-10/11-2012	Regionals @ Kittitas	TBA	TBA
2-16/17/18/19-2012	STATE @ Tacoma	10:00	8:30 the 16th



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER ~ JERRY DYAR

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More and more, getting ready for a good future means continuing your education after high school in 4-year colleges, two-year career and technical colleges, apprenticeships, military training programs, or on-the-job training. There are many options. For seniors this is the time to make sure you have a good plan for next year.

December and January is an important time for seniors who plan to go to college whether universities or community colleges. There are two main things to accomplish:

1. Complete your college applications ~ the earlier the better;
2. Complete your financial aid forms.

We will provide support for both of these activities.

A great goal is to have the applications done by December. (Be sure to check for application deadlines. Some universities have earlier deadlines, such as the University of Washington: December 1st.) The financial aid forms ideally should be done by February 1. This is especially important if your student is enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship which pays full tuition at any public college or university in Washington. All students are better off getting the financial aid forms by February also. Some aid money is given first come, first served.

We are working on dates for one or more Financial Aid Nights in January. I am also available to help with any questions you may have about applying and paying for college and will gladly schedule a meeting when it's convenient for you. Call me at 258-4533 or send an e-mail to me at: [jdylar@marywalker.org](mailto:jdylar@marywalker.org).

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## 7TH THRU 12TH GRADE ~ MATT COBB

We had a successful College Open House Night and our Homecoming Week was awesome! Please check our web site for up-to-date school calendars and other pertinent information, including:



**Family Access:** You check your child's grades, class assignments, attendance, and more. For more information, or to sign up for access, please contact the High School office

at 258-4533 or go online. If you already have your access information, follow the online link for Skyward Family and Student Access.

**High School Student Handbook:** Please take a few minutes to review this important document.

**Absentee Line ~ 323-1029:** Use this service to notify the school anytime your child is going to be absent. You can also contact the school if you would like a refrigerator magnet for easy access to the Absentee Line number!





# HOLIDAY RESOURCE LIST

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## Rural Resources – [www.ruralresources.org](http://www.ruralresources.org)

(energy, cash, food, telephone, housing and employment assistance)  
956 S Main Street ~ Colville, WA 99114  
509-684-3932

## Mission Outreach – [www.4mission.org](http://www.4mission.org)

(assistance with clothing, blankets, holiday gifts, school supplies etc. ; emphasis on infant care and provide folic acid, car seats, formula and diapers; open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm to 4:00pm)  
1906 E Mission Avenue ~ Spokane, WA 99202

## Salvation Army –

[www.salvationarmyspokane.org](http://www.salvationarmyspokane.org)

(rent, clothing, furniture, Life Skills classes, food)

204 E Indiana Avenue ~ Spokane, WA 99207  
509-325-6821

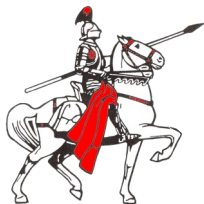
**Chewelah Food Bank – 509-935-6204**

**Hunters Food Bank – 509-722-3568**

**Loon Lake Food Pantry –**

509-233-8450 or 509-258-9356

**Valley Food Pantry –** (open Mondays from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at the Grange)  
3091 Waitts Lake Road ~ Valley, WA 99181



Please visit Mary Walker School District's web site for the latest school-related news, sports schedules, breakfast and lunch menus, and other upcoming events. Now you can follow us on Facebook ... just click on the "LIKE" button in the 'Headlines' section of our web site.

**[www.marywalker.org](http://www.marywalker.org)**

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## HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Houston Edwards and Carrie Martushoff, respectively.

Some of the cheerleaders that kept up our spirits during the game ~ we came in 2nd place!



# COMMUNITY-MINDEDNESS & INVOLVEMENT

## Chopper Landing

Occasionally, our school grounds serve as a landing pad for emergency services to effect an airlift of a community member in need of immediate medical attention. As you can see, our students are kept out of harm's way during any landing/take-off procedure. We are happy to report that our neighbor returned home after a brief hospital stay.

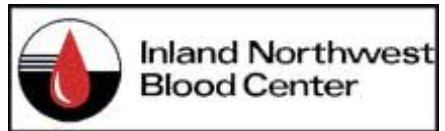


## Blood Drive

We are having our blood drive on Monday, November 28th (11:30 – 2:00). Donations have dropped significantly in the past few years. Our goal is to have so many appointments that the Inland Northwest Blood Center will have to extend their time here. We really need community support in our effort to collect blood for the

Inland Northwest Blood Center. When we donate blood, it stays in the Inland Northwest to provide blood for the local hospitals.

Making an appointment is a quick time-saver in providing this valuable service. Please call Wendi Lind at 509-258-4734 to set-up an appointment. Or, you can visit INBC's web site: [www.inbc2.org](http://www.inbc2.org).



