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WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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November, 2005

Parent-to-Parent

Dear Parents:

As members of the Learning Improvement Team, formerly known as the SDMT and now to be known as LIT (and maybe next year to be known only as a symbol), we want to hear from other parents and let you know what we do. The LIT was created to provide a forum for staff, management, parents and, students to think, listen, reflect, and share perspectives. We have been sharing *our* perspectives, but we would like to be sure that we hear your concerns or questions, share them with the LIT team and provide you with feedback.

The team is made up of 12 staff members, including our principal, Michele Wadeikis, one student representative and three parents. The LIT team meets the second Tuesday of each month. Currently, there is an opening for one more parent on the LIT team. We encourage any interested parent to contact Michele Wadeikis as soon as possible.

We also invite you to attend the Principal's Cabinet meetings to share your perspectives, raise concerns and dialogue with the administration. Ms. Wadeikis plans to invite representatives of all of the various parent/student support groups. One of the LIT parent members will always be attending these cabinet meetings as well. If you'd like to share your perspective or concerns, please call or e-mail either of us:

Last Name A-N

**Yuna Min 664-5161 or
acli@nwi.net**

Last Name O-Z

**Karen Wiggum 663-3858 or
kwiggum@nwi.net**

We look forward to hearing from you!

Karen Wiggum and Yuna Min
WHS LIT Team Parent Representatives

Principal's Message

November is a time to be thankful. I am thankful for the time we get to spend with your children. I would also like to spend time with you. Research has shown that parents' involvement with the schools is in direct correlation to the success students have at school.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent/Teacher conferences this past week. Please be aware that if you were not able to attend or would like a followup conference, you are always welcome to contact the teacher or the school for an appointment. Teachers can be contacted via e-mail:

(lastname.first_initial@mail.wsd.wednet.edu) or by calling 663-8117.

Another way to be involved and be informed of what is happening at WHS is to attend the Principal's cabinet meetings or be part of the "Parent Connection" (see article page 2). If you are interested in getting on the list to be notified of meetings please contact Kim Flonas, Office Manager.

Michele Wadeikis

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WHS Parent Connection

A new parent group is forming at WHS to provide a way for parents, school administration and activity groups to communicate. The group will serve as a liaison between administration and WHS Parents in regards to pertinent parent information, identifying ways for parents to meet the school's need for volunteers and school resources, and offer parents an avenue to provide administration and faculty feedback in an effort to facilitate a successful partnership.

The WHS Parent Connection Group hopes to increase the involvement of parents at the high school. If you are looking to be a stronger influence in your child's high school education this is your opportunity to make "the connections". The group is dedicated to making the right connection for WHS family's talents, resources and time at whatever level you are interested.

As a starting point, please complete the survey below and drop it in the WHS Parent Connection box in the WHS Administration office.

Questions? Contact: **Paige Thompson** at: paige@applecapital.net ~ 663-1335
Or **Kim Ferguson** at ferguson4@charter.net ~ 662-1989.

The first scheduled meeting is planned immediately following the November Principal's Cabinet meeting, **November 1st.**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

1. From what sources do you get most of your information about school? (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (Panther Paws)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> WHS Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> Principal
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

2. What areas do you see yourself volunteering ? (ex: talking to students about careers or hobbies, clerical duties for school, chaperoning events, serving on liaison committee, etc.)

3. I have the following hobbies and work experience that I would be willing to share with the students or school

4. Do you have any suggestions about where and how volunteers can help at WHS?

Parent Talk



In ancient societies boundary stones would indicate the property lines of landowners. It would be a matter of grave concern if anyone tried to move those stones for personal gain or for any other reason. Similarly, it has long been known that setting boundaries for our kids is not only appropriate but necessary. Setting boundaries doesn't end when they reach high school. As parents, all we have to do is remember back to our own questionable and impetuous decision-making when we were young to realize the value of moral boundaries. For example, are there limits as to what your son or daughter can wear either to school or to events such as dances? Is it only a matter of personal taste and what's in style or do we need to talk about the impact of their clothing choices on others--especially the opposite sex? Maybe the conversation needs to begin. Other areas of concern might be: appropriate curfews for both school nights and weekends, what concerts your teen is allowed to attend, out-of-town trips with their friends, coed camping, etc. Whether we want to admit it or not all of us are involved in the "culture wars." Without fail, our culture and the mass media are increasingly more permissive each year. We have the choice as parents to either be carried along by their whims or we can set reasonable boundaries for our teens even though they are not always popular. These limits are a safeguard for them as they grow up to be responsible young adults.

