

2007 Graduation



MARY WALKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

End of School Newsletter

This year's graduation will be remembered as a huge success. The class of 2007 set some benchmarks that classes will strive to meet for years to come that included a stage, robes, sunglasses, and style!

With their hard earned funds, the class decided to have a stage so that all could see them as they took the long walk. This took some extra effort in planning and organizing the ceremony, but it was well worth their while—way to go! Those in attendance noticed the administration and advisors all in graduation garb. This was a touch the kids really liked; it just dressed things up a little more for their special day. Add to this the donning of sun-

glasses (led by Mr. Cobb) for the recessional and you have a graduation of unique quality and style!

The ceremony itself included scholarships, staff awards, and the crowning of a new Charger of the Year—class president, Amanda Krieg (the master of ceremonies for this event). Salutatorian Erin Menz was followed by Valedictorian Kevin Glass as speakers and the class would like to thank Dwayne Watts for his humorous and brief speech on the record breaking hot, hot day. And finally, a special thanks to Teresa Troxell for her efforts on the slide show and Richard Bade for his timeless labor on the sound.



Mark Your Calendar

- June 12th ~ Last Day of School, Early Release @ 12:30
- August 29th ~ First Day of School for the 2007-2008 Academic Year

Reading Never Takes a Break!

Preventing summer reading loss means not taking a break from books. Here are some quick tips for summer reading with your child:

1. Read regularly ~ setting aside 15 minutes each day for reading will make all the difference this fall.

2. Make a date with a librarian ~ they can help locate books based on interests



and reading ability. Take advantage of Loon Lake's Summer Reading Program.

3. As you practice reading with your child, emphasize punctuation as you read out loud together. A few examples include making your voice go down when you see a period and up when you see a question mark. Take a short breath when you see a comma and use emphasis when you see the exclamation point. Finally, make it sound like the characters are talking.

Kids enjoy doing things they are good at. The more they read, the better they will get and the more they will want to read!

K-6 Placement

Classroom placements for all K-6 students will be sent home by mail during the month of July. At that time, parents and students will also receive a supply list and a calendar of the upcoming school year. A letter from next year's teacher will be included, explaining the excitement that is going to happen throughout the following school year.

If you have any questions regarding classroom placements or school supply lists, the office will resume its services on August 15th.

Chewelah Peak Learning Center, K-2 Field Trip

On May 29, the K-2 classes headed for Chewelah Peak for an outdoor education field trip. Students experienced four learning stations: Ultraviolet Detectives, Nature Hike, Food Chain/Tree Parts, and Animal Tracks. All of the stations included hands-on observations and/or participation. The students observed the effect of ultraviolet rays and discussed the importance of protection from the ultraviolet rays. They observed the plants and insects of the forest habitat, with the assistance of a nature guide. The favorite activity was Mos-

quito, Salmon, Bear, where the students took turns being the predator or the prey. All of the students were able to act out being a part of a tree, which was great fun for the teachers to watch. They also

sandcast their own animal tracks, and brought them home. The students had a great time learning and enjoying the outdoors on a picture perfect day.



Ancient Rome Comes Alive

On June 1, 2007, third graders at Springdale Elementary visited ancient Rome. Students dressed in tunics, stollas, and togas to act out, sing about, or report on ancient Rome. This event was the culmination of weeks of research by third grade students on the people, places and events of ancient Rome. Parents and siblings were impressed by the knowledge that these students had gained about ancient Rome. We all enjoyed the typical Roman foods as a snack. Third graders said that they will remember this for a long time.



3rd graders show off their projects and their knowledge of ancient Roman culture

Kindergarten Registration

Parents of students entering Kindergarten this August are reminded to please register their student as soon as possible. A child must turn 5 on or before August 31st in order to enroll. Immunization records and a birth certificate are required to be presented when registering.

The Elementary School office will be open until June 19th and re-open August 15th. If you have any questions, please call the school at 258-7357.

Register Today!

Wrapping Up Our Year!

As June arrives, we are in full force wrapping up an amazing year at Springdale Elementary/Middle School. We started the off with several end of the year field trips, a music/band concert, eighth grade graduation, kindergarten graduation and of course the infamous field day.

Even though the last 12 days of school are passing quickly, if we look back over the year our successes have been amazing. Students have learned how to read letters for the first time and have researched what it is like to live in Roman

times. They have explored the trials of being Robin Hood, investigated many different science experiments, written persuasive pieces of paper that capture the readers attention and sooooo much more! Our successes are truly attributed to the wonderful faculty and staff here at Springdale Elementary/Middle School, as well as the parents who send us their best each and every day. Without everyone's dedication and determination our successes wouldn't be as great as they are. Have a great summer and see you in August!

Fort Spokane Destination of 4-5 Field Trip

The 5th and 4th graders of Springdale Elementary took a field trip on May 17th to Fort Spokane and Two Rivers Marina. Rangers Jeff and Janice were two members of the Fort Spokane community.

