

MEAD

MATTERS

November 2013



Mt. Spokane senior Mackenzie Hutson plating four salads.



Brittney Dudycha adding finishing touches to a taco salad.



Mt. Spokane junior Noah Bollaert.



Mead School District Welcomes ProStart

Is cooking your passion?
Thinking about opening your own restaurant someday? Do you have what it takes to be the next restaurant superstar?

With the advent of the Food Channel and popular television shows like *Iron Chef America*, *Restaurant Express* and *The Rachael Ray Show*, the timing was perfect for the Mead School District to welcome the ProStart program at both Mt. Spokane and Mead high schools.

Supported by the National Restaurant Association, ProStart is a nationwide, two-year high school program that unites the classroom and industry to develop the best and

brightest talent into tomorrow's restaurant and food service leaders. Students enrolled in ProStart are introduced to all facets of the restaurant industry including nutrition, management, customer service, safety and culinary arts.

120 students are enrolled in the program this fall where they are learning about the art of food preparation. Class lab assignments are unique and varied. Students might be asked to prepare a dish meeting the demanding taste and presentation expectations of a restaurant executive chef or to design and deliver monster cookies for a Halloween party. Along the way students learn to prepare and present identical, consistent menu items for customers.

Mt. Spokane ProStart teacher Claudia Couch reports, "Student engagement is very high. Televised food shows have rock star chefs and the food service industry has taken on a glamour not previously enjoyed."

Students who complete the two-year ProStart program are given first consideration for enrollment into the highly competitive SCC Culinary Program, according to Mead's Career & Technical Ed Director Matt Miller.

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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.



School of Distinction



Five Mile Prairie, for the third year in a row, has been named a 2013 “School of Distinction” winner. Five Mile Prairie is a K-12 instructional partner with our home school families.

Five Mile Prairie is one of only seven schools in the ESD 101 region to earn this honor. 89 schools in Washington State were honored.

Elementary School Principal Assistants



Michael Danford (left) and Justin Valentine (right) are taking a leave of absence from their teaching positions to serve as principal assistants for this school year. Mr. Danford is assigned to Shiloh Hills and Mr. Valentine splits time between Evergreen and Prairie View.

These positions were added to provide additional administrative support to schools in need of assistance because of size and/or student demographics.

Cat Scramble 2013



The CENEX Zip/Trip Cat Scramble raised a record \$40,000 to support the athletic programs at Mt. Spokane and Mead high schools. Thanks to co-chairs Renee Fine and Joanie Pringle-Jones and Ian Johnstone of CENEX.



Fall

10,000 Attend “Battle of the Bell” Football Game

Despite soggy weather, more than 10,000 Mead School District students, staff and community members enjoyed an outstanding football game between the Mead Panthers and Mt. Spokane Wildcats on Friday, September 28th. Thanks to an impressive first quarter drive and strong defense, the Wildcats rescued the bell from last year’s winner, Mead.

Fans also had the opportunity to attend pregame tailgate parties and enjoy an outstanding half-time performance by the Mead High School Marching Band.



Academic State Champions

Congratulations to the Mead High School Football Team (head coach Sean Carty) and the Mt. Spokane High School Girls Cross Country Team (head coach Andy Sonneland) - both have been named Academic State Champions by the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

In the 4A category Mead’s football team has an overall GPA of 3.333 and, in the 3A classification, the Mt. Spokane Girls Cross Country Team earned this distinction with an impressive 3.925 team GPA.

2014 National Merit Commended Scholars

Over 1.5 million students across the United States took the 2012 PSAT and entered the National Merit Scholarship Program. 34,000 of those students, including five Mead School District students, were recently named National Merit Commended Scholars.

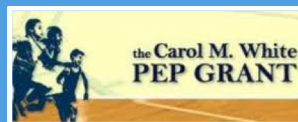


Mt. Spokane: Caroline Madill & Peter Fullmer



Mead: Anna Crow, Breanna Evans & George Dahl

Mead Schools Receive National Grant



Pedometer logs, nutrition charts and classroom “activity breaks” are just a few of the components of Project HAL (Healthy, Active Living) a program the Mead School District will be implementing over the next three years thanks to funding received from a U.S. Department of Education PEP Grant. The mission of Project HAL is to instill the value of exercise for physical, social and emotional benefits and to provide students with the fitness skills to enjoy a lifetime of healthy productive living.

