



Mead LEARNS – Mead EATS – Mead CARES

Serving Our Students During Unprecedented Times

For the Mead School District, like all school districts in our state, Governor Inslee’s unprecedented *Stay Home, Stay Safe* order closed schools for the remainder of the school year and sent us, literally overnight, sailing into uncharted waters. In response we immediately focused energy and resources on the following key service areas:

Mead Learns

Our teachers are actively engaged with providing remote learning opportunities. Following guidelines established by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, each Monday teachers communicate weekly learning activities, assignment due dates and more to each of their students. Instruction includes regular, face-to-face virtual interaction with students and teachers are available for daily email communication.

To assist in distance learning our Technology Department has, to date, deployed 4,000+ Chromebooks for student use. If your child attends a Mead School District school and you need a Chromebook, a link to register for a device is available on the district homepage.

Mead Eats

This federally funded program provides free breakfast and lunch, Monday-Friday, to students and siblings at twenty locations throughout the district. (Distribution times and locations are posted on the district homepage.) Meals prepared by Nutrition Services are delivered in school buses and distributed by bus drivers and para-educators. (Pictured are Dan Fisher & Bill MacEnulty sporting very fun rainy distribution day attire.) On average 2,000 children each day are served by Mead Eats.

Mead Cares

Childcare for 50+ Mead students whose parents are first responders or healthcare

workers is being provided at Farwell and Brentwood elementary schools. This program, overseen by Student Services, is staffed by district para-educators, admin assistants and building principals on a rotating basis.

While we hope for 100% in-person learning to begin in September, the district is awaiting guidance from the state and will be developing contingency plans to address a variety of potential fall learning scenarios. For additional information and updates please visit the Mead School District homepage (www.mead354.org).

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2020 Spokane Scholars

The Mead School District is home to five impressive Spokane Scholar winners including three 1st place finishers! Each year public and private high schools in the Spokane region nominate one senior in each of the six award categories (English, Science, Social Studies, Math, Fine Arts & World Languages).

Since 1993 the Spokane Scholars Foundation has distributed more than \$1.5 million in cash awards to 500 recipients.



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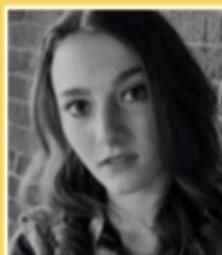
Keegan Tran - Mead High
1st English \$4,000



Eric Liu - Mead High
1st Science \$4,000



Trevor Zalud - Mead High
1st World Languages \$4,000

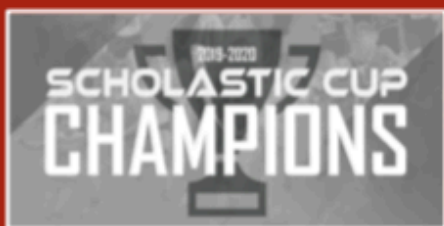


Sydney Pedersen - Mt.S
2nd Fine Arts \$3,000



Elliot Williams - Mead High
4th Math \$1,000

Mt. Spokane High School



WIAA's Top 3A School based on Academic, Athletic & Sportsmanship Excellence

Celebrating the Class of 2020



Congratulations and best wishes to the Mead School District Class of 2020! While we are sad and disappointed the current COVID-19 situation does not allow us to honor our graduates as we would like, the following virtual graduation ceremonies are planned:

- **Thursday, June 4 - Five Mile Prairie & North Star**
Graduation Video for each school available on YouTube
- **Friday, June 5 - Mt. Spokane High School**
5:30 pm SWX TV & Streaming Services
- **Friday, June 5 - Mead High School**
7 pm SWX TV & Streaming Services

Special thanks to SWX for partnering with us to professionally produce both the Mt. Spokane and Mead High virtual ceremonies.

Class of 2020 Valedictorians (4.0 GPA)

Mead High School

Collin Adams	Jacob Lines
Megan Albertson	Eric Liu
Aubrey Alley	Dylan McKee
Jessah Camyn	Bella Memeo
Emily Erickson	Carley Menner
Landyn Fountain	Phoebe Milatz
Kaden Gardner	Madisen Paradiso
Colby Grosse	Elizabeth Phillips
Anjali Gunning	Nicholas Rice
Hannah Hardy	Charlotte Robison
Ronald Hardy	Mackenzi Sandberg
McKenna Ives	Margo Schoesler
Bethany Johnson	Olivia Schwab
Connor Jones	Annaka Tibbits
Jonae Keffeler	Keegan Tran
Caleb Kingsford	Nathan Tullis
Kyle Kuka	Bailey Yochum
Nathan LaVoie	Trevor Zalud