Before the activities began Ranger Jeff told us some history about Fort Spokane. He told us how the soldiers who were trained there left for war in Cuba and never came back; then the fort became a boarding school for Indian children. The children hated it so much that they shot and burned down many of the 45 buildings with only 4 remaining. They were returned to their homes and the boarding school was shut down. Then

it became a hospital and soon was abandoned.

The first activity we did was called "2 teach 2." One group would teach the 2nd group something that they learned. The 2nd group moved on and taught the 3rd group what they learned. The next activity was hiking. The class hiked up the trail to the Pump House.

At the Two Rivers Marina classes were taught about how the fish were fed and classes were also able to feed the fish themselves. They also got to make a Guyutaku. Guyutakus showed what type of fish they caught. The classes agreed it was great and hope to go there again.

By: Mckinsey Schurger
Mrs. Howards 5th grade



Summer Basketball Season for Charger Boys

The summer of 2007 is going to be a hot one for the Chargers. We have 25+ games planned for the summer season—that's an entire season's worth of games!

While the cost will vary depending on the number of participants, it looks like we will be able to stay under \$150 per player. Fundraising is always a possibility, but the coaching staff needs parent help in order to make that happen.

We look forward to this being one of our best summers. With a little sacrifice (like participating in the summer shooting challenge, practices and open gyms) and excellent effort we can have a strong season in 2007-08!

If you have questions or would like to help out, please contact Coach Vanderholm at one of the following numbers: 258-4760 work, 258-4073 home, 953-

0513 cell. Hope to see you this summer!

Please see adjacent page for the summer schedule of games.

Costs: Whitworth Camp is \$135 and is due by July 1st. All other tournaments are being paid by Basketball. There will be fund raisers available and summer tournament participants are required to attend OR pay for their share of the costs.

Students Receive Scholarship Opportunities



The Mary Walker High School graduating class has a record number of students who will continue their education in college this fall. Forty-six per cent of our graduates will attend a four-year college. Eastern Washington, Washington State, Jamestown, Neumont, and Brigham Young are among the universities our students are enrolled in. Another

32% are headed to two-year colleges, where they will either transfer to four-year colleges or complete technical programs.

All told almost 80% of our graduates are going to college—and they are better prepared for success than ever before. Nearly all of our graduates have taken Advanced Placement classes—college level work—during their junior and senior years. More and

more of our students are pushing past minimum high school requirements and taking extra classes in advanced mathematics and sciences.

Their efforts have been rewarded with a significant amount of scholarship awards. Below is a list of scholarships our students have earned. We are grateful for the increasing number of community scholarships.

Peterson Foundation \$4000

- Amanda Krieg
- Josh Hill

Jac Charbonneau Memorial Scholarship \$1000

- Mike Fixel

J.R. Newhouse and Co. PLLP: Certified Public Accountants \$1000

- Elizabeth Warren
- Nikki Warren

Mary Walker Education Association \$500

- Jamie Holder

Mary Walker Community Dollars for Scholars \$500

- Brenton Rienhart
- Seth Meyers

Springdale Women's Club Scholarship \$500

- Hannah Hibdon

Deer Park Rotary Scholarship \$1,000

- Jamie Holder

Donald Scharffer Scholarship \$1,000

- Amanda Krieg

Neumont University \$35,000 renewable for two years

- Kevin Glass

Jamestown University Academic Award \$10,000

- Erin Menz

Jamestown University Choir Award \$500

- Erin Menz
- Tamara Menz

WSU \$8000

- Amanda Krieg

WSU \$14,000

- Ryan Carter

Summer Basketball Season Schedule



June

4th -8th Practice Session 7:00-8:15 AM
 9th -10th St. George's Tourney @ Whitworth Varsity only
 12th & 14th 7-9 PM Practice and Alumni Games-All players
 19th & 21st 7-9PM Practice & Alumni Games-All Players
 26th & 28th 7-9PM Practice & Alumni Games-All Players

July

11th-12th Chewelah Tourney-Varsity only
 12th-14th Whitworth Camp-Varsity and Jayvee
 17th and 19th 7-9 PM Practice-All Players
 20th-21st-22nd Reardan Tourney-Varsity only

FCCLA Attends State Leadership Conference

The Springdale, WA FCCLA chapter of the Mary Walker High School attended the 2007 Washington Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Wenatchee, WA, April 11-13, 2007.

At the meeting the Springdale FCCLA joined with 600 students and advisers to participate in educational programs and workshops presented around the theme Amplify Your Life: Rise Above the Static! Keynote speaker, Justin Lookadoo, addressed issues of self esteem and relationships in youth lives. Justin Lookadoo is a nationally known motivational speaker. Other workshops focused on issues related to the March of Dimes and Youth Leadership.

The recognition of individual and chapter accomplishments is a big part of the state leadership conference. Students participated in STAR Events competition, speaking about projects they have developed and carried out in their homes, schools and communities. 15 members from the Springdale FCCLA chapter participated in STAR Events as presenters.

The STAR Events closing session included a business meeting, election of National officer candidates and installation of the 2007-2008 state officers. This year Tara Keenan was elected to be the Washington State Vice President for Region 10.

