



MARY WALKER

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 207

IT'S A FACT ~ WE EXCEED THE STATE'S AVERAGE

Mary Walker School District received a congratulatory letter from Governor Jay Inslee in recognition of receiving a 2014 Gold Star Award from the Washington Student Achievement Council. Specifically, our “district’s performance was exemplary, exceeding the state average” of 89% of student signups for the College Bound Scholarship program.



SPORTS NEWS

Chandler Carr, a MWHS sophomore, was named to the 2nd Team All Northeast B-Team this past basketball season. Congratulations, Chandler!

Charger wrestlers competed in the Mat Classic XXVII held February 20th-21st at the Tacoma Dome.

William Fager II, Mark Dituri and Randy Dixon all wrestled well, and while neither William nor Mark ‘placed’, Randy finished in 3rd Place. All are to be congratulated. Also, Mark and Mason Lasich were named B-Class Academic State Champions. Go Chargers!



SCHOOL CLOSURES ~ PREPARATION IS KEY

Mary Walker School District's School Closure Procedure is in place to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of an unexpected school closure. An emergency plan for all students must be on file in the event that it is necessary to close school early. We would like to know where your child should go in case of an emergency or unexpected school closing. Causes of an emergency school closure may include an extended electrical outage, gas line leak, interruption of water or sewer service, or severe weather conditions. Our first concern is the safety of students and staff.



Please have a plan in place in advance for your children for when schools are closed, delayed or released early. If schools are dismissed early, it is essential that parents have arranged for someone to be responsible when the children arrive home. In the event that you work away from home, select a "second home", such as a neighbor, where your children may stay until you arrive.

If you do not have a "second home", please inform your child's Principal, so that he/she can be kept at school until you are able to pick them up, or until other arrangements can be made. In the event of an early dismissal, parent should inform the school office if they wish to come get their child at school.

If the decision is made to close schools, that information is given to the media, so please tune in to your local TV or radio stations to be kept up-to-date. Parents and guardians of Mary Walker School District's students will also be notified by telephone and e-mail through the Honeywell Instant Alert system, if you have provided accurate and current information to the schools.

**DID YOU KNOW ...
Mary Walker School District has a 24-hour Absentee Line
for reporting student absences?
~ (509) 323-1029 ~**

Please use our dedicated phone number to let us know if your child is unable to attend due to health reasons, doctor or dentist appointments or family emergencies.

SPRING IS ON THE WAY ~ A DRESS CODE REMINDER

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.).



Finally, please write your child's name in his/her clothing and possessions. Our 'Lost and Found' is growing, and many of the clothing items are only gently used. At the end of each quarter, all remaining clothes are 'gifted' to families in need.

MEASLES & IMMUNIZATIONS

On February 4th, Spokane Regional Health District issued a press release entitled 'Health District Encourages Everyone to Check Measles Vaccination Status'. Mary Walker School District #207 is being proactive in the prevention of a possible measles outbreak by recommending that parents check their children's vaccination record and bring them up-to-date. One infected person with the measles can spread it to an average of 18 other people. Please help us minimize a possible outbreak and spread of this extremely contagious virus. Students without required immunizations can/could be excluded from attending school.

SNIFF ... SNIFF ... MYSTERY ODOR STILL A MYSTERY

Over the years, we have received numerous inquiries and complaints regarding an 'odor' emanating from our High School gym. We have had this space tested many times, for many different possible causes. The latest test was another Mold Spore Air Sampling conducted by NEW ESD101, using multiple sample sights inside and outside the gym itself. The results: "The sample we took from under the gym floor had no spores ... confirming that there is no mold growing under the floor of the gym." Tests also confirmed that there is no mold anywhere in the gym. Guess it's back to the drawing board.

