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Sophia, Alejandra, Dianna, and Gloria at GirlPowered

GIRLPOWER EVENT GIVES GIRLS STEM POWER

WestSide High School hosted a very cool event called GirlPower last Wednesday that created an opportunity for groups of girls to work together to identify a community problem and try to solve it. I spoke with Sheena Zacherle, about the program. She's the graduation specialist, a career and technical education teacher, leadership advisor and robotics coach at WestSide.

Zacherle said the event was designed to encourage girls to consider STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) opportunities in school and as a career. A relatively low percentage of women can be found in those fields.

GirlPower was organized through Central Washington GEAR UP, a federal program designed to encourage low-income kids to seek higher education. Hilary Martinez coordinated the event

at the school and a group of community mentors was on hand to provide guidance and encouragement. The winning team members each received a Kindle Fire.

After the student groups identified a community problem, they took turns picking through a pile of computer parts and assorted other junk and then their teams worked to create a prototype solution to the problem. "The things that kids created were amazing," Zacherle told me. One team identified wildfire as an issue to be solved and then designed a water system to put fires out.

The more opportunities that we can create in our schools to give students the chance to take risks, stretch their minds and apply their creativity to addressing problems relevant to their lives, the better.

WestSide Stories

WestSide's Healthy Kids Grant Produces Fun Activities

In the spring of 2015, WestSide High School learned that we had received the Healthy Kids Grant from the state of Washington. We immediately put in a new water bottle filling station with drinking fountain adjacent to our Fitness Room. We also added all new Fitness Equipment to make our Fitness Room state of the art. The other three projects were significantly more challenging: basketball court, volleyball, and a walking trail. I am very happy to announce that our Sports court Basketball Court is officially open and our volleyball court is ready to roll. We will work on the walking trail this winter and spring to finish the grant up by June 2018.

Wenatchee Athlete's at WestSide

WestSide is proud to announce that we have three WHS Panther Athletes at our school playing football. It was fun to watch and check in on our athletes: Eric Morris; Juan Roman; and Elijah Young.



Night Program Lecture Series

Our Night Program Teachers, Tim Lynch and Megan Cross, have create an evening lecture series for our students and community this year. Our first lecture will be Wednesday, Nov 15th at 7 PM in the WestSide Commons. It will be a 45 minute presentation with Guest Lecturer Anna Gullickson from Ethical Choices Programs. The Topic is on the Environment and Modern Agriculture .



Above right: Seny Gonzalez delivers the ASB report to the School Board. Above left: Best presentation in our Girl Power Event: Hannah, Carolina, Diana Haglund, Serenity, and Mikayla

Lower left: Athlete Eric Morris. Lower right: Community, school, and district volunteers for our Girl Power STEM Event



Important Dates:

November 10:

Veterans Day
Observed - No School

November 22: Half Day on Wednesday
Thanksgiving

December 1:
District Day - No School

December 18 -

January 2: Winter Break

January 15: Martin L. King Day - No School

January 25: End of Second Quarter and First Semester

January 26: No School - Records Day

February 19: President's Day - No School

Go Eagles!

NEW FACES AT WESTSIDE!

Welcoming Mrs. Morrow

October 9th WestSide High School welcomed Carolina Morrow as ELL/ Bridges teacher with a tamale party. The students brought chips, sodas, cookies and all enjoyed a tamale lunch. Mrs. Morrow grew up in Bogota, Colombia and attended university there. She currently lives in Wenatchee with her husband and two boys who attend Newberry. She has worked as a family advocate and is a wonderful addition to WestSide. She is bilingual and eager to involve parents and help the Migrant/ Bilingual/ELL program grow and be successful.



as our school nurse and will be at WestSide on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the year. Megan Cross is joining WestSide as our Math and Science Night School Teacher who also teaches a seventh period science class in our Day Program as well. Kari Demarco also joins our team teaching English Language Arts for our Day Program. Kari was previously at the district office working with the Highly Capable Programs throughout the Wenatchee School District. Maria Cortez has also recently joined the WestSide High School Night School team as our Evening Para-Educator. Please help us welcome them to the WS family Changing Minds, Changing Lives One at a Time.



Left: Students with Mrs Morrow's welcome party. Above right and down: Katie Dryer, Megan Cross, and Kari DeMarco. Lower Left: Maria Cortez

Welcoming Other New Staff Members this Year!

We would like to welcome a few new amazing staff members to our school this year. Katie Dryer is new this year



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Devereaux nominated as Life Changer!

August 14, 2017 – Wenatchee, WA – WestSide High School English teacher Jennifer Devereaux, has been nominated for the 2017-2018 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Devereaux was nominated by her principal, Kory Kalahar, who praised her work in empowering students to understand what they need to accomplish. She was credited with increasing WestSide's assessment scores and completion rates. Additionally, she is the first teacher in WestSide's history to pursue their National Board Certification.

"Ms. Devereaux is an inspiring, hard-working teacher and mentor who goes far above and beyond her regular duties every day to find solutions and opportunities for her students and colleagues," said Kalahar. "Her high standards are an inspiration to her colleagues at WestSide and beyond. She is committed to helping each student reach high and rigorous goals, both in their academic and personal lives."

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2017-2018 school year.

(1) Grand Prize Winner – will receive \$10,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(4) Grand Prize Finalists – will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(10) LifeChanger Award Winners – will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) Spirit Award Winner – This award is given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) Spotlight Award Winner – This award will be given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. For 2017-2018, the award will be given to a nominee who works in a support role, such as a secretary, administrative assistant, or office manager. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district in fall 2017.

Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies held at their schools. The grand prize finalists will also be honored at a national awards ceremony in spring 2018 in Bermuda, where the Grand Prize Winner will be revealed.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must

- Make a positive impact in the lives of students
- Enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture and pride
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level
- Possess a proven record of professional excellence
- Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning
- Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

A resource page with ideas for how to celebrate nominees can be found at <http://lifechangeroftheyearnominees.com/showspirit/>.

To view Ms. Devereaux's LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone from your school community, visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.

**Right:
Mrs. Devereaux in
her natural element as a
WestSide Super Star!
Thanks for all you do!**



Shout Outs

I would like to throw a shout out to Galen Guthrie for the amazing work she has done holding our ELL Program together with a tumultuous start to this school year. She has effectively collaborated with two different Guest Teachers to keep the program moving forward and our student learning. Kudos to her!

A HUGE shout out to our WestSide Early Learning Center, our custodians Jim Harris and Michael Saucedo, and the entire M and O department for amazing team work in getting our Early Learning Center in place, moved, and up to state standards prior to opening day. I am please to say that we are officially state licensed, nationally accredited, and have many open spots for school district students and STAFF to use for childcare.



Girl Powered: What an amazing event and afternoon to leave our girls feeling empowered.



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**WestSide Gives
Back...**

WestSide has embraced volunteerism and giving back to our community and school once again. This time as a school and not just our Leadership Club. Each and every Day School student chose how they wanted to volunteer through options sponsored by the staff at WestSide. We began a lunch buddy program with WestSide students at Newbery Elementary. We also had a sock drive at Newberry Elementary called Soctober. There was also a canned food drive, a group cleaning all the laptops in the school, positive rock painting, letters to veterans, detailing the WSHS Suburban (below), peer tutoring program, and a group reading to the students at the WestSide Early Learning Center.

**GirlPowered Team
proudly displaying their
engineering project.**