WHS Mariachi



Our WHS Mariachi program is off to great start this year. Maestro Juan Cortez and the Wenatchee School District hired Mr. Ramon Rivera from Oxnard, California to continue championing this festive group. The Mariachi will be having many concerts and fundraiser activities throughout the year. One of their primary goals this year is to purchase new "trajes", the traditional mariachi outfits. The goal is to have them in time for the 8th Annual NorthWest Mariachi Festival, which is set for March of 2006. You can see the latest information at: www.northwestmariachi.org

Come Support the MARIACHI at the following events

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Mariachi Parent Booster Club, 7pm, WHS Library

For Information on Mariachi Booster Club: Tammy Aviles, Booster President, 509-663-3421.

Saturday, November 5, 2005

Performance at Central Washington University

Friday, December 2, 2005

Wenatchee Valley College Winter Mariachi Show, 7pm, Wenatchee Valley College Theater:
Admission Free

Friday, December 9, 2005

Wenatchee School District Winter Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico Festival "Fiesta Navidad"

Wed-Sat., March 15-18, 2006

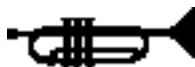
Northwest Mariachi Festival at Wenatchee High School

If you are interested in the WHS Mariachi program or need more information, please contact:

Ramon Rivera

Laura Mendoza

WHS Mariachi: 509-663-8117 ext: 744



New Honor Society Members

Congratulations to the new WHS National Honor Society Members for 2005-2006! New members this fall are seniors: Rob Culp, Addison Floyd, Patrick Heneghen, Kurt Riedinger, Sarah Lowe, Cullen Sarles and Anna Wellman; juniors: Megan Chernak, Ollie Crain, Maya Dahlgreen, Rebecca Degman, Ariana De Robles, Marcus Foster, Michelle Hassler, Aislinn Hays, Sara Hein, Beth Kirpes, Rebecca Lane, Karl Lapo, Cory Lund, Thomas McGinness, Margot Meuleman, Lisa Murphy, Betty Austreberta Ramirez, Aleisha Sebastian, Nathaniel Symonds, Natalie Thompson and Tyler Woodard. Honor Society is an active group of students who represent character, scholarship, leadership and service. Currently, with over 100 members, the Wenatchee chapter of National Honor Society is the largest in the Northwest. This year's officers are: Karin Asplund, President; Allison Dappen, Vice President; Kim Schroeder, Secretary; and Kali Stoehr, Treasurer.

Athletics

Winter Sports Kickoff:

Saturday - November 19 - 6:30 pm
Main Gym- for all winter sport athletes and parents

Fall Sports Awards Dessert:

Tuesday - November 22 - 6:30 pm
Commons - for all fall sports athletes and parents

Winter Sports Begin:

Bowling - October 31st
Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball - November 14th
Wrestling, Boys Swimming - November 14th

If interested in participating, you must clear through the Athletic Office.

2005 Wa Wa Yearbook Earns High Marks

The National Scholastic Press Association named the yearbook All American, the highest rating, with marks of distinction in four of five judged areas. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded the yearbook its highest rating, Gold Medalist, with All-Columbian honors in three of five judged areas.

Both rating services praised the book's strong photography and its use of a unifying theme concept. The coverage of school activities using a week-by-week format also earned praise.

Copies of the 2006 edition are on sale in the ASB Office for \$40 with ASB card though Oct. 31. The price is \$44 without ASB card and after Oct. 31.

Culminating Project Web page Now Available

Juniors and seniors enrolled in Running Start and Skills Center can now complete Culminating Project lessons online. Visit the WHS web site at <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu> and click on "Culminating Project" in the Information section for lessons and other information about the Culminating Project.



