



Science Students Participate in Re-vegetation Project

On Wednesday, October 17th seven students and Mr. Kiefer departed the high school at 7:00 a.m. headed for Keller Campground to participate in a project in conjunction with the National Park Service.

We arrived at Keller Campground at 9:00 a.m., and met with Janice Elvidge, the Lake Roosevelt National Park Service Educational Specialist, and students from Wilbur School District. After a one mile nature hike we discussed several of the sights, sounds, and smells student groups recorded along the way.

At the project site we met with botanists who discussed the loss of natural vegetation and why it is important for the types of animals the habitat in the area of Keller Campground should support. After the discussion we observed a demonstration on how to plant bitter brush, the type of natural vegetation being reintroduced to the area. Together with several groups of students from Wilbur,

we planted bitter brush for about 3 hours.

From this project we learned that bitter brush, along with preplanted natural grasses, is an important type of vegetation for sources of both food and cover to several important animal species. The wildlife include mule deer, rabbits, field mice, and sage grouse, just to name a few of the key animal species of focus.

The project was hard work, but we all had fun. We finished the day with some new knowledge about a local habitat, as well as great sense of accomplishment and teamwork. It was a super day!!



Mark Your Calendar

- October 31st ~ End of 1st Quarter
- November 7th, 8th, & 9th ~ Early Release for Parent Conferences
- November 12th ~ No School, Veteran's Day
- **November 20th ~ Board Meeting - Please note this change of date**
- November 21st ~ Early Release
- November 22nd & 23rd ~ No School, Thanksgiving Break
- December 19th ~ Early Release
- December 20th - January 2nd ~ No School, Winter Break

News from Mrs. Henjum ~ K-8

Parent-Teacher Conferences Coming Up: November 7-8!

In the next two weeks you will hear from your child's teacher in regards to Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an exciting time for the teachers, as well as for the children who will be sharing their work. Every parent with a child in the elementary/middle school will be invited to a conference. This is different from last year, especially for our middle school students. Due to the district adopting Navigation 101, which is a middle school advisory program, all students are learning how to set goals and prepare for high school through small group discussions. I look forward to seeing all of you during conference time!



Cold and Flu Season

As we head deep into the fall and winter months, it is more than obvious that cold and flu season is upon us. Due to the change in weather, please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Symptoms we have seen related to the flu or your basic cold are: high fevers, aches, runny nose, and constant trips to the restroom, dry mouth and restlessness. Vita-

min C and lots of sleep will help ward off any future colds or flu symptoms. Let's help keep the flu and cold season away!

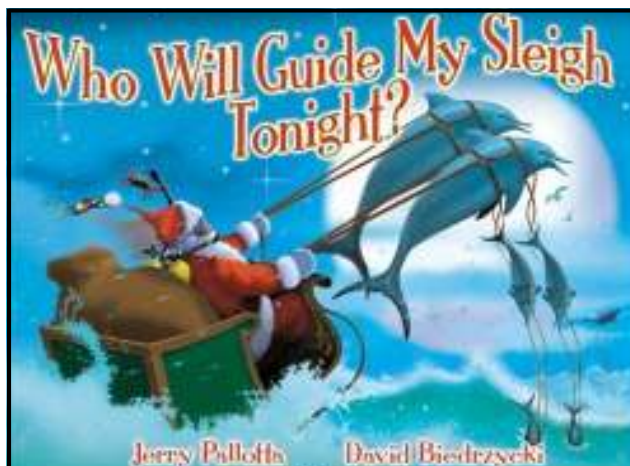
WASL Celebration on November 20th at 7:00.

In honor of those students who passed all sections of the WASL, there will be a celebration at the November board meeting. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium at 7:00 on **Tuesday**, November 20th. Invitations will be sent out to those who passed all sections at their grade level. This is a great photo opportunity, so bring the whole family for this event!

World Famous Author to Visit Springdale Elementary/Middle School

On November 5th Jerry Pallotta will visit our Spring-

dale Elementary/Middle School! For those of you who don't know who Jerry is, he is famous for writing alphabet books, mathematic books and a few science books. Jerry is going to be the featured author at the Whitworth Writing Rally which takes place on Saturday, November 3rd at Whitworth University. We are very excited to be only 1 of 3 schools to host Jerry. His day will start at 8:00 with the entire staff receiving a personal one-on-one visit, then off to classrooms in grades PreK-6. Our students will get to have first hand experience from a very successful children's author. We will have Jerry's books for sale throughout the week in the office. If you would like to purchase a book, please see the form in the office. Payment will be needed at the time of book selection.



COWS in our Classrooms? Yes indeed!

Hello, my name is Alex and I am in Mrs. Peone's 5th grade class. We have "COWs" in our classroom. Not the real cows! COWs means "computers on wheels." They are laptops that we use in our classroom. Our class is writing to the VFW with the COWs.