Mt. Spokane High School

Maryam Al Mafrachi	Trevor Mason
Grace Anderson	Mia McGinnity
Kailyn Beierle	Allison McKernan
William Bork	Carson Murto
Lukas Brown	Anna O'Connor
Jacob Carr	Sophia Pardue
Megan Conroy	Sydney Pedersen
Grant Erickson	Justin Phipps
Kainoa Figueira	Kate Ross
Rachel Fullmer	Alli Schuerman
Chloe Hesskamp	Allison Shortell
Carly Hopp	Kylie Smith
Elisabeth Joireman	Mitchell Stengle
Cameron Kaminski	Callista Waterbly
Marli Krantz	Amy West
Paxton Lester	Abigail Wilkes

Five Mile Prairie School

Violeta Dragomir	Gabriella Walters
Annie Gellatly	



Last Day of School
June 19, 2020

Highland Middle School



Aerial View Highland Middle School



Highland Middle School Science Classroom

Bond Projects Update

Highland Middle School (2018 Bond) – Work on Highland Middle School has entered the downhill stretch. Two of the three classroom wings are finished and the third is nearing completion. Kitchen equipment is being installed, gym floors are finished and paving of walk-ways and parking lots is done. Current construction focus areas include art, music and vocational tech classrooms. This project, located at 3515 W. Hawthorne Rd. on Five Mile Prairie, will open in the fall of 2020.

Union Stadium (2018 Bond) – Following community input via our *Help Us Name Our New Stadium* survey, we are pleased to announce the name of the facility will be Union Stadium. This name encompasses the site's past as well as its future. The stadium is being built on the Mead Consolidated Union High School site that opened in 1911 (SW corner of Market & Farwell in the town of Mead). Union High School eventually became Mead High School, then Mead Junior High School and ultimately Mead Middle School. Regarding the future, this venue will be a community gathering place that will unify the Mead School District for generations to come.

Union Stadium, beginning in October 2020, will host home football games and soccer matches, as well as Marching Band activities and competitions for both Mead High and Mt. Spokane.

Creekside Elementary School (2018 Bond) – Like Highland Middle School, Creekside Elementary is nearing completion with move-in scheduled for early August. Work on the school's three classroom wings is in the homestretch and wood floors in the gym will be installed soon. This project, located at 3525 E. Hastings Rd. in the town of Mead, will also open in the fall of 2020.

Union Stadium



Home Bleachers Retaining Wall

Creekside Elementary



Front Entry



Welcome Director Michael Cannon

This past November Michael Cannon was elected to represent Director District #4 on the Mead School District Board of Directors. A parent volunteer, Michael has one son who will graduate from Mead High in 2020. Mr. Cannon is a small business owner and long-time Spokane resident with a lengthy history of service on numerous civic boards in the Inland NW.

As a school board member Director Cannon enjoys being involved and helping represent board perspectives to the community. He is very excited about the district's strategic planning process stating, "It is important we understand the purpose behind what we do, why we do it and how we prioritize district resources."

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A New Home



Repurposed from the old Mead Middle School building is this beautiful stained glass window created in 2003 by retired teacher Monte Miller with assistance from multiple students whose names are etched in the glass. This piece of memorabilia is now hanging in the foyer of our new Maintenance Facility (12510 N. Market in Mead) and is visible from the road at night.

Moving Forward A Message from Superintendent Shawn Woodward



It is hard to believe it has been over two months since Governor Insee made the difficult decision to physically close all public schools in the state of Washington. Since that time we have been adjusting our practices weekly to continue to improve remote learning for our students. We are hopeful we will have students back into our schools in September and will plan earnestly during the summer months to be ready for that eventuality.

While we are focused on the challenges of today, we are also looking ahead to a promising, yet uncertain future. There are some unknowns regarding the long-term economic impact of COVID-19 on public school funding. For this reason and other factors we are making budget adjustments for the upcoming school year. Included in our reductions is over \$500,000 in staffing (administration & support personnel) at District Office. Knowing there most likely will be an impact to K-12 funding for years to come, we will continue to analyze all expenditures, adjust as needed, while endeavoring to minimize the impact on students the best we can.

Moving forward, we will begin implementing a new strategic plan for the future based on feedback from our community. The plan will ensure all decisions are in alignment with our strategic priorities and desired outcomes. We are also in the process of developing a *Mead School District Scorecard* that will track progress toward our goals over the next five years. We look forward to sharing more about our plans and progress in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mead School District. Wishing you and your family the best of health.

Strategic Plan Update



School Board President Carmen Green & Others
at February 6th Community Engagement Meeting

In early February the Mead School District community was invited to attend one of two community engagement meetings, moderated by Superintendent Woodward, where the following questions were considered:

- What is the district doing well?
- What areas need immediate attention?
- What are your hopes, dreams and aspirations for the district in the future?

The information gathered at these community meetings, along with data gleaned from the 2,300+ responses to our Strategic Planning Survey, have been analyzed for themes that will form the pillars of the district's 5-year strategic plan. Look for plan details and additional information in upcoming district communications.