



# MARY WALKER

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 207

### IT'S ELEMENTARY ... AS IN K-5, WATSON

Springdale Elementary students had the learning opportunity recently of listening to childrens' book author, Kelly Milner Halls, a Spokane native best known for several popular childrens' books, including "Dinosaur Parade," "Hatchlings," "Wild Horses," "In Search of Sasquatch" and many others. In preparation for her visit, teachers read some of these popular books to the students. Ms. Halls talked to students about the history and research into her various books and related traveling adventures. They especially liked examining the fossilized dinosaur droppings and the real-life Sasquatch foot impressions!



Ms. Halls' visit culminated a week of students celebrating "Read Across America" and "Dr. Seuss's Birthday." Teachers and students decorated halls and doorways before reading some of the popular Dr. Seuss books, including, "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Lorax."

The newly re-formed Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recently met again. They sponsored the Scholastic Book Fair which raises money and books for kids, as well as a "Family Fun Math Night" (both held earlier this month). Also, they will be hosting a teacher appreciation dinner during parent-teacher conferences (March 27-29).

In other news, teachers are being trained in the new Common Core Standards adopted by the state. The PREP Consortium training (March 15) focused on various aspects of teaching to the new standards with the goal of raising student achievement. Teachers in grades 3-5 participated in a training, "Going Deeper with Common Core Mathematics," recently with the principal at the Educational Service District in Spokane.

Teachers and students continue to practice the new character traits in the "Character Counts" program. Ten students were recognized in February for their outstanding contributions in practicing "Responsibility." Their pictures were taken with the Principal and posted on a bulletin board near the office. Each month, 10 different students are selected as most representative of the character trait for that month.

In light of recent national events, students and teachers recently conducted a "lockdown" practice. Students and teachers practiced seeking cover behind locked classroom doors. In order to avoid scaring any of the younger students, teachers and administrators sought to make this necessary exercise fun for the kids, so much so that Mr. Schell now receives requests to "do the safety dance".

# KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SOON

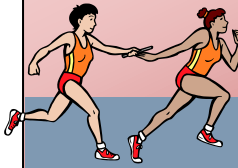
Registration for PreSchool will begin May 1st this year, and Kindergarten registration starts May 22nd.

- ~ 3- to 4-year-olds: Must be potty trained.
- ~ 4- to 5-year olds: Must be 4-years-old by August 31st and also potty trained.



The earlier you get your Kindergarten students registered, the better prepared the school will be for the upcoming school year.

## DID YOU KNOW ... Sports Schedules Are Online?



Visit our [web site](#) to view our most current [sports schedules](#).

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We can't wait to see you there!

## AMERICORPS



Every year, [AmeriCorps](#) engages more than 75,000 men and women in intensive service, at more than 15,000 locations. AmeriCorps members invest their time, energy and talents toward improving the lives of others while building a more engaged society and becoming leaders in civic life.

AmeriCorps Week (March 9-17 this year) is a recruitment and recognition campaign designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible.

The New Alliance Counseling Service AmeriCorps team, with Washington Service Corps Employment Security Department, has 23 members serving across Stevens, Ferry and Okanogan Counties. Two of these members (Tom Walters and Kirstin Stack) serve Mary Walker School District as Para-Pro's, helping students and teachers from PreSchool through 8th Grade. In addition to assisting in the classroom, Tom and Kirstin are interested in organizing a large voluntary work crew to re-new the infield for the Middle School softball field.

If you'd like more information about AmeriCorps in general or the softball field project, stop by or call the Elementary School to speak with Tom or Kirstin (258-7357), visit AmeriCorps' web site ([www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)) or speak with the local representative, Julie O'Neal (509-775-3311).

## SEEING DOUBLE



These two young gentlemen did a superb job for Springdale Middle School's Twin Day during Spirit Week.



Some of our staff even got into the same 'spirit'. Thanks for being good sports, ladies ... you're truly a 'class act' (puns intended)!

### **DID YOU KNOW ... The School Levy Passed?**

Thanks to you all, the Mary Walker School District Maintenance and Operations Levy Continuation 'passed' ...

55% Yes (404 votes)

45% No (334 votes)



From all of us at MWSD,

"Thank You !"

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

**April 2013**

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ~ Spring Break (No School)
- 9, 10, 11, 12 ~ FCCLA State (Wenatchee)
- 11\* ~ Student College & Career Counseling
- 15 ~ Regular School Board Meeting (6:30pm; HS Library)

**May 2013**

- 1 ~ PreSchool Registration Begins
- 6, 7, 8 ~ FFA Plant Sale
- 10 ~ Snow Day (No School)
- 15 ~ Regular School Board Meeting (6:30pm; HS Library)
- 22 ~ Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 27 ~ Memorial Day (No School)
- 29 ~ Family Fun Night
- 29, 30, 31 ~ Book Fair
- 31 ~ PreSchool Graduation (10:00am)



**June 2013**

- 1 ~ High School Graduation (11:00am)
- 4 ~ Middle School Promotion & 8th Grade Graduation (7:00pm)
- 5 ~ Kindergarten Graduation (1:00pm)
- 7 ~ Early Release (Last Day of School) **\*\*Tentative\*\***
- 17 ~ Regular School Board Meeting (6:30pm; HS Library)

*\* With Jerry Dyar, every Thursday (4:00-8:00pm); High School Library.*

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**Student College & Career Counseling Is Still Offered Weekly?**

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