

Winter 2019

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COMMUNITY GIFTS AND GIVING

The power of the 2018 - 5th Annual Stuff-a-Sackpack homeless student give away was felt strongly at WestSide High School during the week prior to Winter Break. Students at WestSide High were all given the chance to think about their dream pair shoes and those dreams came true. Over 96 pair of shoes descended on WestSide and were given out to our students. Other students received Sackpacks full of necessary items like socks, scarves, hats, gift cards, food, and school supplies. The goal of the Wenatchee Valley Stuff-a-Sackpack Service Project is to reach out to local homeless, high-risk & in-need teens during the holidays to let them know they matter and have not been forgotten by their community. Every night, thousands of homeless youth in Washington go to sleep without safety, stability, and support of a family or home.

In 2017, 273 Sackpack requests were filled:

55% TOTAL REQUESTS WERE FOR HOMELESS* TEENS

117 TEEN BOYS

132 TEEN GIRLS

24 YOUTH SIBLINGS (100% HOMELESS*)

The results for 2018 will be even more staggering and have an even wider impact than 2017. This movement to change the lives of those students without a home is having a ripple impact throughout the schools where the students are being blessed with the gifts. The Stuff-a-Sack Program works to support homeless students. The McKinney-Vento Act defines

homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:

- Children and youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Children and youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Children and youth living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Children and youth abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth whose primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g. park benches, etc)
- Children and youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- Migratory children and youth living in any of the above situations

Consider giving in 2019 to help a child at stuffasackpack.com!

WestSide Stories Wellness Day

This year for our first Wellness Day, Mrs. Bullock mixed it up for us. We had a dynamic presentation from the school nurse crew about a variety of life saving strategies. We also had a group activity led by Mrs. Bullock herself about how to access different resources and agencies throughout the city of Wenatchee to help us through the hard parts of life and adulting. In addition, we have a breakout session about financial literacy in the real world. These days are a nice break from the traditional routine and we all learn a ton.



The Ugly Sweater Contest

Our annual Ugly Sweater Contest brought out the nastiest of sweaters and a load of moth balls to boot. Some staff members vowed to wear their sweaters all week and others saved their unveiling until the day of for presentation purposes. When the event finally came on Friday, December 14th, there were a mix of staff and students who participated including Graham Stansbery, Payton Blakney, Gretchen Mann, Jady Studean, Principal Kalahar, Stanton Sutherland, and Brian Johnson. It was tight competition for second place between the students and the staff, but the applause made it very easy for the judges that Mr. Johnson won the prize. His sweaters ensemble obviously took a ton of work and a great deal of pride and courage to pull off.

WestSide's Got Talent

WestSide's Fifth Annual "WestSide's Got Talent" Talent Show went off without a hitch and provided a ton of laughter and excitement for the school the day before winter break. "We like to send the students off with a great show and a relational event for everyone enjoy prior to the holidays." Said Principal Kalahar. "It is important to come together and celebrate the special individual talents of our staff and student and just have a good time together. Hosted once again by the incredible Rod Molzahn, he brought energy and respect throughout the show for our students. Talented acts such a poetry recital, electric guitar playing, ukulele performance, acoustic guitar and singing, dancing, circus arts, the WestSide Dance Team, and re-appearance of the Dandy Dancers. We had a great event for the whole school to enjoy and we look forward to next years performances.



Above:
Mr. Martin juggles his many talents. Below Left: Mr. Johnson proudly takes the win in the Ugly Sweater Contest



Important Dates:

February 18: No School - President's Day
March 6: No School - Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 1 - 5: No School - Spring Break
May 3: No School - Non-contract Day
May 27: No School - Memorial Day and Principal Kalahar's Birthday :)
June 13: Graduation @ 7:00 pm
June 14: Half Day - Last Day of School

Go Eagles!

Upper Left: Miguel and Alondra learn the Heimlich maneuver. Left: Ruben and Chris watch as Stansbery, Svilar, Sheena, and Kalahar humiliate themselves

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Door Decoration

Another holiday season brought about another year of door decorating at WestSide. Each Grad Team puts their very best foot forward as we all try to win the highly coveted Grad Team trophy. This year's rules were to include the 3Cs, the school colors, have a movie theme, and have a 3D element. It is debatable as to who was the most competitive, teachers or students. We had staff members coming in over the weekend to make sure their doors were on point and in the running to win. Other teachers saved their designs until the very last minute to make sure the other classes were not prepared for the competition.



DECA Regionals

WestSide High School had a big day Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Not only did everyone get up very early so we could leave WestSide High School at 5:00 am, hours of preparation and practice and testing is necessary for these competitors to prepare. The day was a success and we brought home thirteen medals seven different categories. In addition three students earned spots at the state competition! Here is a list of the participants and subsequent awards.

