NEW PRINCIPALS AT SKYLINE, MSHS

The Mead School District hired two new principals this spring: one for the new Skyline Elementary School opening this fall and one to follow Darren Nelson at Mt. Spokane High School as he transitions to the role of overseeing secondary education district-wide.

The rigorous selection process included interviews with staff, community and student committees before finalists were interviewed in a public forum by community members via Zoom. Finally, Superintendent Shawn Woodward had the opportunity to interview each of the final two candidates for each position.

At Skyline, Erik Olson will lead the opening of the district’s newest school this September. He is currently finishing his fifth year as principal at Farmin-Stidwell Elementary School in Sandpoint, Idaho. He brings a total of 12 years of experience as an Elementary School Principal in addition to serving as a First Grade Teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School (2002-2009), an Associate Principal/3rd Grade Teacher at Glenbrook and as the Lake Pend Oreille School District Technology Director (2015-16).

At Mt. Spokane, Chelsea Gallagher was selected as the school’s next principal. Currently the Director of Professional Learning at CharacterStrong, she comes to the Mead School District with six years of experience as a high school assistant principal, two years as a Dean of Students and six years of teaching experience. She spent five years as the Assistant Principal at Sumner (Wash.) High School (2015-2020) and seven at Federal Way (Wash.) High School as an Assistant Principal (2014-15), Dean of Students (2013-14) and English Teacher (2008-13). Chelsea began her career as an English Teacher at Cheyenne High School in Las Vegas (2007-08).
2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY INFO

North Star School - Homeschool Program
Location: Mt. Spokane HS Theatre
Date: Wednesday, June 16
Time: 5 p.m.
Streaming will be available for family members who are unable to attend.

Five Mile Prairie School
Location: Mead HS Theatre
Date: Thursday, June 17
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Streaming will be available for family members who are unable to attend.

North Star School - Guided Student Learning Program
Location: Mead HS Theatre
Date: Thursday, June 17
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Streaming will be available for family members who are unable to attend.

Mead High School
Location: Union Stadium, 12509 N Market St, Mead, WA 99021
Date: Friday, June 18
Time: 5 p.m.
Broadcast locally over-the-air & online on SWX.

Mt. Spokane High School
Location: Union Stadium, 12509 N Market St, Mead, WA 99021
Date: Friday, June 18
Time: 8 p.m.
Broadcast locally over-the-air & online on SWX.

Mt. Spokane High School
Sam Anyan
Carson Baskett
Derek Borst
Riley Buth
Alexander Cong
Tyson Degenhart
Kahealani Figueira
Claire Gularte
Rebecca Haley
Allison Haynie
Sophia Hessami
Hana Hill
Charlotte Isern
Erika Isern
Kristen Ketola
Sarah Knutson
Kinkade McMurray
Gavin Miller
Alison Murphy
Paige O'Rourke
Nathan Pearson
Connor Peterson
Linsey Scarlett
Rachel Smith
Avery Tripp
Tessa VanWert
Hunter Walker
Teagan Whitmire
Samantha Zandt
Camila Zavala

Mead High School
Emily May Adams
Nicole Arnold
Matthew Beauchemin
Charlotte Bloom
Joshua Braun
Ayden Cannon
Caeden Corigliano
Raquel Davidson
Joshua Demant
Marc Pierre Dugenet
Madison Ediger
Bryan Evans
Hannah Ford
Jillian Holbrook
Quincy Iverson
Gabriel Kennedy-Gibbens
Sophie Koehler
Madison Leale
Britney Lewis
Lane Lorenz
Dominick Macauley
Camryn Magers
Jordan Mattox
Emma Meidl
Jonathan Morasch
Morgan Parker
Cadence Schoonover
Gabriel Selden
William Starley
Natalie Starr
Megan Sudderth
Emma Thompson
Hadley VanLandingham
Alisa Volz
Paulina Ward
Elsa Whanger
Bailey Workman
Lucia Zvonar

Five Mile Prairie School
Margaret Fairborn
COLBERT'S GOOD DEED

Early in the school year, Colbert Elementary Principal Cari Trowbridge was working with a Multi-Age Classroom of third and fourth graders on how they could infuse project-based learning with community service. Trowbridge brought forward the idea of working with Blessings Under the Bridge, a local non-profit that provides essential items and food to community members experiencing homelessness. The students and MAC teachers Kelli Newton and Meghan Johnson loved the idea and ran with it.