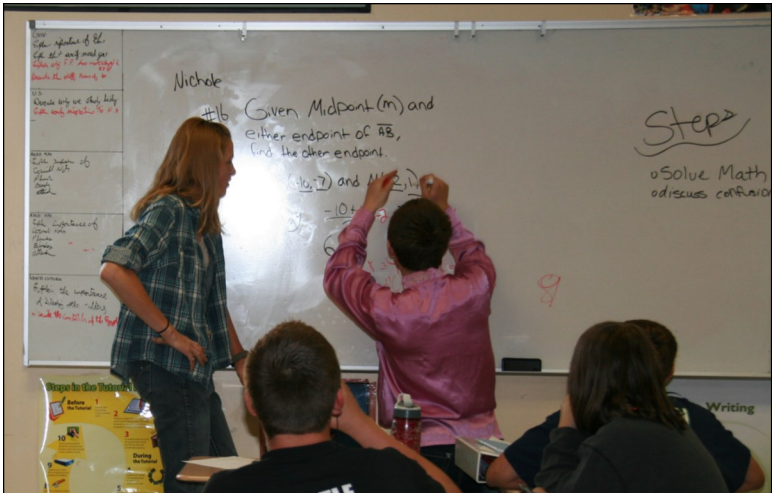


SPRINGDALE ACADEMY ENROLLMENT OPEN

Springdale Academy, part of the Mary Walker School District No. 207, offers a K-12 Alternative Learning Experience program that enables students to pursue their education at home. The Academy program provides resources and recognizes the parent/caregiver as the primary teacher. Enrollment is now open for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information, call (509) 937-2224.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP ENROLLMENT ALSO OPEN

Mary Walker Parent Partnership Program (MWPPP) and Digital Mary Walker Parent Partnership Program (DEC-MWPPP) are also open for enrollment. For more information about either of these Parent Partnership programs, call (509) 258-7342.



SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS (SBAC's)



FOR PARENTS

Preparing Students for Success

In schools across the country, teachers are implementing new academic standards that provide consistent guidelines in English and math at each grade level and help prepare students to graduate high school ready for college and the workplace. These new benchmarks challenge students to develop a deeper understanding of subject matter, learn how to think critically, and apply what they are learning to the real world.

To help parents, teachers, and school leaders know whether students are on the path to success, states joined together to develop improved tests of student achievement. The Smarter Balanced assessments will replace existing tests in English and math for grades 3-8 and high school in the 2014-15 school year. Administered online, these new assessments will adapt to each student's ability, giving teachers and parents better information to help students succeed.

Key Features

- ✓ Measures critical thinking with questions that ask students to demonstrate their research, writing, and problem solving skills
- ✓ Assessments are untimed and students can take breaks so that they can do their best
- ✓ Accessibility resources for all students and accommodations – such as Braille – for those who need them
- ✓ Developed with input from K-12 teachers, higher education faculty, and other experts

Helping Kids Graduate Ready for College and Career

Smarter Balanced member states have worked with thousands of educators to design and test the assessments so that they meet the needs of teachers. Smarter Balanced is more than just a year-end test. Teachers have access to tools that help them check in on student progress throughout the year, including a Digital Library of teaching resources and optional interim assessments that help teachers plan and improve instruction.

"[Students] think it's way cooler to take the test online rather than the old bubble-in multiple choice."

— Superintendent and principal, California

"This assessment asks students to think and make connections with multiple and complex texts, presenting their ideas in a variety of formats. It asks students to create thoughtful responses. This is a significant and important change from the multiple-choice assessments we've been giving for years."

— Teacher, Idaho

Learn More

- Visit the Smarter Balanced website: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org>
- Follow us on Twitter: @SmarterBalanced

Take the Test

- Gain familiarity with the test software platform and sample test questions for grades 3-8 and 11.
- Take the Practice Test: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/>

SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY BRINGING PBIS

The Springdale Elementary staff has been attending PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) training which is a new behavior program for our school. We are very excited to launch this new system school-wide in the fall. In the meantime, if you would like any information on this program, please contact Edwina Hargrave or visit the PBIS web site (www.pbis.org).

PBIS is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior with all students.

- * Respond effectively, efficiently, and relevantly to a range of problem behaviors observed in schools.
- * Adopt, fit, integrate and sustain research-based behavioral practices.
- * Give priority to an unified prevention agenda.
- * Engage in team-based problem-solving.
- * Identify a common purpose and approach to discipline.
- * Define a clear set of positive expectations and behaviors.
- * Implement procedures for teaching expected behavior.
- * Differentiate supports from a continuum of procedures for encouraging expected behavior.
- * Differentiate supports from a continuum of procedures for discouraging inappropriate behavior.
- * Implement procedures for on-going monitoring and evaluation.
- * Teach and encourage classroom-wide positive expectations
- * Teach and encourage classroom routines and cues
- * Use a ratio of 5 positives to 1 negative adult-student interaction.
- * Supervise actively.
- * Redirect for minor, infrequent behavior errors.
- * Pre-correct chronic errors frequently.

