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SHILOH HILLS SOARS TOWARD SUMMER

Shiloh Hills Elementary, in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County (BGCSC), was chosen by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as a recipient of a Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The Shiloh Opportunity AdventuRes (SOAR) program was awarded up to \$1,500,000 over five years and will use the funds to partner in delivering robust summer school and after school programming, parent workshops and family activities. The program will be directed by Justus Morlock, a special education teacher in his sixth year at Shiloh Hills.

"I couldn't be more excited to be Program Director for SOAR," Morlock said. "This grant is quite literally a dream come true. It was a super competitive, intense project that wouldn't have been possible without the full support of so many people throughout the district and here at Shiloh. SOAR will be a powerful resource to help close the opportunity gap for hundreds of families, now and in the years to come. I'm honored to be a part of that mission."

Grant funds will be used to develop a number of programs for eligible Shiloh Hills K-5 students, starting in July with a seven-week full-day summer school followed by after school programming in the fall. SOAR (Shiloh Opportunity AdventuRes) will provide academic, social-emotional and enrichment activities, as well as transportation and meals, for students below grade level in math or reading or students with significant social-emotional needs. More than 70% of parents surveyed by Shiloh Hills responded with a desire to take part in summer school and/or after school opportunities.

The funding will also help Shiloh Hills and BGCSC provide a series of workshops and classes for parents and family members on a range of parenting and education topics, as well as "family night"-style events that students and families can participate in together.

**ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS AND THOSE
RETURNING TO THE DISTRICT AT WWW.MEAD354.ORG/ENROLL**



MHS ALUM DEVELOPS COVID-19 TRACKING SYSTEM

Amanda Reich, a graduate of Mead High School ('09), is currently completing her graduate degree through EWU while also working with the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) in Germany to help create a real-world solution that automates the workflow of collecting, processing and publishing COVID-19 figures for 10 countries. The result generated geospatial datasets into a comprehensive display for military commanders and key staff, as well as provided situational awareness for service members, civilians and contractors throughout Europe.

Reich completed her BA in anthropology at EWU in 2013 with minors in military science and German. In February 2020, she moved to Germany and transitioned from active military duty to inactive status in the reserve to focus on her position with the Department of the Army as a civilian, where she works as a geographic information systems (GIS) administrator.



STEM FORWARD SERIES ROLLS ON



The Mead School District once again partnered with WSU Spokane on the Medical Mystery Investigation as part of the STEM Forward Series. Due to COVID-19, this year's event was held completely virtually with fifth through eighth graders working to uncover the mystery. Participants received four weekly clues and had a live Zoom Q&A with WSU Spokane Health Sciences students to gain more insight.

"WSU was brilliant in its construction, collaboration and coordination of the online investigation with video clues, access to experts, and student engagement," said Dave Gamon, STEM educator at Northwood Middle School. "Our kids were equally brilliant in their observations, inferences, and critical thinking throughout the investigation. It was extremely satisfying watching the mystery unfold and seeing students actively engaged in collaboration and team-based problem solving."

The STEM Forward Series is continually adding new events for students, including the upcoming Historic Flight Night, as well as Summer STEM Academy, which will be announced and open for registration soon!

MACY'S BAND



Earlier this spring, Mt. Spokane High junior Kaley Anderson received an email she admittedly read over and over, just to make sure it was real. The email was an invitation to play her clarinet in the National Marching Band at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this November. The Head Drum Major for the MSHS Marching Band, Anderson will be the first Wildcat to take part in the Macy's Parade.

The prestigious National Marching Band will be cheered by the 3 million spectators lining the parade route. Arriving at Macy's Herald Square, the Band will perform for celebrity hosts, a grandstand audience, and more than 50 million TV viewers watching the broadcast live on NBC.

MHS SENIOR NAMED ACT SIX SCHOLAR



More than 1,100 high school seniors applied for an Act Six scholarship to attend Whitworth University, but only nine were chosen from an ultra-talented pool of deserving candidates. One of those nine individuals was our own Mead High School senior Sophia Turningrobe, an enrolled member of the Spokane Tribe, who is set to attend Whitworth this fall and also join the Pirates' volleyball team.

