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Sharing staff news & information in Wenatchee School District

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Long Distance Calling Changed

REMINDER: The SCAN long distance service has been replaced by a new domestic long distance service. All calls need to be made by dialing 9+1+ 10-digit phone number. If your building needs to make International and/or Canadian calls (or if you have questions) contact Marcia Reid, Assistant Accountant, reid.m@wenatcheeschools.org, 509-663-8161 ext. 33249.

Congratulations to Retirees

School Board Reception on June 9, 6:00 pm

Please join us in congratulating this year's retirees for their many years of service in public education. You are invited to a Retirement Reception on June 9th at 6pm at the Wenatchee School District Office.

Denia Alaniz, Child/Family Advocate at Columbia Elementary

Kathleen Anderson, Librarian at Lincoln Elementary

Cinda Boswell, Psychologist @ Special Ed

Judy Cain, 5th Grade Bilingual Teacher at Lewis & Clark Elementary

Thomas "Jay" Campbell, Lead Custodian at Lewis & Clark Elementary

Jane Culp, Home & Family Life Teacher WestSide High School

Betty "Mickie" Files, Bus Driver

Marnie Harris, Art Teacher WHS

Chet Harum, Executive Director
of Student & Support Services

Mike Hopkins, Principal Orchard
Middle School

Norene Horsell, 1st Grade
Teacher Newbery Elementary

Vicki Larson, Elementary
Secretary/Para @ Linc

Rozanne Lind, Enrichment
Specialist at Newbery and
Columbia Elementary Schools

Ruth Lowe, Business Ed Teacher
WHS

Yolanda Lusignan, 1st Grade
Bilingual Teacher, Columbia
Elementary

Michael McClun, Art Teacher WHS

Beverly McCreary, English Teacher WHS

Stan Opp, Math Teacher WHS

Jean Retallic, Business Ed WHS

Patrilla "Sue" Simmons, Speech Language Pathologist Special Ed.

Jonette Waldbjorn, Art Teacher Orchard and Pioneer Middle Schools



Don Collins with retiring art teacher Mike McClun at the WenEA Retirement Party at Pybus on May 28. Leslie Kiick photo.

Curriculum Updates

K-5 English Language Arts

We will begin the adoption process for a new English Language Arts program next year. Our new Curriculum Director, Sarah Hanchey will facilitate this process. We also plan to develop English Language Arts assessments that mimic the Smarter Balanced tests and performance tasks for use next year.

K-2 Reading Foundations

K-2 teachers report the Fountas and Pinnell Phonics Lessons is a difficult resource to use due to its organization. In response, the district will compensate K-2 teachers who choose to attend a workshop on June 16, 8:00-3:00, at WHS Commons, to better organize and prepare these materials. If time permits, participants will be given the opportunity to discuss ways to effectively use this instructional resource.

K-2 Writing Curriculum

Implementation of Writing Fundamentals at K-2 has been postponed for a variety of reasons, including several years of a budget crisis, along with competing initiatives. For K-2 grade level teams at each building who would like to access this resource next year, the district will provide materials and training on June 17th.

K-5 Mathematics

There is growing concern the current Bridges adoption does not align to the CCSS in math. In response, elementary staff will implement an interim solution, engage New York, a program that has earned high marks for alignment.

Principals identified teacher representatives from each school to participate on a K-5 Math Steering Committee. These teachers met with coaches recently to identify the modules of engage New York grade levels will implement next year. Most teams agreed to add the new edition of Number Corner as a supplement because it includes games and hands-on activities, while covering some of the standards missing from the selected modules. Training on the interim curriculum will begin during our August 25-26 professional development days and continue throughout next year. The teacher reps on the Steering Committee agreed to assist with the August training.

Links to elementary interim math curriculum:

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

bridges.mathlearningcenter.org/user/register

Account code needed: wenat82679

Middle School Core

Core teachers will be implementing the Springboard revision, which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts.

Middle School Reading Intervention

Middle schools plan to implement Read 180 as a replacement curriculum for our lowest readers in grades 6 and 7 next year. This well-researched intervention program includes computer adaptive support for students along with teacher instruction.

