BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ~ 2018-2019



MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207

School Starts Aug. 29th!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August

- 9th: Fall Sports ~ Parent Meeting ~ Includes High School Football Practice Schedule and Discussion (6:00pm; Auditorium)
- 14th: Preschool thru 8th Grade Registration Begins
- 14th 16th: High School Registration (9:00am 3:00pm)
- 27th: Teacher In-Service Day
- 27th: Back-to-School Open House (5:30pm - 6:15pm Dinner in the Cafeteria; 6:15pm - 7:00pm Information Sharing, Registration Schedules, Classroom Visits)
- 28th: Staff Orientation
- 29th: First Day of School (1st thru 12th Grade)
- 31st: Early-Release (12:40pm; AND every Friday, unless otherwise notified)

September

- 3rd: No School (Labor Day)
- 4th: First Day of School (Preschool and Kindergarten)

<u>October</u>

• 31st: First Quarter Ends

November

- 12th: No School (Veteran's Day)
- 20th 21st: No School (All-day Conferences)
- 22nd 23rd: No School (Thanksgiving Break)

<u>December</u>

• 20th - January 1st: No School (Winter Break (classes resume Jan. 2nd)

<u>Please Note</u>: All schedules are accurate at the time of this printing, but are subject to change.



REGISTRATION SCHEDULES

Preschool

Mary Walker's Preschool will again offer a limited number (9) of ECEAP slots to qualifying students (youngsters ages 3 - 5 who have identified disabilities; other students can also attend, for a small monthly fee. Please call the Elementary School office (258-7357) for more information, or if you have questions. Testing will begin when school starts.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Registration for new students in Springdale Elementary / Middle School (Kindergarten through 8th Grade) will begin Mon., August 14th in the Elementary / Middle School office. Returning students do not need to re-register.

Students registering for Kindergarten must be 5-years-old on or before August 31, 2018, and the parent or legal guardian will need to bring current immunization information and a birth certificate, or other legal proof of age, for each new student. Returning students must update registration information and immunization information. Any student entering 6th Grade is required by law to have a second MMR immunization and will need to bring proof of such immunization.

9th - 12th Grade

Mary Walker High School will be hosting student registration for Fall classes for in-coming students on August 14th, 15th and 16th (9:00am - 3:00pm).

Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to sign the class schedules and update any registration information, such as immunization records, etc. There will be some classes that fill up quicker than others, so it is important that ALL students register on these days!

STUDENT TRANSFERS

Students transferring into, or out of, the school district must apply to do so <u>before</u> the start of school. Washington schools cannot accept students who are not residents, nor transfer students who are not residents, without necessary paperwork being completed. Parents should file these papers with their resident school district as soon as possible. Visit our <u>website</u> or call the District Office (258-4534) for <u>request forms and/or additional information</u>. <u>Note</u>: Because transfers are valid for one school year only, a new application must be completed and submitted each year, for each student.



PRESCHOOL SCREENING

If you have concerns about your Preschool child's development, Mary Walker School District provides free developmental screenings in the areas of speech, language, motor skills, hearing, social and learning skills. We provide Preschool and other therapies at no charge for children between the ages of birth to 5-years-old who qualify as being developmentally delayed. To schedule a screening for a child between these ages (birth to 5-years-old), call Mary Walker School District and leave your name and number; you will be contacted after school starts in the Fall. After school starts, contact Edwina Hargrave (258-4726) or Carol Kennedy (258-4780).

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT INFORMATION TABLE (TITLE I / IDEA-B)

Mary Walker School District's Special Education Department, as part of the District's "Special Education Policies and Procedures," hosts a "Parent Information" table located in the Elementary School building, just inside Room 74. As before, and according to law, "Any application and any required policies, procedures, evaluations, plans, and reports will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public through the District's Special Education Department and Superintendent offices."

All parents are invited to review information related to the identification of students with disabilities in need of special services. Information is included on specific disabilities, on agency and parent support groups, and on trainings available to parents and educators. Also included for your review are Mary Walker's Special Education Policy and Procedures, Washington State's Rules for the Provision of Special Education to Special Education Students (Chapter 392-172 WAC), Notice of Procedural Safeguards for Special Education Students and Their Families, Consolidated Program Review from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (2001), and Federal Fund Grant Applications for Special Education IDEA-B and Section 619 Funding.