Next Culminating Project
Lesson is December 6, 2005

WHS Student Receives National Recognition in English


A senior at Wenatchee High School has earned recognition in a national writing contest after being nominated by her teachers. **Allison Dappen** has been selected as a winner in the 2005 Achievement Awards in Writing sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English. Dappen was one of 628 student winners out of 2,359 high school juniors nominated nationwide.

Each students' composition was read by a high school and a college teacher. Judges looked for writing that demonstrated effective and imaginative language used to inform and move an audience.

Upcoming Test Dates

SAT, Saturday, November 5 - \$41.50
 SAT, Saturday, December 3 - \$41.50
 ACT, Saturday, December 10 - \$29 for ACT, \$43 for ACT + Writing

Those taking either the SAT or ACT must bring photo ID and admission ticket to get into the test. You will also need #2 lead pencils and a calculator, if you wish to use one. Not all calculators are allowed, and there are different calculator requirements for each test. Be sure to check the registration booklet or go to the tests' web sites to see which ones are allowed. Also, no food or drink is allowed in the testing rooms

 **Attention Senior Parents:**

It is time to get the ball rolling on the senior party. An organizational meeting for the 2006 Senior Party will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the new commons area of the high school. Parents interested in volunteering on the party committee can come and learn about the jobs available. Those interested but unable to attend may contact Logan Aimone, class adviser, by e-mail at: Aimone.L@mail.wsd.wednet.edu or by phone at 663-8117 ext. 262.

**Libraries Receive Grants
 Kids Get Books And Online
 Homework Help**



Four regional high school libraries received more than \$2,000 worth of library books. Wenatchee High School Library, along with Eastmont, Waterville, and Quincy High Schools, were recipients of the "Connecting Learners to Libraries" Grant. Dan Howard, Assistant Director of North Central Regional Library (NCRL), wrote the grant, and invited the four high school libraries to participate. The grant arrived at a time when WHS Library's federal book-purchasing funds have been reduced by 50 percent over the last two years. The project was designed to increase students' knowledge of Public Library services by using school library books and other promotional materials to market their services, notably the Eastern Washington Virtual Reference project. The project includes an online homework help component called **Ask Us 24/7**. **Ask Us 24/7** connects students with a real person who can help you answer questions and locate information online—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The homework web site is: www.ncrl.org Click on the **Ask Us 24/7** link. There is also a phone number for students to get help from a librarian: 1-800-426-7323.

**WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL
 CHORAL DEPARTMENT
 PRESENTS
 MADRIGAL FEASTE**

Share with us a wonderful evening of Renaissance music, food fit for a king. Stately pageantry with jugglers, beggars, minstrels, and strolling musicians will gather to usher in the Yuletide Season!

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
 Dec. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
 First Presbyterian Church
 1400 South Miller**

**The Faire opens at 6:00 pm
 Banquet Seating at 6:30 pm
 The Feaste at 7:00 pm**

Ticket order forms available at the WHS office and web site:

<http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu>





**Wenatchee School District
Presents**

Music by Stephen Flaherty **Lyrics by** Lynn Ahrens
Book by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty
Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty & Eric Idle
Based on the Words of Dr. Seuss

November 16, 17, 18 & 19

Wenatchee High School Auditorium

Evening Performances: 7:30 pm • Saturday Matinee: 2:00 pm

TICKET ORDER FORM:

Tickets: McDees Art Center
 30 N. Chelan Ave. Wenatchee
 Tues & Sat 11am-2pm

-OR-

Mail with Payment to:
 Seussical c/o Suzi Pitts
 1328 Orchard Ave.
 Wenatchee, WA 98801

*No Refunds

		Qty		
Wed, Nov. 16	7:30	_____	x \$9	All Seats
Thu, Nov. 17	7:30	_____	x \$12	Main Floor
	7:30	_____	x \$9	Rear Balcony
Fri, Nov. 18	7:30	_____	x \$12	Main Floor
	7:30	_____	x \$9	Rear Balcony
Sat, Nov 19	2:00	_____	x \$9	Matinee
	7:30	_____	x \$12	Main Floor
	7:30	_____	x \$9	Rear Balcony