DID YOU KNOW ...

You can check your child's grades, class assignments, attendance and more?

For more information, or to sign-up for access, please contact your child's school office (see back page for contact numbers) or visit our web site (www.marywalker.org).



MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

(Rev. 2/27/2015)

| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Departure Time |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 04/15/15 | Reardan | 3:30 | 2:00 |
| 04/24/15 | Davenport | 3:30 | n/a |
| 04/30/15 | Liberty | 3:30 | 1:00 |
| 05/05/15 | Odessa/Harrington | 3:30 | n/a |
| 05/13/15 | Ritzville | 3:30 | 1:00 |

Baseball Head Coach: Butch Harty

Softball Head Coach: Tammy Ward

Softball Assistant Coach: Dani Schurger

All games are double-headers; with maximum time of 1.5 hours.



HIGH SCHOOL CHARGER BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

(Rev. 3/2/2015)

| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Departure Time |
|-----------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| 03/17/15 | Chewelah (softball only) | 12:00 | 9:30 |
| 03/24/15 | Tekoa/Rosalia | 1:00 | n/a |
| 03/28/15 | Reardan | 12:00 | n/a |
| 03/31/15 | Davenport | 1:00 | 10:00 |
| 04/03/15 | Liberty | 2:00 | n/a |
| 04/10/15 | Colfax | 2:00 | 11:00 |
| 04/14/15 | Wilbur/Creston (B/B @ Wilbur; S/B @ Creston) | 2:00 | 10:00 |
| 04/17/15 | St. George's (baseball only) | 2:00 | n/a |
| 04/21/15 | Northwest Christian | 2:00 | n/a |
| 04/24/15 | Kettle Falls | 2:00 | 10:00 |
| 04/28/15 | Ritzville | 2:00 | 10:00 |

Baseball Head Coach: Justyn Turner

Softball Head Coach: Jeremy Hegel

Softball Assistant Coach: Chantel Dixon

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

(As of 1/29/2015)

| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Departure Time |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 04/23/15 | League, Davenport | 3:30 | 1:30 |
| 04/30/15 | League, Ritzville | 3:30 | 1:00 |
| 05/07/15 | League, Davenport | 3:30 | 1:30 |
| 05/14/15 | League, Odessa | 3:30 | 1:15 |
| 05/18/15 | League Championships, Davenport | 1:30 | 11:00 |

Head Coach: Jo Moss



HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

(Rev. 2/27/2015)

| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Departure Time |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 03/28/15 | Ezra Gordon Invite, Colville | 10:30 | 8:00 |
| 04/03/15 | Deer Park Invite, Deer Park | 12:00 | 9:00 |
| 04/14/15 | Ritzville | 3:30 | 1:30 |
| 04/18/15 | Priest River Invite, Priest River | 10:00 | 7:00 |
| 04/21/15 | Davenport | 3:30 | 12:15 |
| 04/25/15 | Unberg Invite, Ritzville | TBA | TBA |
| 04/28/15 | Mary Walker | 3:30 | n/a |
| 05/05/15 | Curlew, Ritzville | 3:30 | 12:00 |
| 05/12/15 | League Meet, Ritzville | 11:00 | 8:00 |
| 05/21/15 | District Meet, Central Valley | 11:00 | 9:00 |
| 05/28-30/15 | State Meet, Cheney | TBA | TBA |

Head Coach: Pam Willey

Assistant Coach: Rick Johnson

AMERICORPS WEEK



Mary Walker School District is proud to announce that the week of March 9th-13th is nationally known as AmeriCorps Week. Here in Springdale, we are served by a team of four volunteers who assist in classrooms, tutoring students.

In addition to helping our students learn, the AmeriCorps team members serve our community through various service projects. They have done highway, cemetery and school grounds clean-up, as well as helping to split firewood for community members and clean-up of our own Lucky Duck Pond.

Our local AmeriCorps team members are planning a day to refresh the look at our Lucky Duck Pond this spring. They will be providing more information to the community about ways to help serve our town by 'refreshing' the pond.