The essays that we are writing are for the VFW contest. Our topic is about who our favorite hero is and why



they are our hero. I am writing about my mom. She's a firefighter on the Spokane Indian Reservation. She is my hero because she fights fires to save our land, people, houses, and wildlife. I enjoy using the COWs to write about my hero.

We are also using the laptops to write our October newsletters. There are different kinds



of topics to write about: the food drive, books for kids in need, math, *Tom Sawyer*, and *Henry and Ribsby*.

Henry and Ribsby was a good book. I am also going to use the COWs to type my other article which is *Henry and Ribsby*.

Now we don't have to go to the computer lab. We use COWs in our classroom. Yea, for COWs!

News from the High School

Student Led Conferences

The high school will continue to do Student-Led Conferences this year on Nov. 7, 8, & 9. Students have been working on this during their advisory classes and will be sharing their goals and accomplishments with their parents. This type of conferences allows the students to take the lead in talking about their school experiences and plans for the future. Students are responsible to make the appointments with their parents and teachers. The Student-Led Conferences are a significant part of their advisory grade for the first semester. We look forward to see-

ing you at conference time!

College Preparation Help for Seniors

Senior year is a stressful time. Like all high school students, seniors are working hard to meet graduation requirements and many are taking very challenging classes. On top of this, they are making plans for what to do after graduation. For most, this means continuing their education either in a university or vocational or technical college.

To help students get organized for life after high school, we are offering spe-

cial times during the school day when they can receive assistance. Every Wednesday from now through January, seniors will be able to seek help and guidance completing college applications, finding scholarships, and applying for financial aid. This extra time and assistance will help to set them on the road for a good future.

We are very interested in answering questions that parents have about college and post-secondary planning. Please call the high school counselor, Jerry Dyar, at 258-4534 or send e-mail inquiries to jdylar@mwsd.k12.wa.us.

2007-2008 Charger's Wrestling Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Start	Depart
Saturday	12/01/07	ACH Tournament	10:00	7:00
Thursday	12/06/07	Riverside	5:00	NA
Saturday	12/08/07	Ritzville	1:00	10:00
Friday	12/14/07	Tri-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
Saturday	12/15/07	Tri-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
Saturday	12/15/07	Springdale Tournament	10:00	NA
Friday	12/21/07	CV Tournament	10:00	6:15
*Friday	12/28/07	Oroville	4:00	NA
Saturday	12/29/07	Riverside Tournament	10:00	6:45
*Wednesday	01/09/08	Republic vs. Pateros/Liberty	1:00	9:00
Saturday	01/12/08	Liberty	10:00	6:00
Saturday	01/19/08	Pateros Tournament	10:00	5:00
*Wednesday	01/23/08	WCK	6:00	2:45
*Saturday	01/26/08	ACH	11:00	8:30
Saturday	02/02/08	N. League Tourney @ Republic	10:00	TBA
Friday	02/08/08	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
Saturday	02/09/08	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
Thur - Sun	02/14 - 02/17	State Tournament in Tacoma	TBA	12:30

*League Matches



2007 Mid School Wrestling Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Start	Depart
Tuesday	11/13/07	Lakeside	4:00	2:30
Thursday	11/15/07	League	4:00	NA
Tuesday	11/20/07	Deer Park	4:00	2:45
Thursday	11/29/07	Wellpinit	4:00	2:45
Thursday	12/06/07	Liberty	4:00	2:15
Monday	12/10/07	Davenport	4:00	2:30
Friday	12/14/07	Reardan ~ Northeast B League MS Jamboree	4:00	2:00

Schedules are subject to change ~ please visit www.marywalker.org for the latest information.

2007-2008 Charger's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Start	Depart
Friday	11/30/07	CD'A (boys only)	4:00	NA
*Tuesday	12/04/07	Hunters	4:15	2:30
*Friday	12/07/07	Rosalia	4:15	NA
Saturday	12/08/07	St. George	3:00	1:00
*Tuesday	12/11/07	St. Michael's	4:15	2:30
Friday	12/14/07	Selkirk	4:15	NA
Saturday	12/15/07	Wellpinit	3:00	1:15
Tuesday	12/18/07	Republic	4:15	NA
Thursday	12/20/07	Hunters	4:15	NA
*Saturday	12/22/07	Cusick (girls only)	4:00	NA
**Friday	12/28/07	Rosalia Tournament	3:00	12:00
**Saturday	12/29/07	Rosalia Tournament	3:00	12:00
Friday	01/04/08	St. Michael's	4:15	NA
Saturday	01/05/08	Curlew	3:00	12:15
Tuesday	01/08/08	Cusick	4:15	2:00
Friday	01/11/08	Inchelium	4:15	1:45
Saturday	01/12/08	Northport	3:00	NA
Tuesday	01/15/08	St. George	4:15	NA
Tuesday	01/22/08	Selkirk	4:15	1:30
Friday	01/25/08	Wellpinit	4:15	NA
Saturday	01/26/08	Republic	3:00	12:30

