



## Catmania Volleyball & Battle of the Bell Football

### Community Pride and School Spirit Abound

“Exhausting!” is the word Mead Athletic Director John Barrington used to describe the October 8<sup>th</sup> *Catmania* volleyball match between the Mead Panthers and Mt. Spokane Wildcats. The atmosphere was extremely loud and intense as a standing room only crowd witnessed a very competitive, back and forth match that wasn’t decided until the fifth and final game - Mead High emerged victorious.

The following evening more than 10,000 Mead School District football fans descended on Albi for the annual football classic better known as *Battle of*

*the Bell*. 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.

Pre-game activities included tailgate parties hosted by the Mead and Mt. Spokane athletic booster clubs. Half-time featured a performance of their award winning show *Atomic* by the Mead High School Marching Band under the direction of Rob Lewis.

And the winner was . . . Mt. Spokane. They prevailed 30-14, taking home the traveling Victory Bell for the third

consecutive year. This bell was originally mounted in the Greenbluff school steeple and later relocated to the Farwell School House when the Mead Consolidated Union School District opened in 1911.

Wildcats and Panthers - for 19 years this sports rivalry has showcased the best in community pride, school spirit and sportsmanship.

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### Cat Scramble Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

*Battle of the Bell* pregame festivities included the presentation of a record-breaking check to Mead and Mt. Spokane Athletics in the amount of \$52,000 from the CENEX Zip Trip Cat Scramble Golf Tournament & Silent Auction. Proceeds will be divided equally between the two schools to help support athletic programs. Over the past 15 years this charity event has raised over \$350,000. Cat Scramble chairs are Renee Fine, Joanie Pringle Jones and Jody Sanford.



## Distinguished School & InvenTeam Winner



Mead's Riverpoint Academy was recently recognized for two major accomplishments. The school was named an Apple Distinguished School for Innovation, Leadership and Educational Excellence. Additionally, Riverpoint Academy is home to one of 14 student teams nationally to earn a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Grant (up to \$10,000) for Invention Projects.

## Paralympic All American



Mead High track athlete Zane Magin was recognized at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Assembly as a Paralympic All American. Presenting Zane with this award were principal Teresa Laher (L), Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and School Board Director Bob Olson (R).

## Outstanding Citizen Award



Pictured with School Resource Officer Chris Young, Meadow Ridge principal Shawn Worstell (L), admin assistant Liz Fish and social worker Debbie Wiechert (R) were awarded the 2015 Outstanding Citizen Award by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office in early October for their assistance following a burglary at Meadow Ridge last spring.

# College & Career Readiness Pathways to the Future



Boeing Recruiters Address Mead & Mt. Spokane Engineering Students

## "What's Next?" and "How Do I Get There?"

The Mead School District is committed to positioning students for success now and in the future. To that end, Mead High and Mt. Spokane joined forces and hosted a Post High School Planning Night at Mt. Spokane on the evening of October 7, 2015. Students and parents were able to learn about paying for college, four-year public and private university options, as well as two-year college opportunities.

Earlier that same day engineering students from Mead High and Mt. Spokane, along with Riverpoint Academy juniors and seniors, had the opportunity to listen to representatives from Boeing. Boeing is recruiting graduating high school seniors from Washington State for manufacturing positions. Last year, the company hired 168 high school graduates with an average starting pay between \$45,000-\$55,000 per year. Each employee, after one year of full-time employment, has access to an annual education allowance of \$17,500. In the next five to ten years, Boeing plans to hire 30,000 individuals to replace retiring baby boomers.

For students struggling with how to pay for college, the Boeing option provides a viable opportunity for employment plus company provided funds to pursue a college degree while working. Following the presentation one student asked, "When can I start?" CTE Director Doug Edmonson reports Boeing recruiters will return to the Mead School District in the spring to interview prospective employees.

## Boundary Review Community Forums

The Mead School Board, last spring, authorized the formation of a Boundary Review Committee to review current elementary school boundaries and study enrollment projections. The committee began meeting in September.

Part of the process includes the opportunity for community input on any proposed boundary changes. Community Forums have been scheduled for:

- Wednesday, March 2 – Mead High School Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9 – Mt. Spokane High School Atrium, 6:30 p.m.

Proposed boundary change information will be posted online in late February.



