



Washington Governor
Christine Gregoire



Riverpoint Academy Grand Opening

Dignitaries from around the state and region joined Mead School District on September 13, 2012 to celebrate the highly anticipated opening of Riverpoint Academy. With the motto, *Igniting Passion, Producing Innovators*, the Academy opened this fall to 75 Mead SD juniors.



Spokane Mayor
David Condon



Dan Butler, Mead School District
Deputy Superintendent

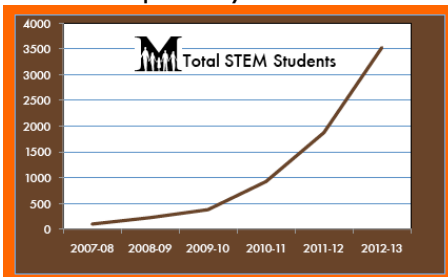


Washington STEM Board Chair
Dean Allen, McKinstry CEO

Science - Technology - Engineering - Math

Next Generation Learners a Primary Focus at Mead

The number of students taking integrated science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses, district wide, has increased from 100 in the 2007-2008 school year to 3,525 (grades 5-12) this year. As the graph illustrates, an incredible increase in just five years!



"The overarching idea," says Mead's Director of Career & Technical Education, Matt Miller, "is that education be aligned with a student's future. Students must not only learn content but they must, more importantly, learn how to do something with that content."

In addition to high school STEM course offerings in the fields of engineering and biomedical sciences, the district's 5th grade science curriculum has been realigned with an intentional focus on problem solving and design thinking.

7th grade science is in the second year of converting from a standard science curriculum to an integrated STEM curriculum with a concentration

on biomedical themes. In the first year of conversion, 8th grade science now has an engineering/geosciences focus.

The Mead School District is committed to preparing all students to move into a new world requiring continual learning, an advanced skill set and the ability to solve integrated problems of a complex nature.

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Mead School District History on Display

Originally prepared for last year's Centennial Reception, a priceless compilation of Mead School District history is now on display in the main foyer at Mead High School.



Inside Our Schools



On October 11th seventy very excited Shiloh Hills sixth graders went on a marathon one-day trip to Seattle, where they viewed **Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs** at the Pacific Science Center.

In addition to touring the Tut Exhibit, students watched an IMAX show on mummies. The purpose of the trip was to supplement their study of Ancient Civilizations. This trip, paid for in large part by students themselves, was for many their first trip to Seattle.

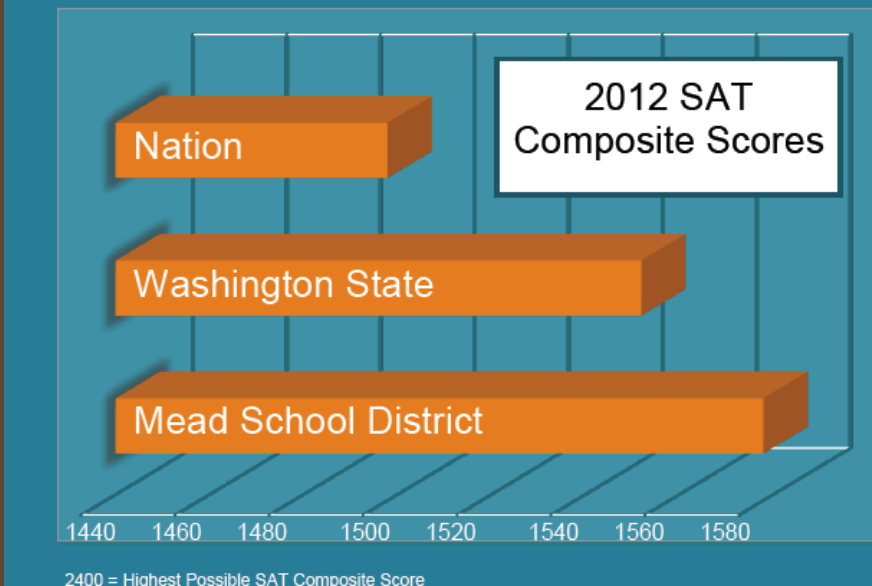


For four days earlier this fall the completely mobile Mobius Planetarium took up residence at Brentwood Elementary School. While students can't travel to outer space this opportunity, sponsored by the Brentwood PTSO, allowed outer space to come to them.