They involved other students and teachers in the school and worked to collect toiletry items, fleece blankets and socks, designed and sold t-shirts to donate the proceeds and even created sleeping mats out of plastic grocery bags. One third-grader named Madeleine developed a specialized loom to help fellow students create the sleeping mats more efficiently.

The project was tied to class standards in most subject areas, while also teaching the value of giving back and being part of a community. Students and teachers wrapped up the project with a trip to downtown Spokane this spring where they distribute the items to those in need. Find more on the project in a video posted to the Mead School District Facebook page.

SPOKANE SCHOLARS

The Annual Spokane Scholars Foundation Banquet honors the top students from each of Spokane county's public and private high schools in the academic disciplines of English, Fine Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages. Three Mead School District students earned scholarships, including Mead High School's Jillian Holbrook, who took home top honors in science and a $4,000 scholarship. MHS's Joshua Demant earned second place in social studies and Mt. Spokane High School's Alex Cong earned second place in math, each earning a $3,000 scholarship. Guided by the specific criteria, students are selected by teachers and school counselors.

MSHS ART WINNERS

The Superintendent’s HS Art Show is an annual event co-hosted by OSPI and the Washington Art Education Association (WAEA) with participation from students from all over the state each year. This year, a pair of Mt. Spokane High School students were honored at the state level with Linsey Scarlett’s Contours of Flathead (top photo, below) earning the WASA award and Anthony Browning’s Chronophobia (bottom, below) earning honorable mention.
As we wrap up this year and head toward graduation day and the last day of school for 2020-21, the gratitude I’m feeling for our students, staff and community is almost overwhelming. First, I want to say “Congratulations” to the Class of 2021. What this class has gone through over the last two years to be able to receive their diploma is impressive. You did it, and we couldn’t be more proud of all that it took to get to this point for you and your families!

Next, a big “Thank You” goes out to our students and staff that kept our schools open and running as smoothly as possible. This came amidst an environment that was changing frequently with new guidance from health officials, updates to schedules and bringing more kids back into our schools throughout the year. I’m so impressed with the work done. It certainly wasn’t the easy route, but rest assured we did everything we could to keep educating all of our students!

And I certainly must thank our families. You all had to make tough decisions that were unique to the needs of your family, and the way you persevered is so commendable. Our community truly is the best. I hope we established this year that we are a district that listens to the needs of our students, staff and families, is open to feedback and is unafraid to make changes that make us better. Please continue to share your voice!

Sincerely,
Shawn Woodward

MSHS STUDENT ACTION TEAM EARN CHASE YOUTH AWARD

Congratulations to the MSHS Student Action Team for their Chase Youth Award WIN this spring! This group was honored as the High School Team winner in Leadership. The group members included Sophia Hessami, Kingston Grey, Sarena Toney, Ash Peterson, Charlie Muroya, Ayen Anei and Calen Wiechert.

From Principal Darren Nelson: “These students, truly, are LEADERS in every sense. I am incredibly proud of their willingness to engage in difficult conversations with students and staff who possess very different perspectives. Without question, they have made our school a better place.”

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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TO-DO LIST: REGISTER FOR 2021-22

The Mead School District is open for registration for all new students and those returning from a school outside the district. Go to www.Mead354.org/enroll, scroll down and click “New Student Starting 2021-22” to create an account or complete online forms.

Questions? Call 509-465-6008