

MEAD

MATTERS

March 2018



NEW Northwood Dedication Ceremony

700 Gather to Celebrate

On Saturday, January 20, with nearly 700 community members in attendance, the Mead School District celebrated the opening of the NEW Northwood. It was a wonderful event hosted by Northwood Middle School Principal Dave Stenersen. In addition to school board members, district level administrators, the building general contractor (Garco Construction) and architect (ALSC), invited guests included retired and former Northwood administrators Sue Hogue, John Keith, Joanne Rehberg and Brenda Goehring.

The original Northwood building opened in 1958 and was called Mead Junior High. Dick Jones was a math/PE

teacher and Cliff Goss was a math/science teacher when that building opened 60 years ago. Both gentlemen were in attendance to celebrate the dedication of the NEW Northwood Middle School building. Mr. Goss is the father of Merri Layton, a current Northwood English teacher and Mr. Jones is the father of Northwood PE teacher Jim Jones.

In expressing his appreciation for the new school Mr. Stenersen shared, "Having spent the majority of my 40-year professional life in the "old" Northwood makes me appreciate what a tremendous gift this new building is to our students, staff and parents. I personally thank the Mead community for approving the 2015 bond that resulted in this awesome new facility. We love our new space!"



Dick Jones & Jim Jones

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Eye4Art

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Mead High School, noon – 5 pm

Adult \$5, Family \$15, Student 7-12 grade \$2, K-6 Free



Featuring the Sale of Community & Student Art to Support Mead School District Art Programs

Wrestling State Champions



Congratulations to the Mt. Spokane High School Wrestling Team on earning the 3A State Wrestling Championship! This is the first ever team 1st place state trophy for Mt. Spokane in wrestling.

The Mead School District is also home to three individual state champions – Jake Howerton (Mt. Spokane 152 lbs.), Blake Haney (Mt. Spokane 126 lbs.) and Chase Tebbets (Mead High 120 lbs.).

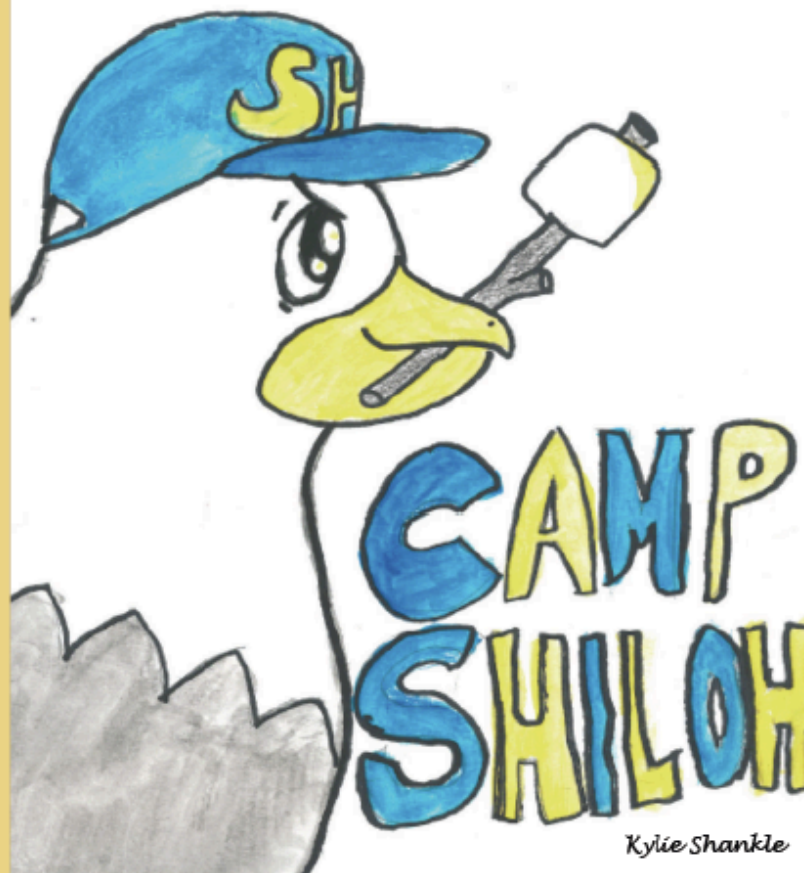


Mead High drama students are the 2018 4A Drama WIAA Academic State Champions with a 3.757 team GPA.

1st Place @ Regional Art Competition



Congratulations to Mt. Spokane artist Keenan Avery-Carpenter who earned 1st place at the 2018 NEWESD 101 Regional Art Competition. His art will now be on display in Olympia and entered in the upcoming OSPI State Art Competition.



Shiloh Hills Students Moving to OLD Northwood During Remodel

Following months of planning, we are excited to announce work on the Shiloh Hills renovation is scheduled to begin in mid-April. Garco Construction will be the general contractor for this 15-month project.

During the remodel, Shiloh Hills will be moving to the old Northwood building. Students and staff are affectionately referring to their temporary new home as “Camp Shiloh.” Their last day in the current Shiloh building will be March 30.

We are very thankful we are able to move students off-site during the renovation. The Shiloh Hills building is situated on our smallest elementary school footprint making it very difficult to bring in portable classrooms and do a phased construction project like at Midway Elementary.

Leading up to the move all Shiloh Hills students were invited to participate in a “Camp Shiloh” t-shirt design contest. There were so many great designs submitted the selection committee ended up choosing two winners. The first, *S'mores Eagle*, designed by 5th grader Rylie Shankle, will become an outside banner announcing to all that the OLD Northwood building is now “Camp Shiloh.” The second, *Camp Shiloh Camp Fire*, created by 4th grader Kebrina Le, will be printed on student and staff t-shirts.



