

MEAD

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Union High School (circa 1930s) – Built for \$27,000 and opened on January 31, 1927.

A Centennial to Celebrate: Mead Schools at 100

Yes, your “new” school district is a century old!

This year Mead School District celebrates its centennial birthday, 100 years after Mead Consolidated Union School opened its doors.

That single, small-town school has grown into a 9,500-student district leading the Spokane area in graduation rates and SAT test scores, with both our high schools ranked among America’s best by *Newsweek* and the *Washington Post*. It has been quite a century.

Celebrations this fall include outdoor concerts, our first Mead District “Show and Shine” car show, a community tree planting day, school yard sales and signature Mead/Mt. Spokane athletic events that should be more fun than ever.

Also, look for more news on an early November party at Mead High to celebrate the district’s first century. This should be a great evening for all district residents and families and for Mead and Mt. Spokane alumni both young and old. If you know any former students or staff, please spread the word!

It’s been a remarkable century for Mead School District. We hope you’ll join in to get the next hundred years off to a great start!

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Sunset Concerts
on
The Green

Saturday, September 10 -
6:30 p.m. @ Midway Elementary School

Saturday, September 17 -
6:30 p.m. @ Sky Prairie Park (5-Mile Prairie)



Environmental Stewardship



Dave Neale and 7th graders from Mountainside Middle School are conducting a trout-raising research experiment right in their classroom using a \$1,200 grant from Spokane Trout Unlimited. These students presented their research findings at the Spokane Youth Environmental Conference where they received a Superior Blue Ribbon Award.



Shiloh Hills Elementary teacher Travis Franklin and his 6th grade class received a Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship after collecting 2,500+ aluminum cans and 20,000+ pop tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Mr. Franklin used funds received from a Pepsi Refresh Grant (\$5,000) to start this recycling program.



Suddenly Feel Motivated?

Welcome to Mead School District!



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Centennial Celebrations

Mead Citizens Advisory Committee & Lamar Outdoor Advertising . . .

Thank you for the "Centennial Celebration" billboards currently featured throughout the Mead School District.

"Battle of the Bell" Football Game

Mead HS vs Mt. Spokane HS
September 23, 8 p.m. Albi Stadium

The Victory Bell, originally mounted in the Greenbluff school steeple and relocated to hang in the Farwell Schoolhouse when the Mead Consolidated Union School District opened its doors in 1911, still serves as a potent symbol of the spirit, strength and vitality of the Mead School District and acts as a traveling trophy for the "Battle of the Bell" football game.

Volleyball Match
Mead HS @ Mt. Spokane HS
September 22 - 7 p.m.

Sunset Concerts on The Green

Bring a blanket, maybe a snack, and join your neighbors for a little outdoor evening music in two remarkable concerts, courtesy of Mead and Mt. Spokane High Schools, to celebrate the Mead School District Centennial!

Saturday, September 10, 6:30 pm, at Midway Elementary School, the Mt. Spokane High School music department will perform a free one-hour outdoor concert.

Saturday, September 17, 6:30 pm, at Sky Prairie Park (5-Mile Prairie), the Mead High School marching band, orchestra and choir will perform for an hour or more.



Five Mile Tree Planting

October 22, 9 am - 1 pm
For more information email:
david.camp@mead354.org

Win a Free Street Tree!

Thanks to the generosity of the Spokane County Conservation District, Mead School District has 25 large, valuable, well-grown street trees to give away to 5-Mile Prairie residents to help green up the area's many newer neighborhoods. We'll even help you plant them on the morning of Saturday, October 22!

If you'd like one of these trees, please enter our drawing. (Because supplies are limited, we won't be able to give trees to everyone, but your chances are good!)

All we ask is that you plant these in your front yard within 40 feet of your street and that you care for the trees with some watering through their first year. If you can, buy a bag of bark mulch at any home center to spread around the soil surface after planting to keep roots moist and to keep lawn mowers from bumping the trunk.

To enter the free tree drawing simply email mead.matters@mead354.org.



S	T	E	M
Science	Technology	Engineering	Mathematics

The Mead School District is launching a K-12 STEM initiative in all schools. By connecting the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics into comprehensive learning experiences, our students will have a solid foundation in STEM as they become productive members of society and the work force.

