



FCCLA from State to Nationals

A select group of Mary Walker High School students attended the 2008 Washington Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Wenatchee, WA, April 9-11, 2008. At the meeting, Springdale joined with 600 students and advisors to participate in educational programs and workshops presented around the theme *Lead-*

ership Revolution... Breaking the Barrier!

Keynote speaker, Bob Mortimer, addressed the issues of self esteem and relationships in youth lives. A second keynote speaker was Washington State Attorney General, Rob McKenna. His presentation was "*Operation : Allied Against Meth.*" Six workshops

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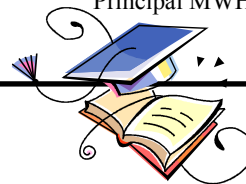


Senior Commencement

Another year has come to a close and this year's seniors will be able to celebrate their accomplishments at our graduation ceremony on May 31st, at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium. This year's seniors are the first to make it through the WASL requirements to receive a diploma by showing proficiency in Reading and Writing. They also had to present their culminating project in front of staff and community

members. They have worked through the rigors of their daily classes and it is with great pride that we send them out prepared for some type of post-secondary education and the work force. So please come and show your support for the class of 2008 on May 31st - we hope to see you there!

Matt Cobb
Principal MWHS



Mark Your Calendar

- May 26th ~ No School, Memorial Day
- May 31st ~ Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. in High School Gymnasium
- June 5th ~ 8th Grade Graduation @ 7:00 in High School Auditorium
- June 10th ~ Last Day of School with Early Release at 12:30
- August 20th ~ Football Practice Begins
- August 25th ~ Volleyball, Cross Country & Cheer Practice Begins
- August 27th ~ First Day of School for 2008-2009 School Year

News from Mrs. Henjum ~ K-8

Wrapping Up a Great Year

As we come to a close, there are still so many wonderful things going on before we shut the doors. Please take a look at the events to the right, as we would love for you to attend!

If we do not see you at an event, have a FANTASTIC summer! We look forward to seeing you in August.

May 28th – Readers’ Theatre Production 2:15 (H.S. Auditorium)
May 30th – K-6 Music Concert 1:30 (Please note the time change)
June 3rd – Mid School Honor Roll Field Trip – Riverfront Park
June 4th – RIF Night- Luau theme with dinner starting at 6:00.
All Grades PreK-8 are invited to this event.
June 5th – 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 in H.S. Auditorium
June 6th – Middle School Field Trip to Pattison’s
June 9th – Late Start/Golden Horseshoe Awards
June 10th – Field Day for grades K-5
Early Release (Last Day of School)

Reading Is Fundamental Night (R.I.F)

Our last RIF night will be held on June 4th from 6:00 to 8:00. ALL grades PreK-8 are invited to attend this festive event. Our theme for the evening is Hawaiian with dinner starting at 6:00 and activities starting at 6:30.

There will be a variety of activities to partake in throughout the evening. Loon Lake Library will be



here to explain the process of signing up for a library

card, an opportunity for a “summer” family photo, a sunglass activity, complete with sunglasses, and so much more!

We hope you will be able to help us celebrate our love for reading Hawaiian style!!

8th Grade Graduation

If you were to ask any 8th grader if they are excited

about High School, the answer would most definitely be “yes!” To send them on their new journey in style, the school would like to honor our 8th graders on June 5th at 7:00 in the High School Auditorium. Students are asked to dress nicely for the event.

If you have questions about the dress code, please contact the office. Students need to be in the auditorium at 6:30 for pictures and placement. The event will conclude with cake and punch in the foyer area after the ceremony.



Visit us on the web for sports schedules, breakfast and lunch menus, upcoming events and much more...

www.marywalker.org

7th Graders Gear Up for College

What do you want to be when you grow up? What will you be doing in 10 years? Springdale 7th graders are wrestling with these questions. They are setting goals and making plans for the future. They have spent time looking at their strengths and interests, examining various career options, and planning for success in high school. Researching colleges and universities was the final component.

On May 14th, they got an opportunity to visit Eastern Washington University in

Cheney. Visiting EWU gave them a taste of real college life. Students toured a dorm, saw the new Student Recreation Hall, complete with an ice rink, and learned how to access information in the library. In addition they saw some classrooms, met with the admissions officer, and wrapped up with a visit to the planetarium. The student guides filled them in on all the social activities and the benefits of a university education. In the course of the day they got study tips,



social tips and information on how to get into college and pay for it.

The opportunity to visit EWU is part of the Gear Up program that encourages students to plan for their future and tries to ensure that all students have access to a college education. After this visit one student remarked, "I have to go to college! How could anyone pass up all the fun and getting a good job you like?"

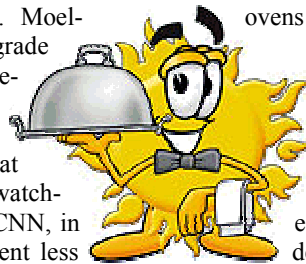


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start something **big**

Science Students Build Solar Ovens

Students in Mr. Moeller's eighth grade science class recently created solar ovens and used them to heat up water. After watching a report on CNN, in which a man spent less than fifty dollars to construct a solar cooker capable of cooking meals and pasteurizing water, students were inspired to create solar



ovens of their own. First, the students did some research looking at several simple designs. Pizza box ovens, Pringle cans and other ideas were considered. Students decided on the design that each wanted to

use and tested their design at home.

Thursday, May 15th was test day and several students brought their ovens to heat up some water. One student was able to heat water to over 150 degrees. All of the popular designs were made out of mostly recycled materials. Great work!

Kindergartners Observe Earth Day



Kindergartners in Mrs. Walter's class recently incorporated science and writing as they learned about taking care of the earth. As part of the project, students celebrated Earth Day by picking up trash around the school grounds. They also made "Earth Day" t-shirts and "Taking Care of the Earth" windsocks.