February 13, 2018
Two Ballot Measures

Enrichment Levy
Leaves us for Learning!

Facilities Bond
Bonds us for Building!

What it Funds

- athletics
- band
- choir
- concert band
- orchestra
- STEM, etc.

Flagship Projects

- NEW** 6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL
- NEW** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- NEW** TRANSPORTATION CO-OP FACILITY
- NEW** MAINTENANCE FACILITY

THANK YOU

Equipping Students - Inspiring Problem Solvers - Creating Leaders

Voters Resoundingly Approve Bond & Levy

The February Bond & Levy election results were validated on February 23, 2018. Final YES votes were 70% for the Levy and 67% for the Bond! Now the work begins. The board has selected Heery International to serve as the Construction Project Manager for the flagship projects (new middle school, elementary school, transportation facility, maintenance facility and performing arts & athletic venue/stadium). The next 60 days will see the development of the Master Schedule of Projects plus the public bond offering.

For the most current information on the status of all bond projects visit www.mead354.org.

Thanks from the Mead Board of Directors . . .



Once again you, the voters, have invested in our kids and their future with your "yes" vote. We are blessed to have so many patrons who support schools. We, as a board, take our job very seriously and are privileged to serve you, the patrons, staff and kids of this fantastic district. Thank you all for partnering with us to make this the best school district in the state!

Denny Denholm, Board President (Director District #2)



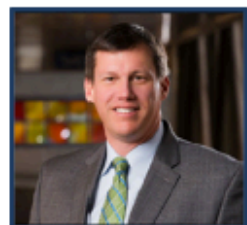
Thank you Mead patrons for your strong support! I especially want to acknowledge and extend my personal thanks to those in our community who do not currently have children attending Mead schools but still voted yes for the bond and levy. Your support demonstrates the value you place on continuing our legacy of providing an excellent public school education for all students. We promise to invest your tax dollars wisely. Thank you for partnering with us to build an even stronger Mead community.

Carmen Green, Board Vice-President (Director District #5)



Thank you Mead patrons for believing and investing in the future of our children. Your generosity in supporting our levy and bond is greatly appreciated. I am especially grateful we are now able to address our increasing student enrollment by building two new schools and look forward to Mt. Spokane and Mead High being able to have true home football games. Mt. Spokane has never hosted a home football game and the last time Mead High played at home was 1974.

Bob Olson (Director District #3)



Thank you for trusting the board with your hard-earned tax dollars by supporting the bond and levy. These funds allow and encourage us to continue working hard to balance the budget between necessary building/maintenance and direct student learning needs in ways that will improve our entire community. We sincerely appreciate your trust and support. We will provide regular updates regarding the progress on all approved building projects.

Chad Burchard (Director District #1)



The Board of Directors, administration, teachers, staff and students extend a sincere THANK YOU to the Mead community for your approval of the bond and levy. Mead has a long-standing history of providing outstanding learning and extra-curricular opportunities for all students. This is possible because of strong community support. Thank you for your ongoing investment in the education of Mead students.

Ron Farley (Director District #4)

THANK YOU

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Summer Camps 2018



STEM Academy Current 4 – 6 Graders 8 am – 1 pm OLD Northwood Building	DESIGN Academy Current 7 & 8 Graders 8 am – 1 pm OLD Northwood Building
July 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space Camp Tinkering Camp Makers & Machines Coding & Gaming 	Three Sessions . . . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 9-12 July 16-19 July 23-26
July 16-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Camp CSI Forensics The Operating Room Coding & Gaming 	MISSION TO MARS Current 2 & 3 Graders 8 am – 1 pm OLD Northwood Building
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School Safety & Security A Message from Superintendent Tom Rockefeller



In February of 2013 the Mead School District Board of Directors authorized the formation of a Safety Committee. The committee's charge was to develop a plan that identified immediate, near-term and long-range safety and security needs, including recommendations on how to address those needs. I am pleased to report, thanks in large measure to the safety/security enhancement funds (\$3.4 million) approved by voters in February 2015, we have been able to address all of the immediate and near-term areas of concern the committee identified, including but not limited to the following:

- Design and construction of a "Single Point of Entry" at each school site.
- Installation of access control technology at each school site.
- Installation of surveillance cameras at all school sites.
- Installation of a "door ajar" notification system and main office panic alarms at each school site.
- Development and implementation of standardized, district-wide lockdown protocols and procedures.
- Increased staff/student emergency drill practices (announced & unannounced).

Moving forward, the Mead School District Board of Directors earlier this month authorized the formation of a new Safety Task Force to look at future safety needs. This committee will begin meeting in April, providing an Interim Report to the school board in late June, followed by a Final Report with recommendations early in the fall.

In closing, I join the Board of Directors in thanking you for your overwhelming approval of our recent Bond & Levy ballot measures. Your strong support is very much appreciated and continues a long history of community investment in excellent learning programs, great staff and quality learning facilities.

Mt. Spokane High School Performing Arts Department Musical

**THE HUNCHBACK
 OF NOTRE DAME**

May 3, 4, 10, 11 @ 7 pm
 May 5, 12 @ 1 pm
 Mt. Spokane HS Theatre
 \$10 adults; \$7 seniors/students



Safety & Security Task Force

We are looking for community members to serve on our Safety & Security Task Force. The committee, comprised of a representative cross-section of stakeholders, will begin meeting in mid-April. If you would like to volunteer please email jolene.andres@mead354.org.