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MARCH 2022

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COMMUNITY TRADES NIGHT

Last fall, the Mead School District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department teamed up with Associated Builders and Contractors Inland Pacific Chapter to host "Trades Night" at Mead High School. Open to the community, the event featured 36 local vendors and over 100 volunteers to teach families about jobs in the trades that can lead to long-term careers. The CTE Department took what they learned from the inaugural event, and combined with the local interest, set the date for the next Trades Night. On May 4th, 2022, ABC-ICP and Mead CTE are hosting another Trades Night at Mead High School with a focus on connecting local job seekers of all ages to full- and part-time jobs, and high school students to summer jobs and internships.

For a quick recap of the event last fall, read on! Free to the public, the event in Fall 2021 saw 800 people visit vendor booths, operate machinery in the parking lot, talk with local leaders in the trades and come away with a better understanding of opportunities right here in our local community.

"It turned out to be an incredible event for our community," said Doug Edmonson, Mead School District Director of CTE, Technology and STEM. "We owe a big 'thank you' to Associated Builders and Contractors for partnering with us and to Community Schools for providing volunteers to help put on the event. The builders and contractors really made this event special for our community with the hands-on experiences they provided. We had everything from welding to operating machinery to sharing opportunities that are available right now. We have more in store for the future and will continue to grow this partnership."

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PAGE FOR THE LATEST NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT**



MEAD LEARNING OPTIONS TO HOST VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Interested in gathering more about other learning options for your child through the Mead School District? This is for you!

Mead Learning Options, which is comprised of the District's non-traditional programs (listed below), will be hosting an all-virtual informational webinar via Zoom on March 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

During the webinar, attendees will have the chance to hear a 30-minute presentation from MLO Principal Nick Edwards and then rotate through three 20-minute presentations of the programs of the attendee's choice.

Representatives from each program will give a presentation and answer questions during each 20-minute block over the last 60 minutes of the webinar.

Information and links to the webinar will be available at www.mead354.org leading up to the event. Recordings of each programs' presentation will also be available online after the event.

Mead Learning Options Programs
Five Mile Prairie Elementary (K-5)

Five Mile Prairie Secondary (6-12)

North Star School (K-12)

Aspire Learning Center (6-12)

Engle K5 Elementary (K-5)

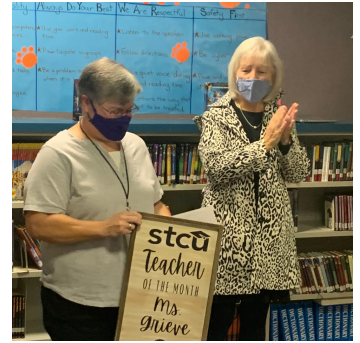
Mead Virtual Program (6-12)

Outdoor Learning (1-8)

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS



James Alford
Teacher of the Month



Staff members from the Mead School District were recognized by a number of external organizations for their amazing work!

Mr. James Alford (above, middle), 5th Grade Teacher at Brentwood Elementary, was nominated by one of his students and received the KHQ - Eastern Washington Teacher of the Month award.

Mead High School Yearbook Adviser Makena Busch (above, left) earned a National Yearbook Adviser of the Year Special Recognition Award given by the Journalism Education Association.

Trish Henry, the District's Library and Curriculum Coordinator, was also honored this month with the Washington Library Association President's Award as part of the team that created the WA Digital TeachKit. The TeachKit provides a series of easy-to-use guides to help K-12 educators use common digital learning tools.

Meadow Ridge Elementary 4th Grade Teacher Marie Grieve (above, right) was recognized as the Teacher of the Month in the December Edition of the local Kids Newspaper. She is in her 28th year at Meadow Ridge and 30th year overall of teaching.

STATE CHAMPS AND GREAT FINISHES!

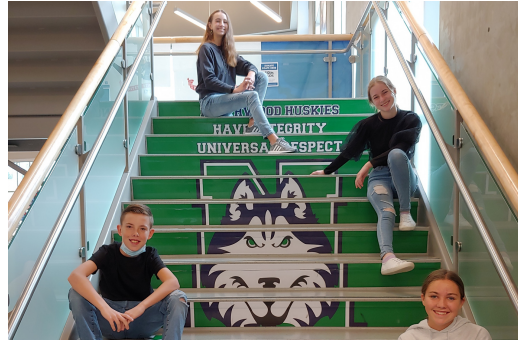


Shown above are three athletic state champion teams from the Mead School District. Top center is Mead High School's state-champion girls cross country team, led by head coach Dori Whitford. Top left is MHS' state-champion boys wrestling team led by head coach Phil McLean. and top right is MHS Girls Volleyball coached by Shawn Wilson Here are more great finishes:

