# MARY WALKER

2012

DECEMBER

# SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 207

# A YEAR IN SUMMARY

- Advanced Placement Grant: Chinese Language & Culture shared & taught at the High School.
- AVID (Decades of College Dreams): Mary Walker School District is a small, rural national pilot).

Fresh Fruit & Veggie Grant: Healthy (& free) after-lunch snacks.

- Drama Department / Plays: Under Jekyll's Hyde (Middle School) & There's a Circus in the House (High School).
- FFA Nationals / American FFA: 3rd award in 4 years. This is the top award an FFA student can earn; awarded only to top 3% nationwide.
- Vo-Ag Department: Record plant sales revenue.
- Aquaculture System Installation: This state-of-the-art system will allow us to raise tilapia, striped bass and channel catfish as part of our K-12 Science curriculum.

College Enrollment: 100% of all Seniors enrolled in 2- & 4-year colleges.

WA Achievement Award for Improvement: Mary Walker Parent Partnership Program wins again.



Springdale Pre-School Expands: Thirty-six (36) 3- to 5-year-olds.

Kindergarten: Enrollment reaches 39 (highest in recent history).

Bringing Back K-12 Music (General & Instrumental): Veteran's Day Assembly & Parents fill High School gym to watch Winter Concert. SkillsUSA National Competition: Brighton Erickson was the only High School Freshman competitor in the U.S.

Free Meals: All students eat for free (breakfast & lunch).



- Library Modernization: 'Media' Center with 50+ computers, custom workstations, fresh paint & new carpet.
- Interact Club: Trip to Ecuador sponsored by Deer Park Rotary & others.
- Advanced Placement Curriculum: 62% of all Junior and Seniors enrolled in classes.
- Special Education: Very effective program continues to develop, as needed.

Successful Incentive Program: 'Caught You Being Good'.

- Family & Community Involvement: Veteran's Day, Grandparents' Day, Family Night Out, and other family and community celebrations.
- Intervention Programs: Continued development of early intervention, 'walk to intervention' and targeted intervention.



Sportsmanship Award: Mary Walker High School football team (Chargers) receives the Sportsmanship Award from the Inland Empire Football Officials. This award goes to the team that represents sportsmanship in every football game, throughout the season. The award covers all classifications, and only one award is given in the entire Spokane area.

- Wrestling State Tournament: 2012 team finishes in the Top 10; Tyler Osborn (2nd) and Anfim Kalugin (3rd).
- Cross Country: Isaiah Wynecoop runs in 2011 State meet.
- Track: Joey Beckman goes to State meet in 2012.
- FCCLA: 10 students compete at Nationals.



# DID YOU KNOW ... Parent Night was a few weeks ago?

If you attended, we enjoyed meeting you. If you weren't able to attend, we missed you and hope to see you the next time Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): Newly organized; meets regularly and hosts Book Fair.



Art Department: Students take awards at local competitions in 2011-2012:

2011 Chewelah Lions Club Peace Poster Contest: Chelsea Zacher, Trevor Crossley, Chelsia Albee; 2012 Chewelah Arts Guild (CAG) Community Art Show: 3rd-5th grades: Breaunna Harader, Sophia Dixon, Nicholas Schurger, Madison Thompson, Mariameya Orlov, Emeline Sungalu, Dashani Broomfield, Michael Basargin;



6th-8th grades: Samuel Blum Haylee Swiger, Andrew Matherly, Donovin



Grundhauser, Trevor Crossley, Jacob Morrell, Sabrina Oates, Shante Carthens; 9th-12th grades: Kassandra Vergaag, Cheyenne Bruce, Anfisa Reutov, Josie Paladin, Mikala Presho, Senita Lavulavu, Anfim Kalugin, Hunter Hedequist; 2012 CAG "Souper Supper" Pencil Drawing Contest: K-2nd grades: Kharma DeWolf, Lucas McVay, Scarlet Harader; 3rd-5th grades: Sophia Dixon, Michael Basargin; 6th-8th grades: Jacob Morrell, Andrew Matherly, Haylee Swiger; 9th-12th grades: Josie Paladin, Anfisa Reutov, Cheyenne Bruce, Kassandra Verhaag; 2012 Chewelah Lions Club Peace Poster Contest: Chris Flood, Tyrell Crossley, Kaylyn Thurnbough.

Cultural Arts, Events & Awareness: Elementary students attend Spokane Symphony, visit the new Mobius Science Center in Spokane, and learn more

about the importance of water conservation by attending the Lake Roosevelt Water Festival.

Common Core Standards: Elementary instructors prepare to implement new State-adopted standards, beginning the process with professional development/math training presented by our local Education Service District (ESD).