Our AmeriCorps volunteers are part of a team of 22 members who serve in Springdale, Valley, Northport, Orient, Curlew, Republic (home base) and Tonasket. AmeriCorps members are sponsored by NEW Alliance and is federally funded through the Washington Service Corps. There are about 1,000 AmeriCorps volunteers in Washington State, and 80,000 volunteers nationwide. Most of these volunteers serve in schools as tutors; however, others serve in environmental/conservational projects.

If you would like to be a part of a community service project, or would like to know more about AmeriCorps, please contact the local AmeriCorps supervisor, Nick Porter (nporter@co.stevens.wa.us).

Thank you, AmeriCorps, for your service to our school and community!



PANORAMA MUSIC FESTIVAL

On March 13th, Mary Walker School District will once again host the Panorama Music Festival, which brings together 9 school districts for a day of music celebration. This annual event will take place in the Mary Walker High School Auditorium and Band Room. The bands and choir will rehearse during the school day, in preparation for that evening's concert (schedule below).

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| 10:00am - 12:00pm | Rehearsal in Band Room and Auditorium |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Lunch (Brown Bag or BBQ Hamburgers on-site) |
| 1:00pm - 3:00 pm | Rehearsal in Band Room and Auditorium |
| 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Dress Rehearsals (Choir 1st with Band Audience, then Band with Choir Audience) |
| 5:00pm | Dinner (on-site) |
| 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Dance (for participating students) / Dress for Concert |
| 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Concert (HS Auditorium) |
| 8:00pm | Clean-Up & Pack for Departure |



2015-2016 PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year for Springdale Preschool begins May 1st. Tuition is \$45 per month for students ages 3-4 (3 days a week; Tuesday through Thursday). For students ages 4-5, tuition is \$60 per month (4 days a week; Tuesday through Friday). There are free ECEAP slots available to qualifying families.

Preschool classes begin at 8:00am and end after lunch at 11:05am. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Transportation after preschool will be provided.

Our teachers and staff use a combination of self-prepared, creative curriculum, second step curriculum and the early learning and development standards as a guide for preschool education. Our teachers develop and use age appropriate activities that introduce and strengthen academic, social and emotional development.

In addition to the basics, we offer students a range of fine and gross motor activities in our classroom. We have creative opportunities in our center-driven classroom which include, but are not limited to, science, dramatic play, art, block construction and puzzles. We strive to include enrichment activities that extend our students' knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

As we enter our 10th year, we continue to be committed to working with our students, parents and community. As educators, we try to provide our parents with the best available guidance to developmentally assist their child(ren) by using best practices and the latest research in early learning and student development.

~ Miss Kim & Miss Dani ~

PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING / CYBERBULLYING



“Harassment, intimidation, and bullying” means any intentional electronic or written message or image, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.365.080(3), (race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristic, whether the victim possesses that characteristic or not.

Acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying that cause physical harm to a person or a person’s property, interfere with the educational or work environment, create threatening educational or work environments, or substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school or work place will be dealt with as serious offenses, resulting in disciplinary action, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action. This includes acts of harassment and bullying that are transmitted electronically through e-mail, web sites and/or phones.

Reprisal, retaliation or false accusations against anyone reporting or thought to have reported harassment, intimidation or bullying is prohibited and will be treated as a serious violation, regardless of whether the harassment, intimidation or bullying is substantial. Persons engaged in reprisal, retaliation or false accusation are subject to serious disciplinary and/or legal action.



STUDENT HANDBOOK REMINDER ~ CLOSED CAMPUS ~

Leaving School Grounds (Campus)

Students must have a note from their parent/guardian, cleared through the office in order to leave school early.

Students who are sick must report to the office. They will not be allowed to go home until parental permission is received.

Failure to follow the proper procedure will be considered an unexcused absence/truancy.

Closed School Ground (Campus)

Mary Walker School District operates a closed campus, so:

Students must stay on the school grounds from the time they arrive – even if their first period has not started – until they are dismissed, picked up by a parent or guardian after being checked-out by the office staff, or until they leave on the bus.

Students are to never leave the school premises during the official school day except by written permission of parents, parent phone permission or by permission of the principal.

Students WILL NOT be released to anyone other than those authorized, in writing, by the parent.

Students are to leave the school grounds after school is dismissed – unless they are participating in a school activity.