Also, parents may review information regarding "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)" and "The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)" as those policies relate to student records.

The Special Education Department embraces an open door, "Public Participation" policy (contained in the Special Education Policies and Procedures manual), and encourages parents, at anytime, to provide input and planning ideas to the Special Services Director with the goal of improving the effectiveness of the Special Education program. Any parent can set-up a meeting with the Special Services Director, Edwina Hargrave (258-4726), to: refer any student for a special education evaluation; have any question(s) answered; review any application or procedure; or to provide an opinion or suggestion as to how to improve the effectiveness of the Special Education program.

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Springdale Elementary and Middle Schools are school-wide Title I schools. Parents of children in Title I schools may request information about the qualifications of their child's teachers. The following information may be provided to parents upon request:

Parents' Right

- State qualification and licensing requirements for grade levels and subject areas.
- Emergency or other provisional status where licensing criteria is waived.
- Baccalaureate degree major and any other graduate certification or degree.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO INCLUDE INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Beginning in September of 2009, Mary Walker School District, along with all other districts in Washington State, began participating in early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have disabilities. The law now requires the Special Education Department to expand its search for children ("Child Find") with disabilities to include birth to 3-years-old, referred to as Part C under the Federal "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" (IDEA). Previously, districts were only required to identify and serve children with disabilities ages 3 through 21, referred to as Part B under IDEA.

Part B has required school districts to identify, assess and provide "Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)" to children who may qualify under one of several categories, including: developmental delay, mental retardation, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, specific learning disability, autism, emotional-behavioral disorder and others. Services can include: speech-language therapy, physical therapy, specialized instruction directed by a certified Special Education teacher, and other services and accommodations deemed necessary by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, which includes the parents.

Part C does not require the districts to be the sole provider of services or to provide FAPE, as in Part B. It does, however, require district Special Education personnel to work with the County's Family Resource Coordinator (FRC), whose responsibility it is to see that families and providers work together. Children in this age bracket, birth to 3-years-old, have an Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) rather than an IEP. Required services are not only paid for by State Special Education funding, similar to Part B, but also through the family's private insurance, Medicaid when the child is eligible, or some other funding source coordinated by the FRC.

Anyone can now refer any child suspected of a developmental delay or other disability, ages birth through 21-years-old, for evaluation to Mary Walker School District's Special Education Department. Contact Edwina Hargrave, Special Services Director (258-4726), Carol Kennedy, the Special Education Department's Administrative Assistant (258-4780), or Scott Scholl, our School Psychologist (258-7357), for assistance.



HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION

In compliance with Washington State law, parents providing home-based instruction to their children must file a statement annually with their resident school district. Forms are available at the District Office and on our website. The statement must be filed by September 15, 2018, or within two weeks of the beginning of the school quarter, trimester or semester. It should include the name and grade of the child being home-schooled and whether or not the home-based

instruction will be supervised by someone with a teaching certificate. Parents living in this school district can file the annual statement with the District Office weekdays between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm.

CHILD FIND

Mary Walker School District provides many programs at no cost. We offer special programs such as speech therapy, physical therapy, Title I, LAP, Special Education, academic programs and Preschool classes to children at least 3-years-old. Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability are also available at no cost for persons up to 21-years-old. For further information, contact our Special Education Department (258-7357).

McKinney-Vento Act (Homeless / Migrant Students)



Mary Walker School District, and all school districts in Stevens County, WA, have programs to assist homeless and migrant worker students and their families. The program's purpose is to help these students to be successful in school and reduce the barriers to enrollment in school. Homeless students include children living in homeless shelters, any student who does not have a steady place of residence (or lives in a temporary residence), those living in inadequate housing, and/or students who are runaways or throwaways. Migrant workers are defined as any students

who travel out of the area to work. If you are interested in receiving more information about this program, please contact Tracey Hilpert (258-4749).

Non-Discrimination (Title IX / 504 / ADA)

Mary Walker School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator & Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Jocelynn Medenwaldt, School Counselor (258-4717, imedenwaldt@marywalker.org); and Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Edwina Hargrave, PK-5 Principal & Special Services Director (258-7357, ehargrave@marywalker.org).

Drug-Free Workplace

Mary Walker School District No. 207 recognizes its responsibility to maintain a drug-free workplace; therefore, no employee engaged in work shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use on or in any district building, premises, assigned work location, vehicle, or activity, any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, and/or any other controlled substance or alcohol.