Starting Strong Conference: PreSchool, 1st- and 2nd-grade instructors received professional development/training presented by the WA State's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

VFW Essay Contest: 11 Elementary students receive awards.

Author Visit: Kat Brooks, popular children's book author (Postcards from Mr. Pish), visits with Elementary students.



# CARE TO DANCE?

Every once in a while, I think about what it would be like to have musical talent. To have rhythm, to be able to sing, or to dance. I am a terrible dancer. My lack of rhythm is amazing. My ineptness on the dance floor is matched only by my tuneless singing voice. I have taken different dance classes to remedy the dance situation, but I am a tough "teach".

Back in the day, in High School, it was similar. I still couldn't dance. For my

"rhythm-challenged brothers", you can relate to the pain I experienced as I walked across the floor to ask a girl to dance, knowing that:

- she could say 'no';
- it might be worse if she said yes; and if she said 'no', there'd be
- the long-dreaded lonely walk back.

The risk was frightening - to dance, or not to dance. It was safer, and more comfortable, up against the bleachers, with my rhythm-challenged dance support group.



In education, we don't have the luxury of hanging back, waiting for the right song, and deciding whether or not to join the dance. We don't have a choice. We face incredible opportunities and challenges every day with the children in our community. Opportunities and challenges that we, in the Mary Walker School District, look forward to each and every day. Opportunities and challenges that need the support of a caring community and a supportive school district. We can't afford to hang back. We need to join the dance.

Let's continue our support for our students and their education. Let's continue to be advocates for our children, and lead others on to the dance floor. We cannot be wallflowers, because education will be the difference in our children's success. As citizens, we either support education for our children, or we don't support education for our children. There really is no fence-sitting when it comes to the issue of education for our children.

So, don't laugh at the way I dance. Instead, please join me on the dance floor as, together, we continue to invest in our children. It is the best investment we will ever make. Even better than the money I spent on dance lessons.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jacka Superintendent, MWSD (Mary Walker School District) Lifetime Member, RCSG (Rhythm-Challenged Support Group)

# **COMPARISON**

## \$1.68 FOR \$225,000

#### MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207 Resolution No. 09-06 2009-2010

#### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND AMOUNT FOR A REPLACEMENT GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

WHEREAS, General Fund levies are authorized by Article 7, Section 2(a) of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.053, and

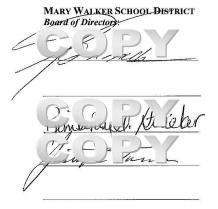
WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds available to MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207, Stevens County, Washington, for the purpose of ongoing district maintenance and operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207, Stevens County, Washington, at its regular Board Meeting of December 16<sup>th</sup> 2009, direct the Stevens County Auditor to hold a special election on February 9, 2010, to levy a replacement tax upon the taxable property within the school district in the amount of  $\frac{225,000}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2011 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2012 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2012 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2012 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2013 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection in the year 2013 at an estimated  $\frac{16^8}{225,000}$  for collection. The proceeds thereof to be deposited to the General Fund of MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207 for the purpose of ongoing maintenance and operations of the district.

Dated at Springdale, Washington, this 16th day of December, 2009.

ATTEST: Secretary to the Board

Date:



# <u>C O M P A R I S O N</u>

# \$1.40 FOR \$225,000

#### MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207 Resolution No. 12-04 2012-2013

#### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND AMOUNT FOR A Replacement General Fund Maintenance and Operations Levy

WHEREAS, General Fund levies are authorized by Article 7, Section 2(a) of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.053, and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds available to MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207, Stevens County, Washington, for the purpose of ongoing district maintenance and operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207, Stevens County, Washington, at a Special Board Meeting on December 10, 2012, direct the Stevens County Auditor to hold a special election on February 12, 2013, to levy a replacement tax upon the taxable property within the school district:

- in the amount of \$225,000.00 for collection in the year 2014 at an estimated \$1.40 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and
- ➢ in the amount of \$225,000.00 for collection in the year 2015 at an estimated \$1.40 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and
- ➢ in the amount of \$225,000.00 for collection in the year 2016 at an estimated \$1.40 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.
- in the amount of \$225,000.00 for collection in the year 2017 at an estimated \$1.40 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The proceeds thereof to be deposited to the General Fund of MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207 for the purpose of ongoing maintenance and operations of the district.

Dated at Springdale, Washington, this 10th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:

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ARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207

# **Levy Continuation**

# For This Year

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** (subject to change)

#### December 2012

20 ~ Christmas Break (Early Release) 21 ~ Christmas Break (No School) 24 thru 28 ~ Christmas Break (No School) 31 ~ Christmas Break (No School)

## January 2013

1 & 2 ~ Christmas Break
3 ~ Classes Resume
10\* ~ College & Career Counseling

\* Every Thursday throughout the school year.

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