"I felt very, very blessed when I was told I was selected," Sophia said. "What this means to my family and I is that I get to pursue what I want to do without having the weight of how I am going to pay for college and attend a good university. We feel very lucky and very blessed to have this opportunity."

Sophia plans to major in political science at Whitworth and continue to law school with the goal of giving back to her tribal community.

"Sophia made an immediate impact as soon as she came to Mead High School," Principal Jeff Naslund. "She does a fantastic job of being that person she wants others to be. Whitworth is really lucky to have her!"

MSHS DELIVERS VALENTINES TO VETS



When Mt. Spokane teacher Nancy Butz saw KREM2's Valentines to Veterans program announced on air in early February this year, it sparked an idea. The program, designed to bring joy during the pandemic to the nearly 100 veterans who were isolated due to COVID-19 inside the Spokane Veteran's Home. Mrs. Butz saw the perfect opportunity for her leadership class to take the initiative and provide their own lift to the community.

The class jumped at the opportunity and got right to work with the materials that Mrs. Butz brought in. They completed dozens of cards to be delivered to the veterans who were feeling the effects of the pandemic.

DECA RESULTS

This spring a number of Mt. Spokane and Mead High School students took part in the Washington DECA State Career Development Conference and represented their schools in competition. Top placers at the state competition earned a spot at the national competition in April.

Mt. Spokane High School
(Advisor: Dave Whitehead)

Allison Haynie - 1st place in Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Sydney Vogel - 4th place in Food Marketing Series

Hudson Gilbert & Keagan McMurray - 6th place in Sports & Entertainment Marketing team

Chloe Dinwoodie, Kylie Chimeniti, Emory Stevens - In School Based Enterprise Retail

Katie Sevy & Erika Isern - In School Based Enterprise Food

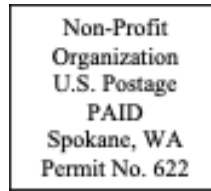
Other finalists included:
Emma Braddock & Betsy Sonneland - Business Law
Duy Nguyen - Professional Sales

Mead High School
(Advisor: Brandon Butler)
Jacob Hernandez 2nd place in

Alanna Parker, Alexis Parker, Rowyn Morehouse, Bromley Ross, and Zoe Sponseller all finalists! !

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MIDWAY TAKES LEARNING OUTSIDE

Thinking outside the box -- or outside with rocks, in this case -- Midway Elementary unveiled a new Outdoor Learning Space to students and staff upon the return from Spring Break. Imagined by a team of teachers and funded by the Midway PTO, the new space is sure to become a favorite for years to come. And this is only Phase 1 of the project!



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Resilience. That's the first word I think of when it comes to describing how our students, families and staff have met the challenges this year has brought us. Things continue to change, and we continue to adapt. With the recent CDC and WA Department of Health changes to physical distancing in classrooms, it's another opportunity and a challenge rolled into one. Students at our secondary schools will now have more access to in-person instruction, and it will take a mountain of work to get our classrooms ready for that. But, together, we'll do it.

I hope you were all able to find some rest during Spring Break and are ready to tackle the fourth quarter of this school year. Let's all support each other, respect each other and work together to make the stretch run of this year the best we can.

In closing, I join the Board of Directors in thanking our community for its support of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy that passed in February. The funding that the levy provides to our school district will help us continue to provide the kind of education that you all expect. We will be able to tackle our Strategic Priorities head on, maintain staffing levels during a very challenging time and ultimately provide the



kind of support that our students and staff deserve. I'm proud to be a part of a community that shows our children how to lead.

Sincerely,
Shawn Woodward, Mead School District Superintendent

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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THANK YOU, MEAD VOTERS

The Mead School District would like to thank the community for voting to pass the Educational Programs and Operations Levy renewal in February this year. The funding will help support the District's commitment to learning and teaching, focus on equity and access for all students and ensure ongoing funding for essential services that meet needs of students and teachers.

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