*Non-league games

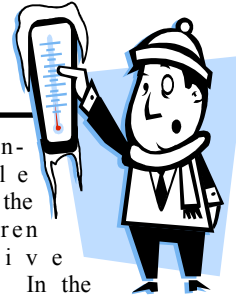
**Two day tournament, all teams get 2 games. Game times are 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, & 7:30



2007 Mid School Girl's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Start	Depart
Thursday	11/01/07	Hunters	3:30	NA
Thursday	11/08/07	Wellpinit	3:30	2:00
Tuesday	11/13/07	Inchelium	3:30	NA
Thursday	11/15/07	Selkirk	3:30	1:15
Monday	11/19/07	Cusick	3:30	2:00
Monday	11/26/07	Valley	3:30	NA
Thursday	11/29/07	Hunters	3:30	2:00
Thursday	12/06/07	Wellpinit	3:30	NA
Monday	12/10/07	Inchelium	3:30	1:30
Thursday	12/13/07	Valley	3:30	2:45

Preparing For Winter Weather



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 the Mary Walker School District No. 207 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 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 kinds 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 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 the principal so that your children 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, parents should inform the school office if they wish to come get their children at school.

If the decision is 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.

A Quick Note from Middle School Math

Math students at Springdale Middle School are currently busy reviewing concepts learned in previous years while at the same time working with new concepts. All classes are participating in a "9 square" review each day. In a booklet they created, they work nine review problems as an entry task each math period. We correct them to-

gether then go on to learning new content.

The seventh grade students have just finished a unit on graphing and are starting in the new Springboard Middle School Mathematics II books.



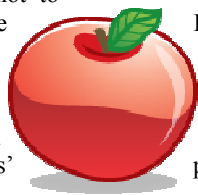
The eighth grade students have been working on creating histograms and box plots. They worked in groups to create posters that are displayed in the hallway. Come down and take a look.

We will be sharing individual plans for helping students improve their math scores at conferences.

News from Mrs. Talley's 2nd Grade

A Field Trip's Small Moments

A small moment in writing is when an author takes on a subject, but only writes about a small piece of time on that subject. For instance, the second graders took a field trip to Hidden Acres in Greenbluff. When they wrote about their experiences during the field trip, they were instructed not to write about the whole day, but to pick a specific event or time and only write about that. Below, you will read three different students' "small moments."



The Corn Maze

By Randy

I liked the corn field that they made a maze out of. I went into a dead end a few times. Then I told the people behind me. Then they went the other way. Then we got out.

Apple Picking

By Andee

I love apples but only red ones because the green ones are sour and gross! So I picked a red apple.

But then it fell. So I had to pick another one. Then I ate it. It was delish! So it was fun. I love picking apples!

The Pumpkin

By Leighanna

I was picking a pumpkin. I picked the skinniest pumpkin. Then Ms. Talley took my picture. It was fun. I was running to get the perfect pumpkin. When I picked it I was so happy. Then I put my name on it. I had fun.

News from Mr. Gilmore's K-5 Science Classes

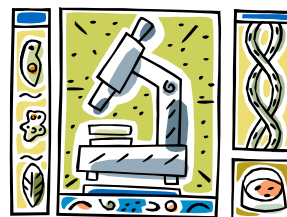
It's hard to believe that another month has gone by and the first quarter is nearly over. We're making great progress at all grade levels in science. Some of the science challenges that the children have turned in are incredible! Can you believe a 3rd grade girl and a 4th grade boy actually learned how to weld just to make their project? They are on display in my display case so stop by and take a look if you get a chance.

Below is a grade breakdown clearly showing what students are learning in grades K-5:

- Kindergarten is learning about their body systems, eating healthy, and cleanliness.
- First graders are learning about the earth and its layers.
- Second graders are learning the excretory system.
- Third grade is learning astronomy and the solar system.
- Fourth grade will be learning the circulatory system.
- Fifth grade will be learning about cell structures and processes.

The next science challenge will be to design something that will measure time using water. For ideas I suggest doing a search on the internet.

Please feel free to drop into the class anytime you would like and see the exciting things that the kids are learning.



News from the Superintendent

As fall is officially underway and the weather is changing, remember to talk to your children about safety. With the mornings and evenings getting shorter and children out playing and waiting for the bus at dawn and dusk, visibility is greatly reduced for drivers. Our concern for students is always "Safety First".

The Mary Walker School Board has worked diligently at improving the educational opportunities for all students in the District. The Board record has been outstanding in providing for the improvement of learning with the addition of College Prep Advanced Placement classes in English, History, Math, Science, and Art in the High School; Pre AP classes in 5th-8th grades in the areas of Springboard Math and Eng-

lish; the addition of the Laser Science program in K-5, and the Core Knowledge sequence in the Elementary School. In order to continue the positive growth we are experiencing, the Board needs input from the community. We encourage you to talk with them and share ideas.

Please note that the November Board Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 20th!

Kevin Jacka
Superintendent

