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Sharing staff news & information in Wenatchee School District

GLAD Update by Cynthia Valdez

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The GLAD Team



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We are excited about the amazing teachers who are embracing GLAD.

In addition to Embedded Training that is taking place in our elementary and middle schools, we have Initial Training beginning February 9-12 at Wenatchee High School. This is possible due to the teachers willing to give us their time, and especially to our host teacher **Tammy Giacomazzi** and her teammates, **Cesar Mendoza**, and **Rudy Joya** working with Instructional Coach **Holly McPhetridge** and under the support of Assistant Principal **Donna Moser** and Principal **Eric Anderson** to make this opportunity for 20 Wenatchee staff members.

In other news, we have recently been visited by Central Valley in Spokane who was excited to see our GLAD teachers in action. They, along with Kelso, Moses Lake, Bellingham, Quincy, and a school in Los Angeles Unified School District are interested in replicating our model of professional development and implementation in GLAD. The Central Valley visitors had the opportunity to meet with our Agency Trainers to discuss implementation, and to visit Columbia Elementary where they observed the Agency Trainers in action with

teacher **Joe Ells**. They later visited with principal **Bill Eagle**, Instructional Coach **Andrea O'Donnell**, and Assistant Principal **Jacob Bucholz**. They also got to spend time speaking with teacher **Abby Dalbeck** from Sunnyslope about her journey, getting a teacher's perspective of the GLAD phases, and teaching using GLAD. While Abby talked to the guests, Cyndy Valdez covered her class, presenting a Narrative Input on the book *Enemy Pie*.

Terri Goveia, Kathryn Anderson and I have been asked to present at the National Migrant Conference in April in San Diego, and to participate in sessions at the Washington Association of Bilingual Educators (WABE) conference in Bellevue, also in April. Interested teachers may attend the Bellevue conference—the Bilingual department is offering three slots per building to attend the WABE conference. These slots are open to teachers and classified staff who are funded out of bilingual funds or work with Bilingual qualified students the majority of their day.

If you're interested in attending the Bellevue conference, check with your principals and then email me.



Principal **Bill Eagle** talks to educators from Spokane about how GLAD has impacted Columbia Elementary.

Classroom Innovation Grants

Deadline for nominations: February 26.

The Wenatchee School District is proud to offer a Classroom Innovation Grant (CIG) program. The CIG program is designed to focus on instructional & learning innovation. Classroom Innovation Grants are available to elementary, middle, and high schools in the Wenatchee School District (WSD). Along with individual grants, we will also offer collaborative grants! This is a competitive grant program designed to provide funds for the most innovative, educational and developmental activities created by Wenatchee School District teachers. This program is designed to encourage and foster enhanced learning through innovation in instructional technologies.

The CIG application and reporting processes are available exclusively online via this website. Questions regarding the CIG program should be directed to Ron Brown.

The Wenatchee Innovation Grant program is designed to focus on instructional technology innovation which will:

- inspire and engage elementary, middle, and high school students
- encourage teachers to explore and create innovative instructional technology strategies
- enhance learning for students

Teachers are invited to:

[Apply online at this link.](#)

Process

District technology personnel “blind read” and score applications. CIG recipients will be announced and equipment will be distributed. At the end of the school year, all CIG recipients will submit a final report to the district technology committee and be asked to participate at our annual technology showcase event.

Previous Recipients

2015

5th Grade Team at Lincoln - Robotics Kits

8th Grade Team at Pioneer - Chromebooks for ELA

2014

Erica Wilson at Pioneer - iPads

Angela Richmond at Mission View -

Noteflight music software

Kathryn Weaver at Columbia - iPod Shuffles Reading

2013

Amy Dilley at
Newbery - iPads

Kyle Hurst at
Foothills - Proscopes
and iPads

Maia Parr at
Washington - iPads

2012

Sandra Schmidt at Lincoln - iPads

Tami Woolsey at Newbery - Sound System

Jana Sutton at Foothills - iPads

Ryan Weaver at Columbia - iPads

Patty Cone at Columbia - iPads

2011

Ray Birks - Kindle Readers

Ramon Rivera - iPods for Music

1st Grade Team at Lincoln - iPads for Reading Fluency

Erin Coyle at Orchard - STELLA science modeling

**Dellamy
Thomas** at
Newbery - Short
throw and sound

**Maria
Gonzalez** at
Lewis and
Clark - iPads for
fluency



Students in Dawn Wood's 8th grade class at Pioneer uses Chromebooks purchased with Classroom Innovation grant money. The Pioneer 8th grade team wrote the grant together and share the Chromebooks.