Each employee shall abide by the terms of this policy respecting a drug-free workplace. Any employee who violates the terms of this policy may be suspended, discharged or non-renewed in accordance with the provisions of board policy and State law. An employee may be required to satisfactorily complete a drug rehabilitation or treatment program approved by the Superintendent (or designee), at the employee's expense. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to guarantee reinstatement of any employee who violates this policy, nor does Mary Walker School District incur any financial obligation for treatment or rehabilitation ordered as a condition of reinstatement.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT AGAINST A SCHOOL DISTRICT

(OR OTHER SCHOOL SERVICE PROVIDER)

A citizen complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of a federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that applies to a federal program.

- •Anyone can file a citizen complaint.
- •There is no special form.
- •There is no need to know the law that governs a federal program to file a complaint.

An overview of the citizen complaint process is described fully in Chapter 392-168 WAC, Special Service Programs - Citizen Complaint Procedure for Certain Categorical Federal Programs. This WAC can be found online at: (http://www.apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=392-168).

STUDENTS STILL CONTINUE TO EAT FREE IN 2018-2019

Once again, all enrolled Mary Walker School District (MWSD) students will eat for free this school year! Several years ago, we were approved by the State of Washington for "Provisional 2" — which means free breakfast and lunch meals for all District students, regardless of family income! Extra milk, "second meal", extra juice, etc., will continue to be available to students for an additional charge. Our District follows the nutritional guidelines set forth by Federal and State agencies. Mary Walker School District's Cafeteria staff continue to provide students with nutritious and delicious breakfast and lunch offerings. In Washington State, funding for state education programs uses individual student free and reduced price information. Schools participating in Provision 2 (that's us) will need to implement an alternate method to collect this data annually — meaning that we still need you to please complete and return the Family Income Survey that will be coming home with your student(s) the first few days of school.

Our breakfast and lunch meals continue to meet USDA requirements and will once again be offered free to each enrolled student from the first day of school. Since the District met the State's criteria for Provisional 2 for the 2011-2012 school year, and has since applied for and received an extension, we are able to continue to provide free meals to students — through the 2018-2019 school year. The monthly meal menu will continue to be available at the school offices so that parents can plan their child(ren)'s meal choices. The current month's lunch offerings can also be found online by visiting our website. If you have any questions, please contact the MWSD Cafeteria (258-4731). Please be sure to notify — in writing — the School Nurse and our Cafeteria staff of any food allergy your child is subject to.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's
 education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to
 provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is
 impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may
 charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - ♦ School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - ♦ Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - ♦ Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - ♦ Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - ♦ Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - ♦ Accrediting organizations;
 - ♦ To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - ♦ Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - ♦ State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of



time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information, call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (voice). Individuals who use TTY may call 1-800-877-8339. Or, you may contact us at: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-8520.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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District 2 ~ Jim Scott

District 3 ~ Amy Roy

District 4 ~ Justyn Turner

District 5 ~ Diana Beckman (Vice-Chair)

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Rick Winters, Superintendent Matthew Cobb, 6th-12th Principal Edwina Hargrave, PK-5th Principal & Special Services Director

Schools

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SPRINGDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ann Bingham, Secretary Phone: 258-4790

MARY WALKER HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT OFFICE

Sue McIsaac, Director of Business Services & Food Services Director Tracey Hilpert, Executive Asst. Tina Holsten, Executive Asst. Cathy Konzal, Payroll/Acctg. Specialist Phone: 258-4534

You're Invited!



The Mary Walker School District's Board of Directors meet in regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month, beginning at 6:30pm in the High School Library. Occasionally, Special Meetings are required to conduct the District's business — notices are typically published in *The Chewelah Independent* as well as being posted on our website, Facebook page and in local establishments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend these meetings.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Student insurance information is made available in the school enrollment packets provided to each student every year. In addition, enrollment forms are also available on the counters in each school building's office.

MARY WALKER HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The 'business' of school is education, and proper dress is an important responsibility we all must accept. The aim is not conformity, but good taste. Wearing clean clothes, neatly, is a reflection on your character and on the school. Student dress and personal appearance should not disrupt or distract from the learning environment.

Students who violate the dress code will not be allowed to attend classes until their apparel conforms to school standards.

