

Shiloh Hills Elementary School



Living Flag – October 24, 2014

Star-Spangled Banner Inspiration Recreated

Mini-Documentary Chronicles Creation of Living Flag

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the penning of *The Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key all 540 Shiloh Hills students donned red, white and blue rain ponchos on the afternoon of October 24 and created a replica of the flag that flew over Fort McHenry in September of 1814.

The original Great Garrison Flag had 15 stripes, 15 stars and measured 30 feet by 42 feet. As part of their preparation for Veteran's Day, students learned that when Mr. Key saw the flag still waving, after an intense 25-hour battle, he knew the Americans had not surrendered

to the British. This inspired his famous words, which became our national anthem in 1931.

Shiloh Hills music teacher Brian Maney came up with the idea and procured a \$400 donation from American Tradition Homes for the ponchos. 6th grade students, using their math skills, calculated the "Living Flag" dimensions.

To document the event Mr. Maney contacted Mead High School Video Production teacher Brandon Butler, who enlisted students Chase Jamison and Derien Kraus, to produce a "Living Flag" mini-documentary. To provide aerial images for the documentary - posted on the Mead School District homepage -

Chase and Derien mounted a video camera on a drone that flew overhead during the 45 minutes it took to get all 540 students in place.

"You are the Great Garrison Flag that flew over Fort McHenry," Maney told students before asking them to remove their hoods, place their hands over their hearts and sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

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Holiday Concerts

You are cordially invited to attend one (or more) of the many outstanding Holiday Concerts planned for the month of December. Times and locations are listed on the back page of this publication.



2014 School of Distinction Award Winner – Again!



Five Mile Prairie School, for the 4th consecutive year, received a *School of Distinction* award. This award recognizes outstanding improvement in reading and math, sustained over a five-year period of time. Five Mile Prairie is a K-12 instructional partner with home school families and students.



Mt. Spokane High School Made "The List"

Congratulations to Mt. Spokane students, staff and administration. They have been identified by *The Daily Beast* as one of America's Top High Schools for 2014. Each year *The Daily Beast* looks at five different indicators to determine which schools make this prestigious list: ACT/SAT scores, graduation rate, rigor, college bound and free/reduced lunch data.

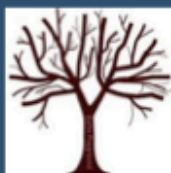
Mt. Spokane is one of only three local high schools for 2014 to qualify for this honor. Their ranking of 586 is the highest in the Spokane region.

February 2015 Bond & Levy Community Information Meetings



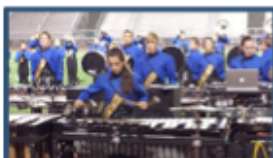
Wednesday, January 21 – 7 pm
Midway Elementary School
821 E. Midway Rd.

Wednesday, January 28 – 7 pm
Northwood Middle School
13120 N. Pittsburg

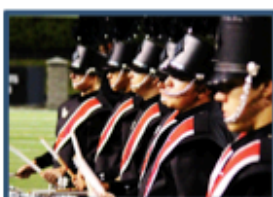


Fall Review

Mead & Mt. Spokane Marching Bands Continue Tradition of Excellence



In marching band circles around the state, it is common knowledge that both Mead and Mt. Spokane have exceptional marching band programs. This fall both schools lived up to this well-deserved reputation.



In early October, at the Cavalcade of Bands competition, the Mead School District "Stole the Show!" Mead High School was the Grand Sweepstakes winner with their show *The Edge* and Mt. Spokane was right behind them taking 1st place with their performance of *The Heist*. In addition to overall placement, bands have the opportunity to earn "caption" awards. Of the six caption awards, Mead and Mt. Spokane won them all!

Project Lead-the-Way Engineering Students Visit EWU



Project Lead-the-Way engineering courses at Mt. Spokane and Mead high schools serve 345 students. In late October, 79 of them visited Eastern Washington University's Engineering Department. Juniors and seniors taking 3rd and 4th year engineering courses at both high schools receive college credit through Eastern. PLTW engineering students engage in open-ended problem solving, learn and apply the engineering design process and use the same industry-leading technology and software used in the world's top companies.

Veteran's Day 2014

Each November all Mead schools and students celebrate Veteran's Day with a variety of events, including assemblies and concerts.