# Upcoming Theatrical Productions

The Mead High School Drama Department  
proudly presents

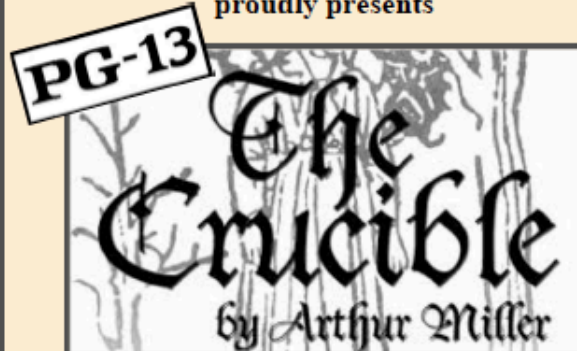


A PLAY  
By Tina Howe

November 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 - 7 pm

Students & Seniors: \$5.00      Mead High Theatre  
Adults: \$10.00                      302 W. Hastings Rd.

The Mt. Spokane Drama Department  
proudly presents



November 12, 13, 19, 20 - 7 pm  
November 14, 21 - 2 pm

Students & Seniors: \$5.00      Mt. Spokane Theatre  
Adults: \$8.00                      6015 E. Mt.S. Park Drive

## Bond Projects Update

Following a very busy summer that saw the recarpeting of four elementary schools, resurfacing of the Mt. Spokane and Mead High tracks and the completion of three roofing projects, we continue to move forward on other projects approved by Mead voters last February.

### General Contractor/Construction Manager Selected for Northwood

A Request for Qualifications was announced, resulting in five construction companies submitting proposals to rebuild Northwood Middle School. After an initial screening process, three companies were invited to participate in the interview phase. On October 26, 2015, the Mead School District Board of Directors awarded the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GCCM) contract to Garco Construction of Spokane.

Northwood site work will start spring 2016 with construction scheduled to begin in the summer.

### Security – Single Points of Entry

The design phase for “single points of entry” at district schools and buildings will take place during the current school year with construction planned for the summer of 2016.

### New Lockdown Feature

Technology has been installed and is now operational making it possible to put a school in “lockdown” status from any classroom. When a designated phone button is pushed, and a special code entered, the school-wide lockdown warning signal is initiated. At the same time, this new technology automatically contacts first responders saving valuable time should we ever find ourselves in an emergency situation.

*Not a Bachelor's Degree?*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS  
**WANTED**

The Mead School District is experiencing a substitute teacher shortage and is looking to hire additional individuals to fill this role.

If you have a Bachelor's Degree, in any subject, and are interested in being a substitute teacher, please visit the Mead School District homepage ([www.mead354.org](http://www.mead354.org)) to learn more about becoming a substitute teacher.



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Northwood Middle School

**Calling All Veterans**  
Please Be Our Guest!  
Veterans Day Assembly

Northwood MS  
13120 N. Pittsburg  
Spokane, WA 99208  
509-465-7512

Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
8:15 am – 9 am  
Reception Following

## Join the Conversation A Message from Superintendent Tom Rockefeller



It is my pleasure to announce the Mead School District is offering the community a new and exciting way to communicate thoughts, ideas and concerns about our schools. It is called *ThoughtExchange*. In addition to sharing your insights, you will also be able to see what other community members think and what they share. I believe this conversation will help create a robust, community-wide discussion around what matters to our parents, staff and patrons.

The Mead School District has a long and rich tradition. We are one of the best public school systems in the State of Washington. A major factor contributing to this continued success is our strong connection with the Mead community. Our parents, families and patrons have been and continue to be highly interactive and influential in creating and sustaining this great school district.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns. The things you share will be very beneficial as we all work together to position Mead students for success now and in the future.

Additional information about *ThoughtExchange* and how you can "Join the Conversation" are outlined below.



A complete listing of holiday choir, band and orchestra concerts is posted on the Mead School District homepage ([www.mead354.org](http://www.mead354.org)).

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## Join the Conversation . . .

What's working well?  
What needs improvement?

Starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through November 11<sup>th</sup> the Mead community is invited to "Join the Conversation" as our district launches an exciting new virtual engagement process called *ThoughtExchange*. We want to know what you think is going well, where improvement can be made and what we might be missing.

We hope to collect thousands of thoughts that will be sorted into common themes. A few weeks later those who participated will be invited to join the next step. They will see what others are saying and have the opportunity to "star" those themes they consider most important.

If you are already connected to the Mead School District as a parent or staff member, we most likely have your email address and you will automatically receive an invitation to participate in *ThoughtExchange*. If not, there is a link provided on the Mead School District homepage ([www.mead354.org](http://www.mead354.org)) where you can self-register to share your thoughts, perspectives and suggestions. All email addresses and the names of participants are confidential.

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts and "Join the Conversation."

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