

Edison Mural - "A Day in Walla Walla"



(L-R) Former Edison Elementary Principal **Nancy Withycombe**, Edison Principal **Josh Wolcott**, Artist **Mauricio Robalino**, School Board Member **Anne Golden**, Superintendent **Mick Miller** and Edison Art Committee member **Joyce Anderson** celebrate the unveiling of Edison's new mural during last month's dedication ceremony.

Robalino created a colorful wall mural for the inside of the school and a sculpture named *Walla Walla Blossoms* outside the school's main entrance. The artwork was included as part of the new school construction project which was approved by voters in 2007.

The artwork was funded through the Washington State Arts Commission's Art in Public Places program. The mosaic is attached to Edison's main hallway wall on the ground floor. The mosaic is called *A Day in Walla Walla* and measures 44' x 6'. It is made of plywood, glass nuggets, glass shapes and cement grout. Robalino designed it in the spring of 2010 and started building it November 6, 2010.

New district video promotes schools

The district Communications Department has produced a new video highlighting the school district. The seven minute video features district staff and students. The video will be used to help promote the district in the community. View it online: www.wfps.org

Video uses:

- District web site & welcome packets
- District employee recruitment
- Area business employee recruitment
- Realtors
- Chamber of Commerce

Last day of school - Thursday, June 9

Students at all grade levels will be dismissed early on the last day of school, Thursday, June 9. Check with school secretaries regarding summer programs. The first day of school for the 2011-12 school year is Tuesday, August 23. Thanks for a great school year! Have a safe and fun summer break.

District updates Bullying Policy

Last night School Board members approved a revision to Policy No. 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying to meet new state requirements.

Assistant Superintendent **Laure Quaresma** reported most of the changes pertain to offering more prevention and intervention strategies and programs in district schools.

In other School Board meeting business...

Board members:

- approved minutes of May 17, 2011 board meeting, personnel, out-of-state travel, and June 7, 2011 accounts payable.
- approved capital projects & ASB budget extension - Resolution No. 08-2011.
- received for second reading and then adopted the revision to Policy No. 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

Personnel Report

Employment - (Certificated)

Saul Martinez, Art Teacher, Pioneer Middle School

Resignation/Retirement

(Certificated) **Linda Lohrmann**, Learning Specialist, Green Park, 18 years

(Classified)

Kerri Baltzor, Para-Educator, Walla Walla High School, 2 years

Virginia Rios, Para-Educator, Green Park, 14 years

Laura Segovia, Para-Educator, Blue Ridge Head Start/ECEAP, 2 years

Ed Stites, Para-Educator, Green Park, 4 years

(Athletics)

Jim Eggart, Middle School Athletic Director, Pioneer Middle School, 5 years

Leave of Absence

(Certificated) **Kerri Finkbiner**, Health Clinician, Sharpstein Elementary, 7 years

- Kerri will be on a leave of absence for the 2011-2012 school year

Out-of-State Travel

Heather Abajian, Shannon Ahrens, Linda Boggs, Mike Braddock, Dan Calzaretta, Terry Carlson, Brett Cox, Shannon DeBeaumont, Conor Fish, Vivian Glaeser, Mike Gobel, Mira Gobel, Cheryl Herr, Michelle Higgins, Kim Lawbaugh, Mary Matau, Sherry McConn, Jack Mehn, Mindy Meyer, Marit Nierman, Pete Peterson, Steve Pitzer, Lisa Reinland, Elaina Renius, Carina Stillman, Kerri Tucker and Gina Yonts to attend AVID Summer Conference in San Diego (Funding: Title II and Gear Up)

Marc Yonts to attend Perform Better - Functional Training Summit in Providence, RI (Funding: Professional Development)

Quote of the Week

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

Diogenes Laertius

Staff Transfer

Georgi Delgadillo will transfer from Green Park Elementary to Garrison Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year. She will teach science.

All Staff - End of Year Celebration!

Thursday, June 9

1:15 p.m.

Wa-Hi Main Gym

- Superintendent Miller: Fountain of Wisdom
- Recognition of Retirees
- Staff Achievement Grant Recipients
- Golden Onion Recipients

Community Involvement Special thanks to our Partners in Learning

District names 2011 Graduates of Distinction

Our Graduates of Distinction will serve as positive role models for current and future students



Edward Aliverti

Class of 1950

Inspirational Staff

Robert Klavano

Russell Larsen



Larry Siegel

Class of 1968

Inspirational Staff

Alvis East



Lt. Gen. (Ret)

Robert Beckel

Class of 1955

Inspirational Staff

Major Charles Flanagan, Jr.

Do you know of a potential Graduate of Distinction?

Walla Walla Public Schools' Graduates of Distinction program provides an avenue for recognizing high school graduates of Walla Walla Public Schools who have distinguished themselves in their communities, professions, or careers; and to honor the Walla Walla Public Schools' staff members who were the most inspirational in the lives of those individuals.

Contact the Curriculum Department at 526-6735 for more information about nominating someone for the Graduate of Distinction program.

Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, Drew Bledsoe was unable to participate this year and will be honored next June with our 2012 Graduates of Distinction.

Thanks to the Selection Committee

- Doug Bayne
- Anne Golden
- Peggy Sanderson
- Art Griff
- Joshua Gonzalez