



Chris's Story . . . Transcending Circumstances

They Made Us Feel Welcomed Just by Being Friendly

For the start of his 6th grade year it was Chris Phelps's idea for the family to move to Spokane to be closer to his dad. Leaving close friends behind made the decision tough, then dealing with the transition into a new school – Shiloh Hills – added to the difficulty, especially since Chris is “not good at making new friends.” It was March before Chris was beginning to feel settled in with new school connections.

What followed was even more disruption. Chris learned his family needed to relocate within the Mead School District and he would not attend Mountainside Middle School for 7th grade with his new friends; he would instead be going to Northwood!

Chris was anxious throughout the summer and concerned about the

coming transition to Northwood. But one summer day, while attending breakfast at Shiloh Hills, he was noticed by two STEM Academy staff members, Northwood teachers Brittany Page and Dave Gamon, who learned of his situation and invited him to stay after breakfast and participate in STEM Academy. Chris accepted the invitation, loved the experience and made a critical connection with these two Northwood teachers.

Being involved in STEM Academy helped Chris transcend his circumstances. Looking back he says, “It’s ironic . . . I didn’t want to go to Northwood. I wanted to go to Mountainside with all my friends. I now believe it was meant to be and I am really glad. I want to be at Northwood. It is good to be there.” Angie, Chris’s mom, expressed her gratitude stating, “It is hard moving from one state to another, trying to start over and make friends. They made us feel welcomed just by being friendly.”

“The connection and relationships that began at STEM Academy have helped create an environment where Chris is thriving,” says CTE Director Doug Edmonson. “Our goal is to model inclusion and invite kids to be a part of an environment where they can learn from amazing teachers. We want to do whatever it takes to make that happen.” Chris has gone on to volunteer at our STEM Academy and contribute to the problem-solving environment he loves.

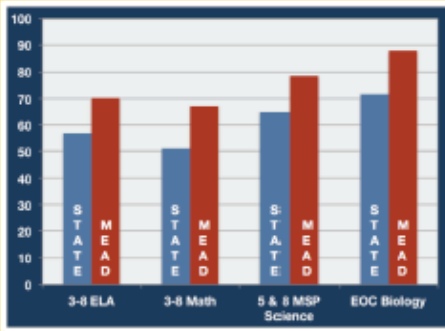
This story is the subject of our latest *Who We Are* video. To watch Chris’s Story & others, visit www.mead354.org.

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Outstanding State Test Scores



Results from last spring are in and Mead School District students scored exceptionally well on state tests. The district composite score was well above the state average in all four tested areas (3-8 English Language Arts, 3-8 Math, 5/8 Science & End-of-Course Biology). In ELA, Math & Biology Mead composite scores were higher than all surrounding school districts and all eight of our elementary schools had scores that exceeded the state average.

Cat Scramble 2017



For the past 17 years the Cat Scramble Golf Tournament has raised money to benefit the Mead High and Mt. Spokane athletic programs. This year's event raised \$57,000, which the two schools will share. Over its history this fundraiser has produced nearly \$469,000. Special thanks to Cat Scramble Co-Chairs Nicki Nesson & Mel Flesland, Silent Auction Chair Jody Sanford and Major Sponsors Northern Quest/Kalispel Tribe and the Mead High Class of 1976.

Upcoming Craft Fair

Mead High School Band Craft Fair

November 11, 9 am – 5 pm
November 12, 10 am – 4 pm

Rivalry Week 2017



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Community Pride & School Spirit Abound

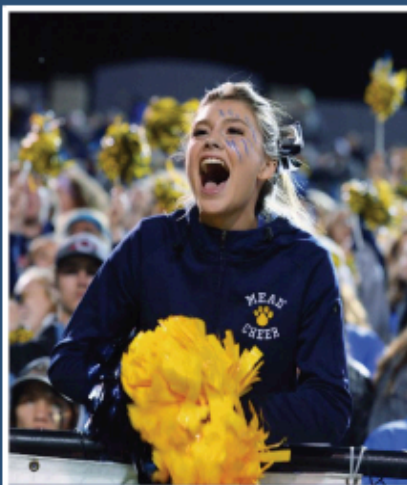
Thanks to all who attended one or more of the Mt. Spokane vs. Mead High athletic events that took place the first week of October. Each contest – *Turf War* (soccer), *Battle of the Bats* (softball), *Catmania* (volleyball) and *Battle of the Bell* – was extremely competitive.