Middle School Mathematics

Middle school mathematics teachers will also employ engage New York as an interim solution in regular math classes for the first quarter of school next year. Following the first benchmark assessment, teachers will convene to analyze test data and plan next steps. Curriculum in the LAP math classes will vary in different schools until a systemic approach has been identified, researched, and approved.

Links to middle school interim math solution:

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

New Wenatchee High School Curriculum

The following courses have adopted new curriculum for implementation next year:

- AP Biology
- AP Physics C Mechanics
- AP Chemistry
- World Studies
- CTE: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources



August Professional Development Days

Certificated Staff

August 25 12:00 - 3:00

August 26 8:00 - 3:00

Group I. Most staff members will participate in focused professional development training on August 25th and August 26th as listed below:

K-5 Math (including resource teachers)	Focus: Implementation of <i>engage NY</i>
6-8 Math	Focus: Implementation of <i>engage NY</i>
6-8 English Language Arts	Focus: Implementation of <i>New Springboard</i>
6-8 Science	Focus: Next Generation Science Standards
6-8 Project Lead the Way	Focus: Implementation of PLW
6-8 <i>Read 180</i> Teachers	Focus: Implementation of <i>Read 180</i>
9-12 WHS Staff	Focus: Effective Use of 85-minute class sessions
9-12 WSHS Staff	Focus: To be determined
K-12 Counselors	Focus: Counselor Evaluation

Group II. Specialists on district teams will meet together.

K-5 Fitness	K-5 Music	K-5 Art	K-5 Library
6-8 Fitness	6-8 Music	6-8 Art	6-8 Library
6-8 Health	6-12 ESL Teachers	K-5 Intervention Specialists	
K-5 Highly Capable Specialists	K-12 Special Ed. Itinerants, Self-Contained, Life Skills, Preschool		

Group II teams will prioritize and work on the following:

- ☐ Instructional goals
- ☐ Student growth goals and measures
- ☐ Common assessments / leveled assessments
- ☐ Identification and prioritization of standards
- ☐ Continued development of scales

Meeting locations are yet to be determined.

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Summer Activities For Kids

Great summer opportunities offered in our community and around the state.

2014 Wenatchee Valley YMCA, 217 Orondo, 662-2109. A Free 3-week session of Swimming Lessons is available for kids who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Kids do not need to be a member of the Y. As part of a Y-USA grant, there are 50 spaces available for our Session beginning June 16, and 50 for the session beginning July 14 at

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the Eastmont YMCA Aquatic Center. All you need to do is drop by the Y at 217 Orondo Avenue, or call 662-2109 for more information. Other Summer Youth Programs include day camps, swim lessons, gym & swim recreation, youth & teen center, Lake Wenatchee YMCA camp, and more www.wenymca.org

2014 Summer Stage at the PAC, Our sixth annual Summer Stage youth theater program, sponsored by Peoples Bank and the Woods Family Music & Arts Fund, will be held over two weeks, from June 23 through July 4, 2014. This year's summer program will be led by local performers, Allison Drescher, Emily Abbott, and Dana Winter. It will feature two distinct week-long opportunities for students entering grades 3-8 to experience various aspects of theatre production. <http://www.pacwen.org/events/summer-stage>

2014 Wenatchee Museum's Super Summer Adventures, Wenatchee Valley Museum's Super Summer Adventures 2014 offers hands-on classes for kids entering first through seventh grades. <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/index.aspx?page=557> To sign up for a class stop by Wenatchee Valley

Museum, 127 South Mission Street, Wenatchee or call 509-888-6240.

2014 North Central Regional Library, Summer Reading Program. See their website www.ncrl.org Or a PDF of Summer Reading Program Events.