Nominate a Colleague for the 2016 Chelan County Excellence Banquet

February 4, 2016

To: Wenatchee School District Staff

From: Human Resources

Re: Nominations for the 2016 Chelan County Excellence Banquet

We are accepting nominations for Certificated and Classified employees for the annual Chelan County Excellence Award sponsored by the North Central ESD.

We envision a Wenatchee renowned for making education personal and a local culture that values learning and is committed to success for all.

Please complete this form for classified and certificated nominations and forward to Human Resources. Thank you for taking the time to nominate staff members.

Staff Member's name: _____

Certificated / Classified
(circle one)

Position: _____ School: _____

1. Using the Vision Statement of the Wenatchee School District as a framework for your comments, describe why you are nominating this employee for recognition. What is it about this employee that stands out and makes him/her an excellent candidate for recognition?

[illegible]

Nominated by: _____

***Nominations are due to the Human Resource Office by
Friday, February 26, 2016***

Nominations Wanted for GWATA Awards

The Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance (GWATA) is seeking nominations from you for their annual Innovator Awards. **Nominations are due March 1.**

Innovative use of technology in the classroom (K-12 Educator)

Future Innovator (K-12 Student)

Winners will be honored at the GWATA Innovators Award Luncheon on March 29.

A \$250 cash prize will be awarded for both student and educator winners.



At the 2015 luncheon Ethan Toth and Sara Rolfs took home the honors. Toth, a high school junior, won the Future Technology Leader award for his work creating Makers Faire. Rolfs is a volunteer with the district who concentrates her efforts on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) projects. Rolfs won the honors for Innovative Use of Technology in the Classroom.

Nominations can be completed online by answering 4 quick questions.

<http://www.gwata.org/innovators-luncheon>

The Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance (GWATA) is committed to supporting NCW future technology innovators. It's the youth of today who will shape tomorrow's technology landscape.

Operational Division Employee Nomination

You are invited to nominate an Operational Division Employee who deserves recognition.

Operation Division employees support students and staff. Departments include: Food service, Human resources, M&O (custodial, grounds, internal transportation, plumbing, electrical, etc.), Operational Technology, Payroll, Safety & Security, Transportation, Warehouse & Delivery, and Wenatchee Learns.

Employees can be nominate on any of the following:

- Interacts with others in a positive, enthusiastic, and cheerful manner that promotes positive morale.
- Exhibits initiative and creativity resulting in improved operating efficiency in the District that saves time and money.
- Demonstrates excellence in overall work performance and uses knowledge and expertise to troubleshoot/solve problems quickly.
- Provides outstanding customer service.
- Improves the work/learning environment in a way that promotes the district

Submit your nomination by Thursday, February 18th.

[Here's the link to nominate someone.](#)

Stronger Schools Grants Due March 15

The Community Foundation of NCW is accepting applications for Stronger Schools grants from Pre-K through 12 public schools in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Applications are DUE MARCH 15.

Up to \$5,000 is available to enrich school experiences for students, support teacher development, and provide opportunities for schools to better achieve their goals.

Please review eligibility requirements and guidelines on the [website](#) carefully to ensure your request fits with the Stronger Schools program.

Application Requirements and Process

One application per school - Deadline March 15

A G1 Application must be submitted and approved by Nancy Duffy, WSD Director of State and Federal Programs, before submitting a Stronger School's application

Apply for a Stronger Schools Grant <http://www.cfncw.org/strongerschools/>



APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15!

Stronger Schools Grant

Up to \$5,000 to Support Public Schools in NCW

The Community Foundation of NCW is accepting applications for Stronger Schools grants from Pre-K through 12 public schools in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

The foundation seeks to fund creative, innovative programs that inspire students, enhance academics, improve the school's environment, and make learning fun and accessible.

Activities considered include: innovative programs responding to changes in the school; seed funding for new and creative programs that offer opportunities for positive change; programs that serve low-income or at-risk student; programs that facilitate collaboration among staff and/or advance the strategic plan; and programs that identify, enhance, and expand leadership opportunities for student.

Activities generally not supported include: core operating expenses that should be included in the school budget; endowment, capital, and annual fund drives; multi-year grants; funding for items purchased prior to grant; sponsorship or activities related to fundraising.

Only one application may be submitted per school and must be approved by the school principal to submit. Multiple programs or projects can be included in one application, including requests from PTAs and Education Foundations.

APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.CFNCW.ORG