## Literacy Project

Deer Park Rotary completed its 5th year of their Literacy Project. The Deer Park Literacy Project delivers books to five (5) school districts in our area: Loon Lake, Riverside, Valley, Deer Park and Mary Walker. Each student in K-2 receives a new book to keep, that is their very own. The Rotary members deliver the books to the students and allow the students to choose their own book. The children love this: their own book AND the opportunity to choose! Thank you, Deer Park Rotary, for your continued support of our students.



# PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE ~ SCOTT SCHELL

## A GREAT START TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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Springdale Elementary students have enthusiastically and successfully launched into a new school year as we head into the holiday season.

The start of the new school year has been a busy one with all staff rising up to the challenge of effectively meeting the educational and safety needs of all students in an era of budget reductions and less personnel.

In the beginning of the year, staff met to design a safe and well-supervised recess program. They also met to examine the appropriate placement of each student in every classroom. The number of students in each classroom was adjusted by the creation of combination classes, where needed.

Mark Edwards, a teacher and coach at the high school last year, enthusiastically agreed, and effectively transferred, to a new combination 1<sup>st</sup>-/2<sup>nd</sup>-grade classroom. Nancy Howard, a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher last year, approached her new assignment in kindergarten with high professional regard, as did Melissa Talley, greeting a kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup>-grade combination.

Margie Walters returned as a veteran 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher, as did Darci Zollman in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade. Nina Welch took the reins of the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade class, and Becky Gearhart welcomed with open arms another 5<sup>th</sup>-grade class. Don Gilmore, out of the district on leave until after Christmas, moved from kindergarten last year to a combination 4<sup>th</sup>-/5<sup>th</sup>-grade class, and was replaced by veteran substitute teacher Cindy Meyers. Leslie Sulgrove, teaching at the middle school level last year, welcomed 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>- through 6<sup>th</sup>-grade classes are all part of our effective AVID Elementary Program in its first year.

Our three- and four-year-old pre-schoolers are taught for the first time this year by Margaret Presho, who taught 1<sup>st</sup>-grade last year, and is assisted by Lori Newell. Dani Schurger, Kim Dixon and Lisa Bertie resumed their good work with four- and five-year-old pre-schoolers.

Special services teachers Carol Kennedy and Mary Sulgrove returned to help coordinate and teach the Early Intervention, Title, Special Education and Walk-to-Intervention Programs. Lindsey Griffith started her first year as our elementary counselor from the Educational Service District, while Speech and Language Therapist Nancy Danner and Librarian Penny Petrina again returned with vigorous programs. PE teacher Hugh Franks spends part of his time in the classroom as well as teaching in the gym this year. Nurse Jill Drew is back for two days a week also.

All of our teachers are assisted by several excellent Title and Special Education Classroom Instructional Assistants (para-educators), including Karen Swidergal, Carol Glass, Amy Buche, Dee Dee Buche, Marianne Spurgeon, Michele Mangis, Angie Rose, Jaymi Stricker, Stephanie McCrea, Shannon Norris, Tracey Hilpert, Tamra O'Malley, Holly Kohlstedt, Kristi Durgeloh and Amy Hegel. Tammy Ward keeps everything in line from her K-8 Office Manager position and is assisted at times by Ms. Newell.

Promoting our excellent educational programs has been the privilege of our teachers and staff during the wonderful celebrations and events that have come our way already, including Grandparents Day, Open House, Halloween, the Veterans' Day Assembly, Thanksgiving and Parent-Teacher Conferences, to name a few.

We look forward to continued excellence and improved student academic performance into 2012.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK ~ KEVIN JACKA

## School Board Meeting Day / Time Changes

Due to a change in the day and time of the Mary Walker School District's Board meetings, the following legal notice was printed and posted locally:

### NOTICE

Let it be publicly known to all that Mary Walker School District No. 207 (Springdale, Stevens County, WA) will hold the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., in the Library located at Mary Walker High School, Springdale, WA. If you require any reasonable accommodation to enable you to attend and/or participate, please contact the District Office 72 hours prior to the meeting. Any inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to: Kevin Jacka, Superintendent, Mary Walker School District No. 207 (509-258-4534).

## MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207

P.O. Box 159 ~ 500 N. 4th Street  
Springdale, WA 99173-0159

*District Superintendent ~ Kevin Jacka*

*(509) 258-4534*

*Principal (7th to 12th) ~ Matt Cobb*

*(509) 258-4533*

*Principal (Pre-K to 6th) ~ Scott Schell*

*(509) 258-7357*

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General Delivery

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 19th - 30th ~ No School, Winter Break
- January 16th ~ No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 23rd ~ No School, Teacher In-service
- January 24th ~ End of 2nd Quarter
- February 17th ~ No School *or* Snow Day Make-up
- February 20th ~ No School, President's Day
- March 16th ~ No School, Consortium Day
- March 28th - 30th ~ Early Release, Conferences

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