2014 Camp Invention, Sunnyslope Elementary School, 3109 School Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 June 23 - June 27, At Camp Invention, children rotate through four fun modules a day, where they work in diverse teams to engage in investigations, experiments and engineering challenges. Curriculum writers use rigorous testing each year to deliver new and exciting modules

that meet national and state education standards while offering your child hands-on activities that make learning fun. <http://www.campinvention.org/parents/camp-programs/>

2014 City of Wenatchee, activities, sports camps, family concerts, swimming lessons, day camps, etc., www.wenatcheewa.gov under What's Happening and then Recreation Programs and Events. <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/index.aspx?page=220>

2014 Centrum, Advanced High School Writers' Studio July 13-20 <http://centrum.org/advanced-high-school-writers-studio/> and 2014 Centrum, "DANCE This!" Grades 9-12, August 3-9 <http://centrum.org/dance-this-grades-9-12/>

2014 Cougar Quest (WSU), Grades 7-9 July 13-18; Grades 9-12 July 20-25 Cost \$650. Cougar Quest is a residential academic summer camp for highly capable students on the Washington State University campus in Pullman, Washington <https://cougarquest.wsu.edu/what-is-cougar-quest/>

2014 iD Tech Camp, Seattle, technology focus, ages 7-18, www.idtech.org

internalDrive.com

2014 Leavenworth Summer Theater, see website for performances and dates <http://www.leavenworthsummertheater.org/>

2014 Young Artist Theatre Camp @ Icicle Creek Center for the Arts July 28 -August 3, 2014 - An extraordinary overnight and day camp for aspiring young actors, directors and playwrights ages 7 - 20, this camp is a weeklong training ground. Talented students come together to learn from an amazing team of theater professionals working in Seattle, New York and on Broadway. All classes, master classes and workshops cater to each student's specific needs and skill levels by creating a safe and nurturing environment for all kids to express themselves creatively through theater. \$650 tuition; \$300 room and board (optional). <https://icicle.org/>

2014 Satori Summer Camp, Cheney, focused on offerings for gifted kids, ages 12-18, July 20 - July 26, 2014, www.satoricamp.org

2014 Summer Challenge or Summer Stretch, Grades 5-10, The Robinson Center's Summer Program provides an intensive, inspirational and in-depth learning experience with math, science, literature, philosophy and writing classes. Summer Challenge, for 5th and 6th graders, emphasizes hands-on learning, field trips and activities; Summer Stretch, for 7th-10th graders, is more academic in nature, providing an accelerated, rigorous learning experience. <https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/summer-programs/summer-challenge-5th-6th/>

2014 Western Washington University Youth programs <http://www.wvu.edu/ee/youth/index.shtml>

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What is Wenatchee Learns Connect?

Wenatchee Learns Connect is an online and face-to-face resource that cultivates partnerships between students, staff, businesses, citizens and parents, by connecting resources to our schools through an online partner (volunteer) portal, downtown partnership center and school sign in system.

Our web based career exploration system blends online learning and personalized instruction with innovative tools and real world experiential learning activities that motivate students to explore career pathways.

Wenatchee Learns Connect (WLC) Resources & Services Coming FALL 2014

1. Online Partner portal wenatcheelearns.com

Partner (Volunteer) application system

WLC helps partners/volunteers apply online, maintains the partner/volunteer database and background checking process

Available list of partnership opportunities

WLC maintains a list of available partnership/volunteer categories

Partner (Volunteer) database for school staff to post needs and find partners.

WLC provides technical support and portal training for school staff by posting partner/volunteer needs and search for available partners/volunteers.

Business and organization profiles and experiential learning opportunities

WLC helps businesses create detailed profiles about their businesses and offer experiential learning activities (job shadows, internships, project based learning etc.) to share with students and staff.

2. Wenatchee Learns Connect Partnership Center - 2. South Mission Street

Conveniently located in Downtown Wenatchee.

WLC provides general information about the district, parent programs and partnership opportunities to the public.

Training and support for partners and parents

WLC offers partner/volunteer trainings, orientations and a computer workstation for partners/volunteers and parents.

Community meeting and outreach location

WLC has a 7-person (tech ready) and 12-person (bring your own tech) conference room available for District use.

Development and cultivation of business partnerships

WLC nurtures existing District relationships and establishes new ones with our business community.

3. Student Career Exploration System - Career Cruising

Training and support for students and staff

WLC is the primary administrator of Career Cruising and manages all staff and student accounts. WLC creates training documents and video tutorials for students and staff to use the system.

Student access to experiential learning opportunities

WLC ensures students have access to experiential learning opportunities in the Career Cruising system.