Physical education teacher Mark Phillips is taking a leave from his position at Evergreen Elementary to serve as grant manager. The grant runs for three years with funding as follows: Year 1 - \$430,409; Year 2 - \$351,749; Year 3 - \$290,252.

Review



Music at Sky Prairie Park

On September 14th the Mead High School Marching Band played an open-air concert to a crowd of 300 at 5-Mile's Sky Prairie Park. The band, under the direction of Rob Lewis, played a diverse program ranging from jazz and rock tunes to patriotic numbers as the Color Guard performed their flag routines.

A second outdoor concert, featuring the Mt. Spokane Marching Band, planned for earlier in the month was rained out.



Colbert Fund Run Participants

Fund Runs Exceed Expectations

Colbert Elementary, along with Northwood and Mountainside Middle Schools, extend thanks to their respective communities for the incredible support shown for their recent Fund Runs. Monies raised will be used to help support a variety of ASB activities, clubs and athletics.

Northwood: \$43,864 – Mountainside: \$38,388 – Colbert: \$15,000



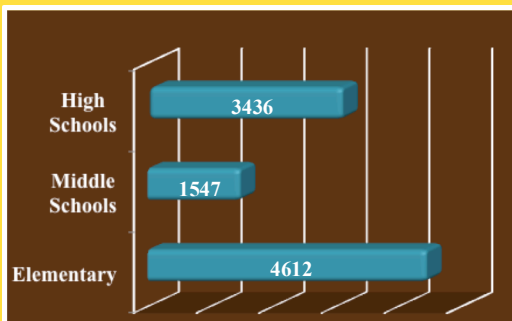
Based on the writings of Rachel Scott the first victim of the 1999 Columbine shootings.

A Culture of Kindness

The mission of Rachel's Challenge is to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a positive culture change in their school, business and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Rachel's Challenge came to Mountainside and Northwood in mid-October. According to principals Craig Busch (Mountainside) and Dave Stenersen (Northwood) the positive impact of the program is clearly evident in the overall climate and culture at both schools. This is the third year the schools have come together for Rachel's Challenge - a tradition they hope to continue for many years to come. Fund Run monies cover the expenses of Rachel's Challenge.

How Many Students Attend Mead Schools?



K-12 Enrollment: 9,595 Students

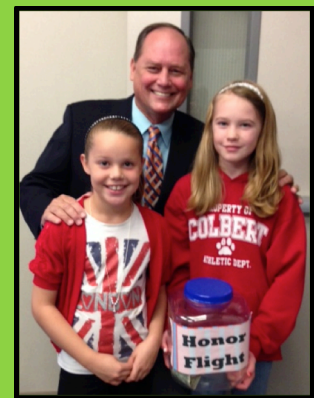
As of October 1, 2013, 9,595 students are enrolled in the Mead School District including 4,612 at the elementary level (K-6), 1,547 at middle school (7-8) and 3,436 in grades 9-12.

There are 365 students enrolled in our parent-partnership program, 1,167 in special education and 206 in our English Language Learners program (an increase of 22% over last year).



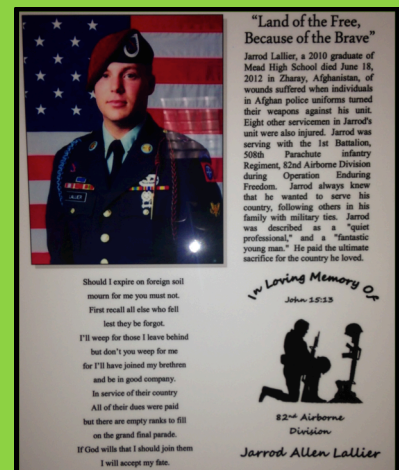
Mead elementary, middle and high school students celebrated Veteran's Day with a variety of events including school assemblies and concerts.

KREM 2 news anchor Randy Shaw visited Colbert Elementary and spoke to students and staff about Honor Flight, an organization dedicated to transporting senior veterans to Washington D.C. to visit national war memorials.



Randy Shaw with Tabitha Koscielski (left) and Madison Bradley (right)

At Mead High School the parents of Army SPC Jarrod A. Lallier (Class of 2010) were greeted with a standing ovation as they accepted a plaque honoring the service of their son who was killed in action in June of 2012 in Afghanistan. This permanent memorial is on display in the front entry of Mead High School.