The week culminated with nearly 10,000 Mead School District football fans descending on Albi for the annual *Battle of the Bell* football classic. Entire extended families were in attendance – grandparents, parents and kids – many of whom are long-time Mead residents and former Mead School District students. While cheering for their respective team, they also attended because they wanted to be a part of the bigger *Battle of the Bell* experience.

And the winner was . . . Mead High. They prevailed 24-19, taking home the traveling Victory Bell. This bell was originally mounted in the Greenbluff school steeple and relocated to the Farwell School House when the Mead Consolidated Union School District opened in 1911.

Panthers and Wildcats – for 20 years their sports rivalry has showcased the best in community pride, school spirit and sportsmanship.



Mead High Community



Street Fair

We Believe Public Schools are Meant to be the Hub of the Community



To celebrate and bring together the entire Mead High School community (Brentwood, Evergreen, Farwell, Prairie View and Northwood), Mead High hosted a self-styled *Street Fair* on the evening of October 3rd. This event was similar to the *Block Party* that Mt. Spokane High School hosts in May each spring.

Reflecting on the event Principal Jeff Naslund said, "We believe public schools are meant to be the hub of the community. Watching the Mead High community rally for this collective cause was an incredible sight." YOU BELONG is the Mead High motto and this event certainly captured the essence of belonging.

Those who attended - nearly 2,000 - enjoyed a free taco dinner served by administrators from Mead High feeder schools. Pony rides, sponsored by the Mead High Equestrian Team, were available in the front parking lot. Forty clubs and activities were represented and in the Mall those who attended enjoyed concerts performed by the Evergreen & Friends Marimba Band, Mead High Orchestra and Mead High Band. ProStart culinary arts students were also on hand serving special gourmet desserts. It couldn't have been a more successful event!



The Mt. Spokane Theatre Arts Department Proudly Presents

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Performance Dates:
November 9, 10, 11
16, 17, 18 @ 7 pm

Ticket Prices:
\$8 adults
\$5 students/seniors

Mt. Spokane High School Theatre
6015 E. Mt. Spokane Park Drive, Mead, WA 99021

The Mead High Theatre Arts Department Proudly Presents



Performance Dates:
November 8, 9, 10 & 15, 16, 17 @ 7 pm

Ticket Prices:
\$8 adults, \$6 students

Mead High Theatre, 302 W. Hastings Rd., Spokane, WA 99218

QUADRUPLE!

Did you know over the last 10 years the Mead School District has grown by 733 students and this year it's grown by more than 300 students?

AND that number is expected to quadruple in the next 10 years with a predicted increase of nearly 3,000 new students!

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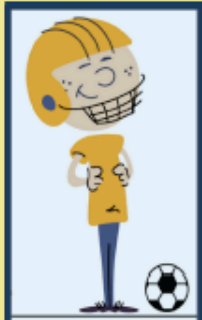
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February 13, 2018 Two Ballot Measures

Renewal **Enrichment Levy** *Levies are for Learning!*

What it Funds



athletics

band

choir

debate

drama

orchestra

STEM, etc.



Facilities Bond

Bonds are for Buildings!

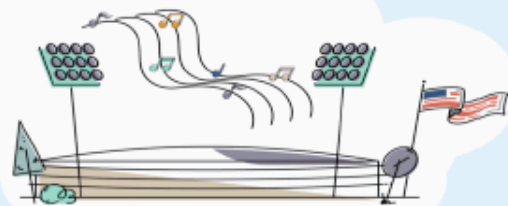
Flagship Projects

NEW

6-8 MIDDLE
 SCHOOL

NEW

ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL



District Performing Arts
 & Athletic Venue

NEW

TRANSPORTATION
 CO-OP

NEW

MAINTENANCE
 FACILITY

How Much Will It Cost?

that's cool

With the new way Washington State is funding education if BOTH the bond & levy are approved the amount people pay in school taxes will actually go down by 9%.

That's cool - Mead gets new schools and folks see a smaller tax bill!

Current		Proposed	
2	State	2	State
0	Bond	0	Bond
1	Levy	1	Levy
7	\$7.28	9	\$6.64
Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value			

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