2011-2012 STEM

Elementary School

- Science curriculum realignment
- After school & summer science/STEM programs



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Middle School

- 7th grade science curriculum revision to reflect biomedical science theme
- Gateway to Technology (2nd year)
Design & Modeling
Automation & Robotics
Energy & Environment
- Science summer camps

High School

- Biomedical Sciences (2nd year)
Principles of BioMed Sciences
Human Body Systems
- Engineering (4th year)
Intro to Engineering Design
Principles of Engineering
Civil Engineering & Architecture
Engineering Design & Development
- Entrepreneurship (1st year MHS only)
Entrepreneurial Creativity & Innovation

School Board Adopts 2011-12 Budget

On August 22, 2011, the school board adopted its annual operating budget for the 2011-12 school year. This budget represents the 5th year in a row where program cuts have been made because of reduced state/federal funding, despite growth in student enrollment and increased local financial support.

The 2011-12 general fund budget is based on a projected enrollment of 9,140 FTE and totals \$81,551,421. Staff salary and benefits represent 85% of the total general fund budget. Funds are allocated as follows:

- 77.3% Teaching & Teaching Support
- 17.1% Support Services
(food service, transportation, utilities, tech services & maintenance)
- 5.6% Central Administration

On the revenue side, although state funding has declined, it is still the most significant part of our budget. Local revenues have always been an important source of funding and are becoming increasingly so as, over time, they have become a larger percentage of the general fund budget.

Federal stimulus dollars, received the previous two years, are no longer available. (2011-12 Revenue Sources: 71.6% State, 19.3% Local, 9.1% Federal)

Cat Scramble 2011 Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 17
Wandermere Golf Course
12:00 noon – Shotgun Start

The 2010 Cat Scramble, sponsored by CENEX Zip Trip, raised a record \$28,000 for the athletic programs at Mead and Mt. Spokane High Schools.

For information on how you can be a part of this outstanding community event contact:

Louanna Hamersky
Cat Scramble Committee Chair
cat.scramble@gmail.com

Become a Voter

Voter registration forms are available at each of our schools. If you are not registered to vote simply stop by and complete an application. We'll take care of returning it to the Spokane County Elections Office.

To register online visit:

<https://wei.secstate.wa.gov/osos/secure/Pages/OnlineVoterRegistration.aspx>



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Upcoming Events

Sept. 6	First Day of School
Sept. 7	Colbert 5 th /6 th Open House 6:30 pm
Sept. 10	"Show & Shine" Car Show – MSHS 8 am Sunset Concert – Midway Elementary 6:30 pm
Sept. 13	Midway Open House 6 pm
Sept. 15	Meadow Ridge 3 rd - 6 th Open House 6:30 pm Colbert 3 rd /4 th Open House 6:30 pm Farwell Open House 6:30 pm Brentwood 4 th - 6 th Open House 7 pm
Sept. 17	Sunset Concert – Sky Prairie Park 6:30 pm
Sept. 19	Mountainside Team Night – 6:30 pm
Sept. 20	Brentwood 1 st - 3 rd Open House 7 pm Northwood Open House – 7 pm Mountainside Team Night – 6:30 pm
Sept. 21	Evergreen Open House – 7 pm Mountainside Team Night – 6:30 pm
Sept. 22	Shiloh Hills Open House – 6 pm Colbert 1 st /2 nd Open House – 6:30 pm Volleyball Mead @ Mt. Spokane – 7 pm
Sept. 23	"Battle of the Bell" Football Game @ Albi 8 pm
Sept. 28	Mead HS Post High Night & Open House 6 pm
Oct. 1	Yard Sale at each Elementary School
Oct. 3	Mt. Spokane HS Open House 6:30 pm

A Message from Superintendent Tom Rockefeller



On behalf of the Board of Directors and Mead School District staff, I would like to welcome the Mead Community to the 2011-12 school year. We are energized, excited and ready to provide each of our students with an exceptional learning experience!

In this newsletter we are highlighting two items of special note – the celebration of the Mead School District centennial and the launching of a K-12 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) initiative (not to be confused with stem cell research) in all our schools.

To mark our first 100 years the district will be celebrating with a number of planned activities, many of which are highlighted in this issue of Mead Matters. These activities are designed to connect our schools and community. Please come and participate – plan to be a part of the pride and heritage of the Mead School District!

Involved parents and patrons are vital to the health of our organization and are an extremely important factor in the success of students. Thank you for your support. We hope to see you this year!

~Tom Rockefeller

The Very First "Show & Shine" Car Show – September 10



The Mead School District was born with the automobile, so it's only fitting that Mead residents will show off their best wheels in the District's first car show.

The Mead District "Show and Shine" takes place at Mt. Spokane High School Saturday, September 10, starting at 8 a.m. Viewing is free,

and attendees can enter to win great prizes like free services from Meineke Car Care Center on Francis.

To show your car or for other questions, please contact Colbert Elementary principal Jared Hoadley: jared.hoadley@mead354.org or daytime phone 465-6300.