Of particular note this year was the assembly held at Northwood Middle School. Honored guests included 180 local veterans and Army Staff Sergeant Chris Carver, a Purple Heart recipient, who shared his personal story. After the assembly veteran guests enjoyed a donut reception in the Northwood library.

To honor the memory of Army SPC Jarrod A. Lallier, a 2010 Mead High School graduate and former Northwood Husky, students donated \$625 to the Wounded Warriors and Shepherds for Lost Sheep. Over the past three years over \$1,600 has been given to this organization in Jarrod's name.

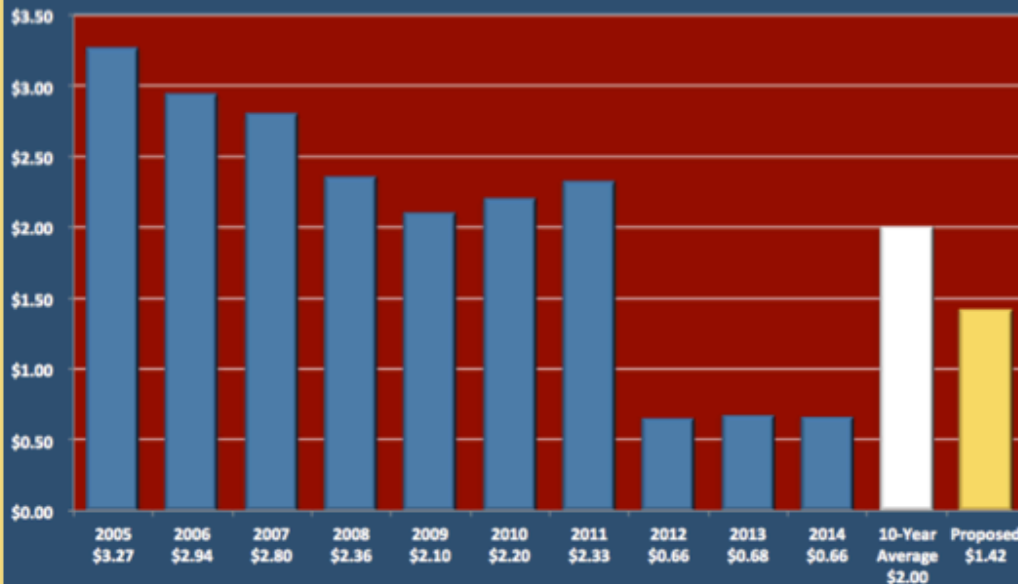




February 10, 2015 – Two Ballot Measures

For Additional Information Visit: www.mead354.org/bondandlevy

Mead School District 10-Year Bond Tax Rate History
10-Year Average: \$2.00 -- Proposed: \$1.42



Bond Tax Rates

If approved the total bond tax rate for Mead taxpayers will be \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value - \$0.66 for existing bonds (Prairie View & Mountainside Middle School) plus \$0.76 for new bonds.

As the graph illustrates, the proposed bond tax rate of \$1.42 is 29% below the 10-year bond tax rate average of \$2.00 and 57% below the \$3.27 collected in 2005.

Facilities Improvement Bond

Bonds are for Buildings!

Voters have the opportunity in February to invest in the Mead community while maintaining a bond tax rate 29% below the district's ten-year average. A vibrant school district that includes safe, well-maintained facilities not only positions our students for success now and in the future, it also positively impacts home values for all Mead School District residents.

Bond Flagship Projects

- **Fully Modernize 34 Year Old**
Shiloh Hills Elementary
Midway Elementary
- **Replace 56 Year Old**
Northwood Middle School

All three projects qualify for "state match" monies!

PLUS District Wide & School Specific

- Safety & Security Upgrades
- Roof & Carpet Replacement
- High School Track Replacement
- Property Acquisition for Future School Site/s
- Learning, Data, Information & Security Technology Infrastructure Upgrades
- Site/Traffic Improvements
- HVAC Controls/Systems Upgrades
- K-12 Performing Arts Upgrades
- Handicapped Accessibility Improvements

Mead Patrons Pay 68% . . . State Match Pays 32%

Renewal Maintenance & Operations Levy

Levies are for Learning!

What it Does

The proposed levy renews existing programs for three years (2016, 2017, 2018). It is not a new tax.