- Emily Fox - Travel and Tourism - participant
- Eva Graham Joiner - Travel and Tourism - participant
- Sam Carr - Business Law and Ethics - 2 medals
- Asher Carr - Business Law and Ethics - 2 medals
- Lucas Johnson - Buying and Merchandising - one medal
- Chris Horner - Buying and Merchandising - participant
- Michael McGinley - Financial Service - 2 medals and state
- Dominic Johanson - Financial Service - 2 medals and state

- Kevin Castro - Accounting Application - 2 medals and state
- Robert Martin - Automotive Services (Big Shock there) - 2 medals
- Jonathan Espinoza (President) - Human Resources Management - 2 medals

Below:
The DECA Crew Michael and Dominic. Far Below: Chris and Eva get pumped for their competition. Left: Jonathan and Ash reflect on the way home.



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RAK Chain

Mr. Stansbery and Ms. Monroe led the Random Acts of Kindness Club on another fun holiday inspired adventure prior to our Winter Break. The concept of this project is based on the art of complimenting and kindness. The club wanted to acknowledge that everyone is special and brings their personal uniqueness to WestSide/the World and makes it an even better place to call a home away from home. Students from throughout the school grabbed a green or red strip of paper and they thought about someone in the school who could benefit from a kind comment about themselves. Once collected all the strips of paper were linked to make a paper chain garland that was hung around the commons for all to see and as a symbol of the celebration of us collectively making the school a better place.

Spanish Club Updates

Our Spanish Club continues to work hard to remain active and a viable force in the building. With Gaby Fernandez and Angelica Vasquez leading the charge, we had an amazing Day of the Dead Altar at WestSide where both students and staff memorialized those they loved who are no longer with us. In addition, students came in over Parent/Teacher Conference break to make authentic Mexican pastries for everyone at school. Prior to the break our Spanish Club threw us a holiday celebration complete with a Posole lunch for the entire school and a pinata filled with candy. Coincidentally, a student and his mother brought in five Costco cakes that spelled out Merry Christmas WestSide High School! We had a very fun afternoon

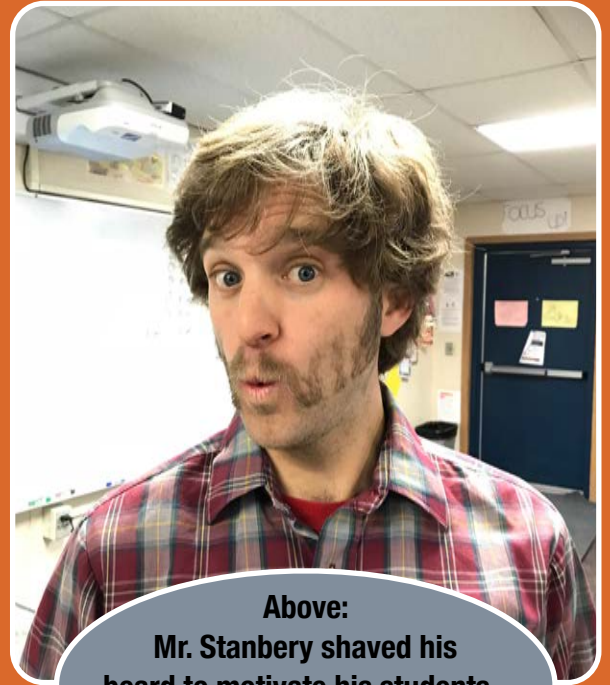


Above:
WestSide's Santa at work!
Below left: Harper smiles with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Below: Mrs. Dev introduces Payton and her sweater!



True Crimes @ WestSide

Mrs. DeMarco's students (mostly juniors and seniors) got to suggest ideas for their first quarter thematic English unit. After brainstorming and narrowing it down, the most popular concept was "True Crime." Students practiced their reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, note taking, and other skills while learning about famous crimes, why someone might become a criminal, why our society is interested in true crime, etc. To culminate the unit, students were allowed to pick one famous crime, criminal, or syndicate to research alone or with a classmate. Once they had read, highlighted, taken brief notes, and distilled their notes on their subject, they put together a presentation. This could be their choice of essay, trifold board, PowerPoint, or speech. Students got to "be the teacher" and inform their peers about what they learned. "I learned as much as they did!" remarked Mrs. DeMarco



Above:
Mr. Stanbery shaved his beard to motivate his students - doing whatever it takes!



WestSide Gets Fit with our 2019 Wellness Program!

Thanks to Ms. Hallberg, WestSide is getting fit and ready to be better than ever at what we do. We have set goals and are tracking our activities with apps, watches, and sometimes good ole fashion paper and pencil. We are inspired to not just have this be another resolution but a way of life so that we can be in the best shape physically and emotionally.



Various pictures of our WestSide's Got Talent 5th Annual Talent Show!

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**First Quarter
"Going the Extra
Mile" or GEM
Award winners
for the entire
Wenatchee School
District
included our
very own Miracle
Math Teacher
Jill Svilar and
Para-Educator
Extrodinaire
Heather
Bertomue.
Congrats - We
Love You!**



Above: Bethany gets her moves on in the Talent Show. Below Right: First quarter GEM Award winners for the district. See if you can spot Svilar and Heather!