2012 CENEX Zip Trip Cat Scramble



144 golfers plus terrific corporate and hole sponsors resulted in \$29,500 being raised for the Mt. Spokane HS and Mead HS athletic programs. The check presentation, by Ian Johnstone of CENEX/Zip Trip, took place on September 21st prior to the Battle of the Bell football game. We thank all who participated and extend a special THANK YOU to retiring event chair Louanna Hamersky for her hard work and dedication.



Mead SAT Scores Beat the State Average Washington State SAT Scores Among Nation's Highest

According to figures recently released by the College Board, Washington students' average scores on the three major SAT exams (reading, writing and math) tied with Vermont for highest in the nation among states where at least 45% of eligible students took the test.

Though the Washington State performance bar is set high, we are pleased to announce that Mead School District students continue to exceed the overall state average in all three of the tested areas.

District wide 437 college-bound seniors (60% of the Class of 2012) took the SAT and of those students 405 responded to a survey question regarding their intended college major. Based on this survey the top five fields of study for 2012 Mead graduates are:

1. Health Professions & Related Clinical Services (20.7%)
2. Engineering (10.6%)
3. Education (8.1%)
4. Business Management, Marketing & Related Support Services (7.9%)
5. Biological and Biomedical Sciences/Psychology (7.1% - tied)



Class of 2012 Top SAT Scores

Congratulations to the following graduates who earned a score of at least 700 on one or more of the subject level or standard SAT exams taken in 2012. The highest possible score on each exam is 800.

Mead High School

James Anders	Emily MacDonald
Samantha Anderson	Mariah MacDonald
Ramzy Bejjani	Brandon Markham
Devon Carlton	Patrick McKee
Scott Coffey	Kristen Michaelis
Sarah Davies	Chelsea Motzer
Alex Hakes	Trevor Roberts
Samuel Hilmes	Benjamin Tebbs
Mahlon Houk	Rachel Teo
Eun-Song Koh	Rachel Uht
Michael Lee	Zach Ward
May Lim	Dylan Young

Mt. Spokane High School

Molly Cole	Derek Morgan
Robin Ganahl	Serenity Ogle
Madison Garner	Rachel Smith
Alexander Hoffman	Deryck Tabacek
Hayley Hohman	Emilee Trower
Alexa Jose	Erica Weiler
Brian Kinder	Samuel Wilkes
Zihao Li	McKenzie Woodral
Kyle Madsen	Scott Wurst
Nathan McReynolds	Taylor Ziegler



In Loving Memory of
Army SPC Jarrod A. Lallier

Brentwood Bear
September 1997 - June 2004

Northwood Husky
September 2004 - June 2006

Mead Panther
September 2006 - June 2010



Jarrod's Parents & Sister
at Brentwood Dedication



Mead Schools Honor Hometown Hero Jarrod Lallier

Veteran's Day was particularly meaningful for the Mead SD this year. One of our own, 2010 Mead High School graduate Army Specialist Jarrod Lallier, was killed in action this past June in Afghanistan.

Jarrod was a Mead SD student for 13 years, attending Brentwood Elementary, followed by Northwood and Mead HS. On November 9, 2012 at both Brentwood and Northwood, permanent memorials to Army Specialist Jarrod Lallier were unveiled. Jarrod's parents and extended family were honored guests at both dedication ceremonies.

Brentwood teacher Karen Hayett spoke at length about Jarrod stating, "We honor Jarrod and thank him for the ultimate sacrifice he gave to each and everyone of us."

At the Mead HS Veteran's Day assembly, in honor of SPC Lallier and all veterans, the choir performed a stirring rendition of "The Flag Maker" and "Flying Home" by Jason Robert Brown.

Marching Band Not for the Faint of Heart

Premier Programs at both Mead & Mt. Spokane

In marching band circles around the state, it is common knowledge that both Mead and Mt. Spokane have exceptional marching band programs. Beginning in the heat of mid August and stretching through rain-soaked October, members of the Mead and Mt. Spokane marching bands work tirelessly to perfect their shows.

Marching bands are comprised of four main elements: the pit (non marchers who play a variety of instruments including xylophones), the drum line, brass & winds, and an auxiliary or colorguard unit that performs using colorful flags, rifles and

sabers. Both the Mead and Mt. Spokane marching bands are 130+ members strong.

The 2012 marching band season for Mt. Spokane culminated with their performance in Everett at the *Puget Sound Festival of Bands* - they placed 4th overall out of a competition field of thirty-three. The Mt. Spokane colorguard received the 1st place auxiliary caption award at the *Sounds of Thunder Marching Band Competition* held at Joe Albi Stadium on October 13.