The following items are **not** allowed:

- Skintight (form revealing), sagging, low-cut, suggestive see-through, or revealing clothing.
- Bare midriff tops (no midriff should be seen while standing or in the sitting posture) or short skirts/shorts (no more than 5" measured above mid-knee when kneeling). Note: Exception may be made for school athletic uniforms (i.e., cheerleading).
- Clothing or hats with writing and/or graphics that are obscene, profane or suggestive, indecent slogans, pictures that show violence or drug-related characters, or advertising alcohol, drugs or tobacco, are prohibited. Hats are not allowed to be worn in the classroom during school hours or during cafeteria use. Hats are not allowed during school assemblies in the gym or auditorium. Hats may be worn in the hallways during school hours and outdoors.
- Chains or other potentially dangerous items.
- Any gang-related clothing or symbols (i.e., bandanas, colors, etc.).
- Headgear (i.e., hats, caps, headbands, bandanas, hairnets, dew-rags, etc.) and sunglasses are not to be worn in class.
- Sleeveless muscle shirts, fishnet shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps (all sleeveless shirts must have 'four-finger' width at the shoulder), bike shorts, sleepwear, or undergarments.
- No sleepwear (i.e., flannel pajama pants, slippers, etc.).
- Any other attire or grooming that is perceived by the administration as being detrimental to the educational process will not be allowed (colored hair, face glitter, etc.).

VISITOR CHECK-IN

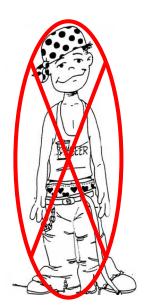
The administration and staff of the Mary Walker School District encourage you to visit our schools to see all the fun and exciting things we are doing. A gentle reminder, however, <u>all visitor's are required to check-in</u> at the individual school's main office when entering any of the District's school buildings, or at the District Office. This is a safety precaution for the protection of students and staff. You may be asked to wear a Visitor's Pass to confirm to school staff that you have indeed checked-in. Your cooperation is appreciated as we all work together to assure a safe environment for our students.



IMPORTANT SPORTS INFORMATION

Please contact Springdale Community Health Center (258-4234) or Loon Lake Community Health Center (233-8412) to ask about their free/and or low-fee sports physical dates and/or to schedule an appointment for a sports physical.

During registration at MWSD on Tuesday, August 14th (8:00am - 12:00pm/noon) Springdale Community Health Center will be available on-site to conduct <u>free</u> sports physicals for incoming students.



Mary Walker School District No. 207

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Monday – Thursday: (8:20am - 3:10pm) Friday: (8:20am – 12:40pm)

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August 2018

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September 2018

3 No School – Labor Day

November 2018

No School – Veterans' Day Observed
 20-21 Conferences (Full-Day)
 22-23 No School – Thanksgiving Break

December 2018

20-31 No School - Winter Break

January 2019

No School – New Year's Day
 No School – M.L. King, Jr. Day

February 2019

18 No School – Presidents' Day

March 2019

15 No School – Snow Day28-29 Conferences (Full-Day)

April 2019

1-5 No School - Spring Break

May 2019

No School – Snow DayNo School – Memorial Day

June 2019

7 Last Day of School

(180 Student Days 182 Staff Days)

~ Adopted April 16, 2018 by the Mary Walker School District No. 207 Board of Directors. ~

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SUPPLIES LISTS*



Springdale Elementary School: The supplies lists vary by teacher and grade level. You should receive a "Back to School" note from your child's teacher before the start of the school year. Information packets are also available in the District Office during the summer months.

Springdale Middle School students need the following supplies:

- Binder, 2-inch or larger
- College-ruled paper
- #2 pencils, or mechanical pencils and extra lead
- Blue or black ink pens
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (that catches the pencil shavings)
- 6-inch ruler (standard & metric)
- 3x3-inch sticky/post-it style notes
- Pencil pouch to hold all small items
- 6 non-spiral composition books
- USB flash drive
- Ear buds or headphones for personal use

Mary Walker High School students will need to begin school prepared with these items in their 3-inch binders:



Be sure to visit us soon at: www.marywalker.org

links and much more.

Or, if Facebook's your thing, visit us at:

Mary Walker School District's website

the latest

strives to provide

sports, lunch menus,

information on

upcoming school

events, community

www.facebook.com/marywalkersd.

Sorry, we still don't tweet, snap, etc.



* Lists may not be complete.

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