MSHS Girls Volleyball, 5th in state
MHS Girls Basketball, 5th in state
MSHS Boys Basketball, 5th in state
MHS Gymnastics, 4th in state
MSHS Boys Cross Country, 6th in state

MHS Boys XC, 3rd in State
MSHS Slowpitch Softball, 3rd in State
MSHS Wrestling, 4th in State

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR HONORS



Outstanding sixth, seventh and eighth grade music students from across Washington received top honors by being selected to participate in the annual WMEA Junior All-State Choirs and NW ACDA Middle School Honor Choir. The Mead School District middle school students listed below joined hundreds of other vocalists for culminating performances:

- **Jaxton Brower:** NMS 7th Grade, Alto Voice, Jr. All-State Mixed Choir
- **Jillian Buchmann:** NMS 7th Grade, Soprano Voice, Jr. All-State Treble Choir
- **Paige Cannon:** MMS 7th Grade, Soprano Voice, NW ACDA Middle School Honor Choir
- **Ellie Henshaw:** NMS 8th Grade, Alto Voice, Jr. All-State Treble Choir
- **Eleanor Weitz:** NMS 8th Grade, Soprano voice, Jr. All-State Mixed Choir

The WMEA Junior All-State Choirs performed Saturday, February 19th, 2022, in Yakima, and the NW ACDA Middle School Honor Choir performed Saturday, March 12th, 2022, in Spokane.

MEAD SERVES COLLABS WITH HOSA



MHS HOSA and Mead Serves put together 120 homeless healthcare kits to donate to Catholic Charities and Truth Ministries. MHS students Maya Caballero, Rachael Dinwiddie, and Nolin Kavon in the above, right photo.

Thanks to a grant from the Mead Education Foundation, the generosity of Hi5 Orthodontics, and numerous staff donations from Mead High School, students assembled over 100 healthcare kits for Catholic Charities. In each drawstring bag were dental bags (courtesy of Hi5), bags of bandages, socks, lip balm, snacks and water.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Get to know BrieAnne Gray, the newest Mead School District Board Member, elected by Mead School District voters in November 2021.

Drawn by the District's impeccable reputation, BrieAnne and her husband, Josh, knew they wanted their children to receive a Mead education. Throughout their time here they have been active members in the community within the schools and youth activities. BrieAnne works in Spokane as a board certified Nurse Practitioner in women's health. As a mom of three elementary-aged children she brings a unique perspective to the board.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

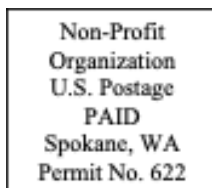
At the February 28th Regular Meeting of the Mead School District School Board of Directors, the Board reviewed the proposed Academic Calendar for the 2022-23 school year and approved it unanimously. Here are some key dates and where to find the full calendar:

- **August 30** - First Day of School
- **Dec. 19-Jan. 2** - Winter Break
- **June 16** - Last Day of School

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FOR FULL 2022-23 CALENDAR**



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Questions or Concerns? Call (509) 465-6000

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CREEKSIDE SENSORY LAB'S MEF GRANT

With the help of a \$1,500 grant from the Mead Education Foundation, Creekside Elementary staffers Andrea Medrano and Bethany Mason were able to purchase new equipment for the school's sensory lab. The new items offer more activities and different ways for students with sensory needs to move and regulate when they come to the lab.

Student can use the water table for a calming activity and tactile play, jump on a small trampoline or push weighted baskets for heavy work sensory input and movement.

Creekside and the Mead School District are grateful for MEF's support!



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dealing locally with a global pandemic over the last two years has tested our mettle as a school district. While things didn't always go smoothly, we worked hard to ensure our schools would provide safe and positive learning environments for our students. I couldn't be prouder of the efforts of our staff, students, and families during this time. We look forward to the coming months and are committed to fulfilling our mission of ensuring high levels of learning for ALL students.

One of the priority areas of our strategic plan is in the area of educating the public on school district fiscal matters. You'll see in the insert that came with this copy of Mead Matters, we shared a high-level overview of revenues and expenditures for the 2020-21 school year. This infographic flyer is just the start of informing our community how we are funded and how we spend those dollars. Over time, we'll share more infographics that dive deeper into district finances and also create a clickable, electronic version that allows community members to peruse more details within each revenue and expense category.

In addition to the series of infographic flyers and inserts, we are planning a series of community presentations about school financing. This will allow for us to share more detail on the fiscal matters of our school district and provide an avenue for open dialogue with the community. More details to come later this spring!



Sincerely,
Shawn Woodward

WE'RE HIRING!