The most notable accomplishment for Mead High was earning the *Cavalcade of Bands Grand Sweepstakes Award* which included Best Brass & Winds and Best General Effect.



Mead High School Volleyball Coach
Judy Kight

A Volleyball Legend Retires

The 2012 volleyball season is the last for Mead HS Hall of Fame Coach Judy Kight. After 23 years at the helm, Coach Kight is stepping down from what is arguably the premier 4A volleyball program in the state of Washington.

During her tenure, the Panthers amassed an overall record of 583-150 including seven state championships, ten GSL titles, eleven regional titles and seventeen state tournament appearances.

This past season the team advanced to the state finals placing 2nd.

"It will obviously be hard to replace her," says Mead HS athletic director John Barrington. "She has had an incredible impact on the lives of countless young women. Judy will be missed!"

In addition to coaching, Mrs. Kight is a PE and English teacher at Mead. She will continue in those roles.

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December Holiday Concerts

Dec. 4	Elementary Orchestra Concert, Mead HS 7 pm Mt. Spokane HS All Music Winter Concert 7 pm
Dec. 5	Beginning Band Concert, Mead HS 7 pm
Dec. 6	Mt. Spokane HS All Music Winter Concert 7 pm Mead SD Elementary Choir Concert, Mead HS 6:30 pm
Dec. 7	Colbert Holiday Program (Grades 1-6) 9:45 am & 1 pm
Dec. 11	Prairie View Winter Program 1 st 6 pm, 2 nd 7 pm Midway Winter Concert Grades 3 & 4 7 pm Mountainside Band Concert, Mt. Spokane HS 7 pm Mead HS Band Concert 7:30 pm
Dec. 12	Prairie View Winter Program 3 rd 6 pm, 4 th 7 pm Midway Winter Concert Grades 5 & 6 7 pm Northwood Choir Concert 8 pm
Dec. 13	Prairie View Winter Program Grades 5 & 6 6 pm Brentwood Colonial Night 7 pm Midway Winter Concert Grades 1 & 2 7 pm
Dec. 14	Evergreen Winter Magic Concert, Whitworth Cowles Auditorium 10:30 am & 7 pm
Dec. 17	Mead/NW Orchestra Concert, Mead HS 6:30 pm Northwood Holiday Choir Concert 8 pm
Dec. 18	Farwell 1 st & 2 nd Grade Program 6 pm Northwood Elem Adv Band Concert 7:30 pm Mountainside Holiday Choir, Mt. Spokane HS 7 pm
Dec. 19	Farwell Kindergarten Program 10 am Colbert Kindergarten Program 10:30 am & 2:15 pm

Pursuit of Excellence A Message from Superintendent Tom Rockefeller



In this issue of Mead Matters we have highlighted a small sample of the great things happening in our schools academically, athletically and in our music programs.

While I am extremely proud of these most recent accomplishments, I want to assure you we are continually looking to improve the learning experience for every student. Consequently, each of our schools develops a "school learning improvement plan" every year for the purpose of looking at how students have performed, highlighting areas that need work and developing strategies to reach identified goals. Mead School District has an ongoing commitment to provide the best possible education for all students.

This holiday season I invite you to attend one or more of the music performances taking place during the month of December. There are 24 concerts scheduled in our elementary, middle and high schools. Each year my wife and I attend many of these fun and entertaining events. The caliber of these performances is simply outstanding!

Mead & Mt. Spokane Athletes Shine

It was an incredible fall for the Mt. Spokane Wildcats and the Mead Panthers, with multiple teams and athletes qualifying for state level competition at both schools. Highlights include:

Mead High School

- The volleyball team made it to the state championship game and finished 2nd in a thrilling five game match.
- The girls' soccer team made it to the state quarterfinals.
- The football team, for only the 2nd time in school history, made it to the 4A state quarterfinals.

- Senior Andrew Gardner earned the title of Washington State 4A Individual Cross Country Champion.



Andrew Gardner
State 4A Individual Cross Country Champion

Mt. Spokane High School

- Both cross country teams qualified for the 3A state meet where the boys, paced by Johnny Dressel's 2nd place run, finished 5th and the girls were 6th.
- The volleyball team was regional champion and a state qualifier.
- The girls' soccer team had their best finish in school history, making it all the way to the state championship game where they lost a heartbreaker to Columbia River 2-1.

Mt. Spokane vs Mead Basketball

- January 8 @ Mead High
5:30 pm (girls), 7 pm (boys)
- February 5 @ Mt. Spokane
5:30 pm (girls), 7 pm (boys)