ANNUAL NOTICES

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES

As mandated by federal and state regulations and/or laws, Mary Walker School District maintains an all-encompassing set of school board approved and adopted policies and procedures relative to the school district's daily operation. Among the many policies and procedures are:

- * Extra-Curricular Expectations
- * Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- * Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying
- * Health Policies
- * Immunization Information
- * Individuals with Disabilities
- * McKinney-Vento & ChildFind
- * Non-discrimination
- * Notification of Threats
- * School Bus Expectations
- * Student Directory Information
- * Use or Possession of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol
- * Weapons and Tobacco-Free Environments



Complete copies of MWSD's current policies and procedures may be obtained by written request addressed to the district's Superintendent.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The District is committed to a positive and productive education and working environment, free from discrimination, including sexual harassment. The District prohibits sexual harassment of students, employees and others involved in District activities. RCW 28A.640.020 requires that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop regulations and guidelines to eliminate sex discrimination as it applies to public school employment, counseling and guidance services to students, recreational and athletic activities for students, access to course offerings, and in textbooks and instructional materials used by students. Mary Walker School District No. 207 is in compliance with all requirements, as mandated by State and Federal law.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2015

- 6 ~ 2nd Trimester Ends
- 7 ~ HS Sadie Hawkins Dance (7:00-10:00pm)
- 13 ~ Panorama Music Festival (4:00pm)
- 10 thru April 23* ~ SBAC/Math Assessment (3rd)
- 10 thru June 15* ~ SBAC/MSP Assessment (3rd thru 8th)
- 16 ~ School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- 17 thru 19 ~ HSPE Reading & Writing Testing (11th/12th)
- 17 thru 20 ~ Book Fair (K-5th)
- 30 ~ 3rd Quarter Ends
- 31 ~ Spring Pictures



April 2015

- 1 thru 3 ~ Early Release ~ Conferences
- 6 thru 10 ~ No School ~ Spring Break
- 20 ~ School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- 20 thru June 5* ~ SBAC/Science Assessment (5th/8th)
- 21 thru 24 ~ MS ELA Testing (8th)
- 28 thru 30 ~ MS Math Testing (8th)



May 2015

- 1 ~ PreK Open Enrollment Begins
- 1 ~ HS Freshman Orientation
- 2 ~ HS Prom (8:00-11:00pm)
- 5 thru 7 ~ HS Math Testing (11th)
- 5 thru 8 ~ MS ELA Testing (7th)
- 11 & 12 ~ Annual FFA Plant Sale
- 11 thru 14 ~ HS ELA Testing (10th/11th)
- 12 thru 14 ~ MS Math Testing (7th)
- 18 ~ School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- 18 thru 21 ~ MS ELA Testing (6th)
- 19 thru 21 ~ Biology EOC Testing
- 22 ~ MSP Science Testing (8th)
- 22 ~ Annual CTE Carnival
- 25 ~ No School ~ Memorial Day
- 26 ~ Pastries for Parents (K-5th)
- 26 thru 28 ~ MS Math Testing (6th)
- 26 thru 28 ~ Senior Finals
- 27 thru 28 ~ Math EOC Testing
- 28 ~ PreK Graduation (10:00am)
- 28 & 29 ~ 8th Grade Seattle Trip
- 29 ~ Senior Trip



June 2015

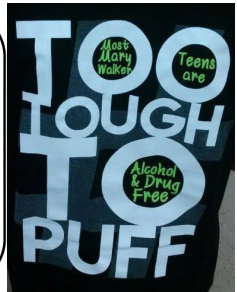
- 2 ~ 8th Grade Promotion (7:00pm)
- 2 & 3 ~ HS Finals (9th/10th/11th)
- 3 ~ Kindergarten Graduation (1:00pm)
- 3 ~ MS Field Trip
- 4 ~ Early Release ~ Last Day of School
- 5 ~ No School ~ Snow Day
- 5 ~ MWPPP/DEC-MWPPP Last Day & Graduation
- 6 ~ HS Graduation (11:00am)
- 15 ~ School Board Meeting (6:30pm)



Remember: All items on this schedule are subject to change, without notice.

You can stay up-to-date by checking our web site (www.marywalker.org).

** These dates indicate 'windows' for testing.*



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