4. School Sign In – iPad Guest/Partner Check In System

System Oversight and Training

WLC provides system oversight and technical support of the School Sign In application for school staff. WLC creates simple user "how to" documents in English and Spanish for partners.

Partner/Guest (Volunteer/Visitor) sign in and tracking system

WLC provides 17 school sites with iPads, stands, and Sign In applications.

Real time reporting of volunteer hours

WLC provides school staff with on-site access to volunteer hour tracking reports on their designated iPads.

5. Parent Programs

District level parent programs

WLC coordinates District level programs and communication such as parent conferences, parent education and trainings and Spanish Radio Station

Family advocate coordination and support

Family Advocates will report to the WLC Volunteer and Parent Coordinator and will work in close collaboration with WLC to support parents and partners/volunteers program and services.

How To Connect With Us:

wenatcheelearns.com (509) 888.2828 wlconnect@wenatcheeschools.org 2. South Mission Street.

Remembering

Robert C. “Bob” King

February 9, 1952 ~ April 28, 2014

Bob King was called to heaven after a short, but valiant, battle with pancreatic cancer on April 28, 2014. After graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1971, Bob joined the U.S. Army, during which time he trained with Special Forces. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1975. He was stationed at Lawton, OK at the end of his service, and it was there, that he met and married Charolette Watts in 1975. In 1976, Bob became a police officer for the Lawton Police Department and during the next ten years, worked as a master officer, detective, firearms instructor, sniper and explosive ordnance disposal technician. In the late 1980's, Bob ventured into the world of private security, first with his own security company in Oklahoma, then working for Vance International providing tactical security and executive protection. He later did similar work for SecurCorp.



Bob returned to Wenatchee in the early 1990's and began working for the Wenatchee School District in 1995. He began his time with the District as a school bus driver and, for the last ten years, had been Director of Safety and Security.

Bob was author of “Spooky 8: The Final Mission” published by St. Martins Press. King was also co-author with Jeri Betz (Freimuth) of “Guardians of the Black Sand,” and co-founder with Friemuth of Timberwolf Publishing, LLC.

Bob is survived by his wife, Becky of Wenatchee; one son, Brian King of Fremont, CA; his furry kids, Lilly, Luke and Minnie; two brothers, Randy King of Wenatchee, and Dick King and his wife, Jeannie of Wenatchee; one sister, Donna and her husband, Mike of Wenatchee; and six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a niece, Nicole Dick.

Adapted from Wenatchee World

Michael A. Houston

October 3, 1953 - May 20, 2014.

Michael A. Houston died May 20, 2014 of melanoma cancer. Michael was born on October 3, 1953 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon. His family moved repeatedly between the time he was 6 and 12. Many good childhood memories were made living in Touchet, Washington for several years, but the family finally settled in Chelan in 1966. Michael lived in Chelan for the next 6 years, graduating from Chelan High School in 1972.



He joined the Army National Guard in September of the same year, specializing in both Wheeled and Tracked Vehicle Maintenance. Michael did his active duty training from January to the end of June 1973; and he continued with the Guard until 1994 when he retired with 22 years of service. Upon his return from active duty in 1973, while working half-time as a custodian, he began attending Wenatchee Valley College. He graduated in 1976 with an Associate of Applied Arts in Automotive Mechanics and 2 years of German language study. Michael attended Bethesda Christian College from 1976 until 1980, studying towards a Bachelor's degree in Theology.

On May 22nd 1981, He married the love of his life, Renee M. Blackman. He began working as a custodian full-time, ending up at Lincoln Elementary in 1983 in Wenatchee. After receiving encouragement from teachers in this school, Michael and his family moved to Ellensburg in 1986, from which they returned in 1989 with a B.A. in Elementary Ed. and a minor in Spanish. He was immediately hired at Lincoln Elementary and continued working there as a 5th grade teacher until his medical leave to fight his cancer.

He is survived by his wife Renee, his five children, and their spouses, Michelle & Zak, Aaron & Sarah, Rebekah, Emilee & Clinton and David, his 9 grandchildren, his sister Pat and brother-in-law Les Lamkin their children, and his brother Tim.

Adapted from Telford's Chapel of the Valley