At State nine of our members received 1st or 2nd run-

ner up to Nationals and two members (Tara Keenan and Maddi Swidergal) are the National representatives. Tyka Keenan, Kyle Shaver, Jake Edwards, Damian Howder, and Zac Gilbert received 2nd runner up to nationals in parliamentary producer.

Torrie Thramer, Haley Goad, Alyssa Glass, Rachael Hawk, Tara Keenan, and Maddi Swidergal were asked to present their STAR Event at Nationals in Anaheim, CA. These determined young women will be presenting their projects, allowing others around the nation to see what our FCCLA chapter has done this year. All 6 members will be going to Nationals on July 6, 2007 and staying until July 13th .

Art Student wins T-Shirt Design Contest

Six art students took on the challenge of designing a t-shirt logo for "Community Awareness Night", hosted by the Chewelah UCC Youth Group. Theresa Scott, Jasmine Followill, Anna Crawford, Mary Vanderholm, Rachelle Bergman, and Stephanie Accord each designed a logo that they felt best illustrated the groups mission statement, which is to talk openly and honestly about such youth issues as

tobacco, alcohol, dating violence, distorted media images, drugs, and peer pressure.

The contest was sponsored by the Chewelah United Church of Christ, Springdale's FCCLA, Family Support Center & Advocacy Center of Colville, Rural Resources, Local Police, and Chewelah Lutheran Church. Though all of the images submitted were great, the chosen winner was Rachelle Bergman. Rachelle

won a season pass to 49 Degrees North.



Eighth Graders Enjoy First Annual Seattle Trip

On Wednesday, May 23rd, the Springdale 8th graders left for Seattle. The end of a year of fundraising and planning had arrived with the early morning departure of the students and their chaperones.

First stop was the Capitol Building in Olympia where our tour guide, Laurie Merkele, discussed some of the legislature branches with the students. She then took the students to an appellate courtroom for a mock trial.

In the House of Representatives gallery, Ms. Merkele, the tour guide, quizzed students about the purpose of this body of the legislature. After the tour and the mock trial, she gave the students an "A" for their knowledge of government, manners, and questions throughout the tour and trial.

Ms. Merkele also invited the eighth graders to apply to become pages at the State Capitol Building for Washington's State Representatives for one week of the January through March 2008 legislative sessions. Students may find an application on the web or by calling Repre-



8th graders gather for group photo at Snoqualmie Pass

sentatives Sump or Kretz.

The next stop was the Space Needle in Seattle! Alex Paul commented, "I liked the Space Needle because it helped me over my fear of heights...!" Everyone who was afraid to go up got over it once they got to the top. On the Space Needle students could walk around the outside and could buy coffee on the inside.

Later that night at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, the students arrived for the camp-in and observed gross things in a hands-on lab called Grossology. They also watched demonstrations of experiments about combustion.

On Thursday, the students left the Pacific Science Center and headed to the Tacoma Glass Museum. Olivia

Spurrier commented, "The Tacoma Glass Museum was cool because the blown glass was pretty." In the Glass Museum the students walked around and learned about the different types of blown glass. After that the students were taken into a

hot room where they watched artists melt and stretch layers of glass.

Students raised \$3800 of the \$4000 needed for the trip. The 8th grade class would like to extend a great big thank you to the following people and businesses that gave donations toward the Seattle trip: Charger Booster Club \$400, Springdale P.T.A. \$200, Springdale Grocery \$200, Christopher Scherbarth \$200, Stimson Lumber, Patricia Sponsel \$65, Buche Logging Co. \$50, Dr. Grummons \$50, Walmart \$50, Loon Lake Sand & Gravel \$25, Costco \$25, Pizza Factory \$20, Springdale Lumber \$20, Rosauers Grocery in Deer Park \$15, and Ford Trading Post three cases of water.

By Nikki Breesnee

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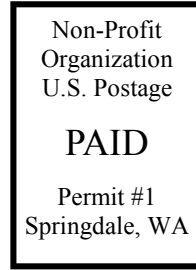
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News from the Superintendent

STUDENTS ARE COMING HOME

School will be releasing soon for the summer. I want to remind everyone to be careful as the kids will be home during the day riding their bikes and playing outdoors. We want everyone to have a safe and fun filled summer. As families go on outings and vacations we want to remind everyone that safety should always be your first concern.

The School is busy planning and getting ready for the students to return this

fall. A lot of work must go into the buildings and rooms to get them back into shape. If you take 25 students in a room for 180 days which equals 4500 bodies per year times two feet and two hands to mess up floors and walls you have 18,000 possibilities. As you can see, it will take more than a few hours to get the buildings back in shape.

The staff is busy planning next year with conferences and professional develop-

ment in the areas of Math, English, Reading and Science at the Elementary/Middle School and at the High School level. As the staff attends meetings and is able to talk with other teachers from different districts, it is becoming more and more apparent that Mary Walker School District is making a significant impact on the education of all students. We are excited and pleased with the support of the Mary Walker School Board and Community. We look forward to an even better year in 2007-08.