Your Name: _____

.50 Postage & Handling

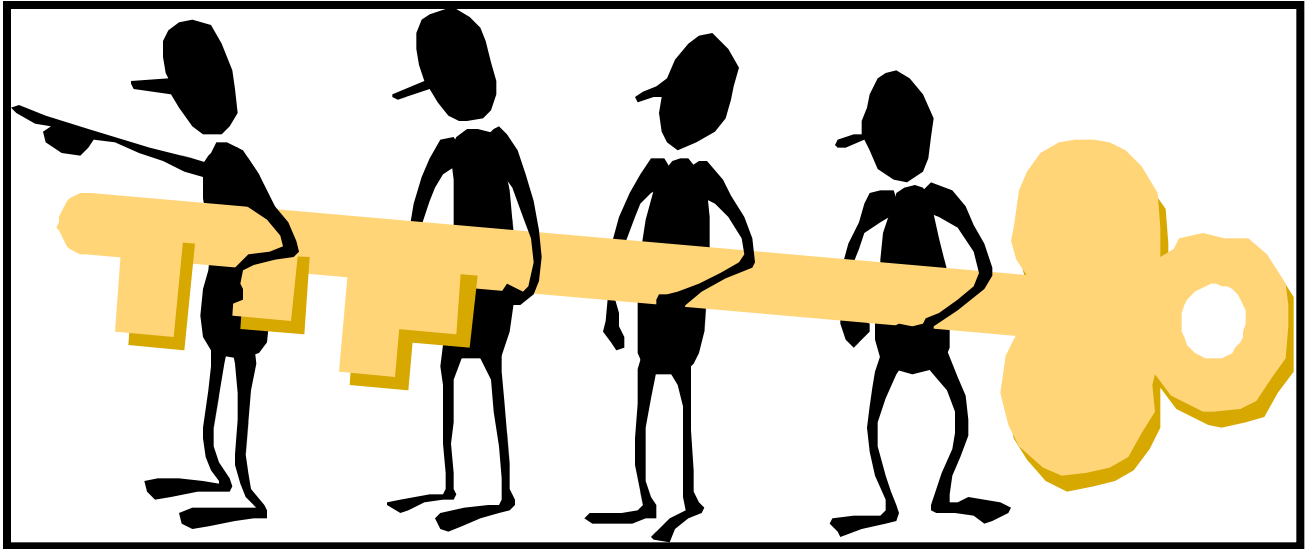
Mailing Address: _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Phone: _____

Make checks Payable to: Wenatchee School District

PASSport to Success Parent Program



- **What is it?** PASSport to Success is a user-friendly K-12 parent education program in Spanish & English. Its main purpose is to provide parents with concrete skills to empower them to help their child succeed in school. It also increases communication between the home and school.
- **How does it work?** PASSport to Success comprehensive program is organized into eight (8) modules: Parent Attitude, The Home Environment, Study Skills, Homework & Learning Expeditors, Note-taking Skills, Preparing for Tests, Memory & Thinking Skills, and Reading Skills.
- **What would you gain?** PASSport to Success program will offer you guidelines and best practice strategies plus worksheets that will give you the knowledge and confidence to improve your child's study skills.
- **Where to register?** Contact your school family advocate to sign up and complete registration form today. Space is limited. Workshops begin November 1st at WHS from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, contact WSD Family/Community Specialist Melissa Hernández at 669-0692

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The Wenatchee School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures related to Title IX and ADA should be directed to Dr. Joan B. Wright. Issues related to 504 should be directed to Dr. Jeanine Butler.



Upcoming School Events

- Nov. 1..... Passport to Success Program.....Commons & Classrooms, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4..... End of First Quarter
- Nov. 5..... SAT Test.....New Commons, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Nov. 8..... Passport to Success Program.....Commons & Classrooms, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11.....Veteran’s Day..... NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 15..... Passport to Success Program.....Commons & Classrooms, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 16-18..... “Seussical” Performance.....Auditorium , 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19..... “Seussical” Performance.....Auditorium, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22..... Passport to Success Program.....Commons & Classrooms, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23.....Early Dismissal.....School out at 12:00 p.m.**
- Nov. 24-25.....Thanksgiving Break.....NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 29..... Passport to Success Program.....Commons & Classrooms, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 1, 2, 3..... Madrigal Feaste..... First Presbyterian Church, 6:00 p.m.

1400 South Miller