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Holiday Concerts

Dec. 3	Mead HS Elem. Beg. Band – MHS 7:30 pm MtS Elem. & Mountainside Orchestra – MtS 7 pm Prairie View 4-6 Grade Program – 6 pm & 7 pm
Dec. 4	Prairie View 1-2 Grade Program – 1st 6 pm, 2nd 7 pm Mountainside 6th Grade Adv. Band – 7 pm
Dec. 5	Prairie View 3rd Grade Program – 6 pm MtS Elem. Beg. Band – MtS 7 pm
Dec. 6	Mead HS Holiday Choir – 7:30 pm
Dec. 7	Mead HS Holiday Choir – 4 pm
Dec. 10	Mead HS Elem. Orchestra – 7 pm MtS Band, Choir & Orchestra – 7 pm (beg. groups)
Dec. 11	Farwell 3-4 Grade Winter Program – 6 pm Northwood Choir Musical – NW Room 225 8 pm
Dec. 12	Farwell 5-6 Grade Winter Program – 6 pm MtS Band, Choir & Orchestra – 7 pm (adv. groups)
Dec. 13	Colbert Grades 1-6 Program – 9:45 am & 1 pm Evergreen Program – Whitworth 10:30 am & 7 pm
Dec. 16	Mead HS/Northwood Orchestra – MHS 7 pm
Dec. 17	Brentwood 5th Grade Colonial Night – 6:30 pm Mountainside Winter Band – 7 pm Mead HS Band – 7:30 pm
Dec. 18	District Elementary Choir – MtS 6:30 pm Northwood Holiday Choir – 8 pm Midway 3-4 Grade Program – 7 pm
Dec. 19	Mountainside Choir – MtS 7 pm Northwood Adv. Elementary Band – 7:30 pm Midway 1-2 Grade Program – 7 pm Meadow Ridge Drama <i>Peter Pan</i> – 6:30 pm
Dec. 20	Northwood Holiday Assembly – 8:15 am Colbert Kindergarten Program – 10:30 am Mountainside Holiday Assembly – 1 pm

Common Core State Standards A Message from Superintendent Tom Rockefeller



Chances are you have heard about the new Common Core State Standards and wonder what they are and how they came about.

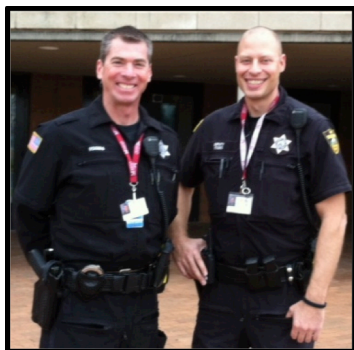
These standards were developed voluntarily and cooperatively by 48 states, two territories and the District of Columbia, and provide schools, teachers, students and parents with consistent standards in English language arts and mathematics. Consistency in standards across state lines means if a child moves from Washington to California the learning standards will be the same.

With previous building construction experience, I like to think of these new standards like the Uniform Building Code (UBC), which was first published in 1927, and defines universal standardized requirements for safe construction. The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) will provide this same kind of uniformity for learning.

The Common Core State Standards define the knowledge and skills students should take away from their K-12 schooling to be successfully prepared for post-secondary and career opportunities. To measure progress toward meeting these standards there is a new assessment tool in place. The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be piloted this school year with full implementation in 2014-15. Smarter Balanced Assessment will replace MSP assessments in grades 3-8. Additional information on CCSS and the Smarter Balanced Assessment is available on our website.

In closing, I invite you to attend one or more of the holiday music performances taking place during the month of December. Each year my wife and I attend many of these fun and entertaining events. The caliber of performances is simply outstanding!

School Resource Officers Honored



Mead School District SROs
 Jeffrey Rogers & Chris Young

Going the extra mile, doing more than is expected, modeling good citizenship . . . these are just a few of the character traits that describe our two outstanding resource officers Chris Young and Jeffrey Rogers. Together they provide an invaluable service to our school community.

Deputies Young and Rogers, along with the other members of their SRO unit, were recently honored with the

Annual Unit Merit Award at the Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet.

This award is presented each year to a unit whose members have distinguished themselves by having a positive impact on community confidence in law enforcement professionals. Members must display professional competence, effective teamwork and esprit de corps that surpasses normal job expectations.