Looking for a full or part-time job? The Mead School District is hiring for a variety of positions throughout the District. More information can be found at www.Mead354.org/jobs for jobs in teaching, transportation, nutrition services, maintenance, administration and classroom support, as well as numerous substitute positions.



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ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS

Enrollment for 2022-23 is now open for new K-12 students to the Mead School District. Please visit www.mead354.org/enrollment for more information and links to online registration or PDF registration packets. For questions, please call Student and Family Services at 509-465-6008.

**Current Mead School District students do not need to re-enroll.*



MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT #354

FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION

Interested in how public school districts are funded or have questions on how local, state and federal dollars are used? Over time, we'll share more infographics that dive deeper into district finances and also create a clickable, electronic version that allows viewers to get more details within each revenue and expense category. *Infographics can be found at www.mead354.org.*

REVENUES + OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

More than 99.9% of the Mead School District's budget comes from three main sources: local, state and federal. Local dollars come in the form of levies funded by taxpayers in the school district. State dollars are apportioned to school district's based on the state's prototypical funding model.

ACTUAL REVENUE FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

INCLUDES PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BUDGET IN PARENTHESES ()

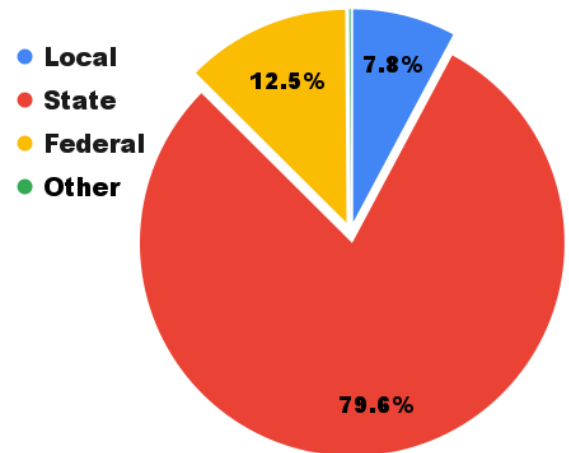
LOCAL: \$11,522,373 (7.8%)

STATE: \$117,409,563 (79.6%)

FEDERAL: \$18,389,593 (12.5%)

OTHER: \$143,495 (<0.1%)

TOTAL REVENUE: \$147,363,245



EXPENDITURES

The Mead School District's list of expense categories includes both staffing costs and expenditures for materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOCs). Of the total expenditures for the District, more than 85% is spent on employee salaries, wages and benefits - essentially, our people.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

INCLUDES PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BUDGET IN PARENTHESES ()

REGULAR INSTRUCTION: \$77,154,798 (53.4%)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: \$18,126,869 (12.6%)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: \$5,800,348 (4.0%)

COMPENSATORY PROGRAMS: \$5,384,740 (3.7%)

OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL: \$352,222 (0.2%)

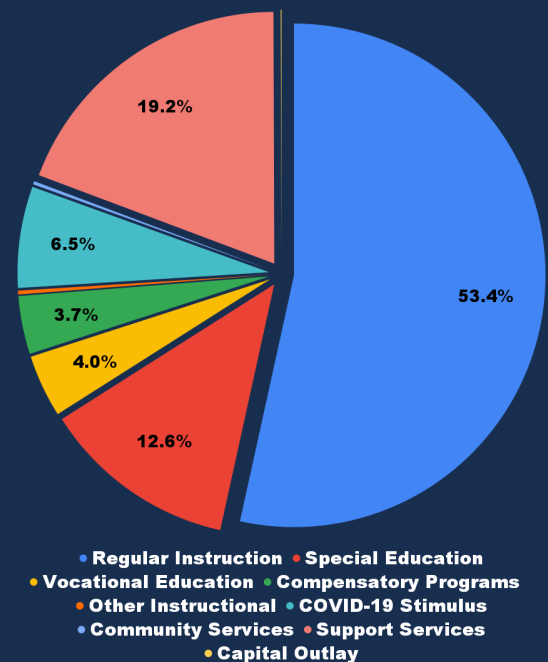
COVID-19 STIMULUS: \$9,394,321 (6.5%)

COMMUNITY SERVICES: \$207,796 (0.2%)

SUPPORT SERVICES: \$27,765,014 (19.2%)

CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$77,543 (0.1%)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$144,263,652



REVENUES - EXPENDITURES = CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (\$147,465,024 - \$144,263,652 = \$3,201,372)

The remaining unspent dollars from the 2020-21 actual revenues minus the actual expenditures are added to the Mead School District's fund balance. A minimum fund balance is maintained by the District pursuant to Board Policy 6022.

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