Please join the Kindergarten class for their end of the year program on June 6th! For more information, please contact the Elementary School office at 258-7357



2008 Summer Sports Camps

High School Boy's Basketball ~July 18-20 Whitworth Team Camp

High School Football ~ June 21st-25th @ Kettle Falls
July 13th- 18th @ Ryleigh, Oregon
July 21st-24th @ MWHS

High School Wrestling Boys and Girls ~ June 28th-July 2 Owens Wrestling Camp @
Eastern Washington University.

High School Girl's Basketball ~ June 16th-18th @ Gonzaga Team Camp
July 9th-12th @ Soap Lake Team Camp

High School Volleyball Camp @ M.W.H.S. ~ June 11th-13th 9:00-12:00 each day

Springdale Youth Wrestling Camp ~ June 12th & 13th @ M.W.H.S. 9:00-12:00 each
day

Springdale Youth football camp TBA



Fall Sports Information

It may seem too early to be thinking about fall sports, but there are some important things to keep in mind for students planning to play at the end of the summer.

First of all, it is important that all athletes get their paperwork turned in before practice starts in August. **Athletes are not allowed to practice until all paperwork is turned in.** Middle School athletes should turn in all paperwork to Tammy Ward and High School athletes should turn

in all paperwork to Cindy Melville.

Students will also need to provide a valid sports physical on file before beginning practices. Keep in mind that physicals are good for two years. If an athlete needs a new one for this season, they can contact the following medical facilities:

Springdale Clinic
258-4234

Rockwood Clinic
838-2531

Loon Lake Clinic
233-8412

Mark your calendars:

High School football practice starts on August 20th.

High School volleyball, cross country, and cheer practices start on August 25th

Mid School football, volleyball and cross country practices start on August 27th.

2008-2009 School Year Calendar

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August
 26th Staff Orientation
 27th First Day of School

September
 1st No School, Labor Day

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October
 13th No School, Consortium Day
 30th End of 1st Quarter

November
 5th-7th Early Release
 (conferences)
 11th No School, Veteran's Day
 26th Early Release
 27th-28th No School, Thanksgiving

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December
 22nd-31st No School, Winter Break

January
 1st - 2nd No School, Winter Break
 19th No School, Martin Luther King Day
 21st End of 2nd Quarter
 22nd No School, Inservice

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February
 16th No School, President's Day
 25th-27th Early Release
 (conferences)

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March
 20th No School, Consortium Day
 30th - 31st No School, Spring Break

April
 1st-3rd No School, Spring Break
 7th End of 3rd Quarter

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May
 25th No School - Memorial Day

June
 5th Last Day of School - Early Release
 8th Snow Day

Adopted by Mary Walker School District No. 207 Board of Directors on March 16, 2008

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were presented by State Officers and focused on Leadership.

The WA-FCCLA Community Service Project for 2008 encouraged chapter members to collect donations and goods for *Feed the Children*. 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. 17 from Springdale participated in STAR events as presenters, evaluators, and facilitators.

There were seven projects presented in Wenatchee. Catherine Kenney presented an illustrated talk, the Faces

of Cancer, and received a silver star for her efforts. Our Parliamentary Team, consisting of Kyle Shaver, Jacob Edwards, Damien Howder, and Celest Burt took home silver stars as well. Another project called Blast Off With Reading, presented by Victoria Smartt, Nicole Breesnee, and Sara Conner, also received silver stars for their hard work. Sara Beckman, Torrie Thramer, and Haley Goad's project on skittle parties [illegal prescription drug use among teens] received a gold star.

The National FCCLA conference will be held in Orlando, FL. July 13-17, 2008. Victoria Smartt will be representing Washington as a state officer. In addition, three teams will be competing at this year's national conference. Since only one entry

from Washington State is chosen to attend the national conference in each category, it is a huge accomplishment for our students.

This summer in Florida, Tara Keenan and Madeline Swidergal will present their project on teen dating violence called Anti Black and Blue. Tanya Martushoff, Melodie Adams, and Ledia Marushoff's project on childhood obesity received a perfect score and a gold star, taking them to nationals. Alyssa Glass' project on Random Acts of Kindness also received a gold star, ensuring her a spot in Florida. (students attending nationals are pictured below)

We are very proud of these students and their achievements!



News from the Superintendent

In my position as superintendent, I have the opportunity to tell people that the Mary Walker School District had a “Peak” year about 7-8 years ago and has not had a “valley” since. I realize that this may sound a bit arrogant. Still, it is true that the Mary Walker Schools have had a succession of peak years, allowing our professionals to concentrate on our students and their educational programs. As a school community, we have not suffered as other districts have the negative effects of budget battles or internal distractions that often shift attention away from student achievements. Nor have we experienced the difficulties that others have encountered when adjusting programs or defending curriculum.

While we may not be a perfect school system, I am continually impressed with the community-wide respect that we are afforded as educators. Taxpayers support us, parents encourage us, and students by and large come to school daily, ready and willing to learn. Our jobs are made easier by the absence of distractions and the respect this community holds for

learning in general. We may not always agree on the level of education our students need, but we agree on the need for education.

I also tell others that Mary Walker School District has had improvement and success because the teachers, principals, and support staff go about their work in a serious and professional manner. As a result, the majority of our students are challenged in the classroom, and in their extracurricular activities. This is possible due to staff work ethic and agreement that our students are capable of achievement levels higher than is often expected elsewhere. As a district, we push our students academically, we expect them to behave properly, and we are willing to invest ourselves in preparing them for future education. Education is the key to a high quality life. With the persistent effort and support of our school community, our students will continue to improve in their preparation for a post secondary education.

Kevin Jacka
Superintendent