The levy represents about 23% of the Mead School District operating budget and supports:

- Small Class Sizes
- Activities
Band, Choir, Drama, Orchestra
- Athletics
Elementary, Middle & High School
- Increased Learning Opportunities
AP, STEM & Highly Capable
- And Much More!

Levy Renewal Tax Rate

The current (2015) and proposed levy tax rates are identical . . . \$4.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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 www.mead354.org

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December Holiday Concerts

Dec. 2	Beginning Band @ Mead HS - 7 pm Elementary & Middle Orchestra @ MtS - 7 pm
Dec. 3	Brentwood 1 st Grade - 6:30 pm Brentwood 6 th Grade - 7:30 pm Adv. Elementary Band @ Mountainside - 7 pm
Dec. 4	Beginning Band @ MtS - 7 pm
Dec. 5	Mead HS Choir - 7:30 pm
Dec. 6	Mead HS Choir - 4 pm
Dec. 9	Prairie View 5 th & 6 th Grade - 6 pm Mead HS Band - 7 pm Mt. Spokane Winter (9 th & 10 th) - 7 pm
Dec. 10	Farwell 1 st & 2 nd Grade - 6 pm Prairie View 1 st Grade - 6 pm Prairie View 2 nd Grade - 7 pm Elementary Orchestra @ Mead HS - 7 pm
Dec. 11	Northwood Holiday Musical - 8 pm Farwell 3 rd & 4 th Grade - 6 pm Prairie View 3 rd Grade - 6 pm Prairie View 4 th Grade - 7 pm Mt. Spokane Winter (11 th & 12 th) - 7 pm
Dec. 12	Colbert Holiday Program - 9:45 am & 1 pm Evergreen Concert @ Whitworth - 10:30 am & 7 pm
Dec. 16	Mead HS Orchestra - 7 pm Mountainside Band @ MtS - 7 pm Midway 1 st Grade - 6 pm Midway 2 nd & 3 rd Grade - 7:30 pm
Dec. 17	Midway 4 th and 5 th Grade - 7 pm
Dec. 18	Northwood Choir - 7:30 pm Brentwood 5 th Grade Colonial Night - 7 pm Mountainside Choir @ MtS - 7 pm Midway 6 th Grade - 7 pm Northwood Band - 7 pm
Dec. 19	Northwood Music Assembly - 8:15 am Colbert Kindergarten - 10:30 am & 2:15 pm

**A Healthy, Vibrant Community
 A Message from
 Superintendent Tom Rockefeller**



An overarching characteristic of the Mead School District is an organizational desire to look consistently for ways to improve. In everything Mead does, we have a passion to position our students for success now and in the future. We do this through our commitment to providing each student with an outstanding education, through building and maintaining safe schools, and through partnering with our community. From the individual teacher in his/her classroom to the Board of Directors, Mead Schools focus first and foremost on looking at how we can make a great learning program even better. We want our students to learn, grow and enjoy all the benefits of a well-rounded education. We firmly believe a strong public school district makes for a healthy, vibrant community!

I encourage Mead patrons to become involved with our schools. Your connections with Mead students and staff are extremely valuable in building relationships and developing a mutual understanding of what and how students learn.

There are numerous ways to participate. I invite you to enjoy a theatrical, band, orchestra or choir performance. Watch an athletic or debate competition. Volunteer to tutor a child or speak to a class about your occupation or business. We have great kids in Mead who work hard, demonstrating success in a wide range of academic and extra-curricular activities. I guarantee you will enjoy interacting with them.

Thank you for your on-going support. A vibrant school district where children learn and grow in safe, well-maintained facilities not only positions our students, but the entire Mead community, for success now and in the future.



Mead School District Transportation Employees
 Karen Zeller, Shelly Barbour & Lauri Penaluna

Food Drive Sponsored by Mead Bus Drivers

Mead bus drivers and transportation employees, on two consecutive Saturdays in November, held a "Fill the Bus" food drive with proceeds going to the Mead Food Bank. In total they collected \$1,600 in cash (\$200 donated by the bus driver's union) and 700 lbs. of food! "It was a very worthwhile event - encouraging to witness first-hand the generosity of the Mead community," reported Transportation Director Chris Jose.

