



# #119 at-a-Glance

—News and Notes within the Selah School District—

## Chalk Talk With the Superintendent

As the interim superintendent of Selah Schools the first two months have been exciting. I have met many staff and thank everyone for being friendly. During September and October I visited every school and saw excellent teaching and learning. At each school I saw a safe and supportive learning environment, standards-based teaching, and high levels of student engagement.

I have been doing comparisons of 2009 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) data for our schools with other comparable schools in the state, using the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction "School Report Card" website. Out of the 20 state assessments given overall for grades 3-8 and 10, I compared our schools with schools that have the same amount of student diversity, or are more diverse. I did not include comparison schools that were a lot smaller. The result is an "apples to apples" comparison.



Dr. Steve Chestnut

Each of our schools has a different number of comparison schools. The number of comparable schools for John Campbell is 75, while Robert Lince has 58 because of a slightly higher enrollment and free and reduced lunch percentage. The Intermediate School has 165 comparable schools for grade 5, because of the elementary schools that include grade 5, whereas grades 7 and 8 only have 59 because there are fewer middle schools. Selah Junior High has 131 comparison schools.

In the column at right are our District WASL scores that ranked in the top 20% (or better) of comparison schools.

	Rank	# Of Schools
<b><u>John Campbell</u></b>		
Reading – gr 3	14	75
<b><u>Robert Lince</u></b>		
Reading – gr 3	9	58
Math – gr 3	11	58
Reading – gr 4	12	58
Math – gr 4	7	58
Writing – gr 4	12	58
<b><u>Selah Intermediate</u></b>		
Science – gr 5	4	165
Reading – gr 7	1	59
Math – gr 7	1	59
<b><u>Selah Junior High</u></b>		
Reading – gr 8	7	131
Science – gr 8	13	131

Although Selah High School did not have any WASL scores in the top 20% for 2009, I am very impressed that 99.5% of Selah High School and Selah Academy seniors in the Class of 2009 did meet WASL requirements for graduation last spring.

As a school district we are raising our expectation for student achievement. The state is replacing the WASL with the Measurements of Student Progress (grade 3-8), and the High School Proficiency Exam in 2010. Our new goal for the next three years is: Increase student achievement so that 90% of students meet standard on all Measurements of Student Progress tests and the High School Proficiency Exam by 2012.

Based on what I have seen I am confident that our students can achieve at these levels!

## Making "¢ents" of Payroll

•Employees **wanting to participate in a payroll deduction** to contribute to the District's upcoming levy campaign should see Chris Scacco for the deduction authorization form.

•As a reminder on employee pay-stubs, under *time off information*, the

line titled **Other Paid Leave is personal leave information**.

•The cut-off for receiving time sheets and changes for November payroll is **November 9**. Payroll cut-off dates can be found on the District website under *Staff*.

## Winter Weather News

As a reminder during the winter months, call the **Weather Hotline at 697-0515**. Beginning at 5:30 a.m. staff can learn if school is operating on a regular schedule or is delayed or cancelled. Operating decisions are also posted on the District's website.

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# Kudos, Events, and Other Staff News...

## Kudos and Congratulations to You and You and You...



- Congratulations to John Campbell's **Barb Engvall** and Selah Junior High's **Jean Gustafson** for being honored with the *President's Award* during the Washington Library Media Association Fall Conference recently held in Yakima.
- Now this is music to the ears—Kudos to **Bart Roderick's Fourth Grade Marimba Club** which played for the State Washington Library Media Association's Fall Conference. Approximately a dozen students volunteered for this event and have been practicing since the beginning of the school year.
- Congratulations to **John Campbell Elementary Math Extensions Program**, teacher **Janet Rouleau**, and parents **Steve and Doreen Hamilton** for being honored with the KCTS Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple honors successful teaching models and programs among Washington state educators.
- Congratulations to **Selah High School Fall Athletes**, teachers, and coaches as all eight of Selah's fall teams qualified for academic excellence awards according to WIAA standards.
- Good luck to all **fall athletes and teams** who will be representing Selah in their respective sports during post-season play. Go Vikings!
- Congratulations to **Selah High School FCCLA** students for raising the most money locally during the Children's Miracle Network balloon sale.
- Last month we highlighted **Selah High School's FFA** agricultural display and its 3rd place honor at the Central Washington State Fair. Here are some more FFA Fair updates: 1st Place in Team Horse Judging; 2nd Place in Landscape Display; 3rd Place in Tractor Driving and Cody Roberts placed 5th individually. Also, congratulations to students in **Cathy LeClair's class** as they won their second banner in Horse Judging. Thank you to all of the individuals who made **John Campbell's Read-and-Treat Night** a spooktacular event.

## A Little Something to Brag About...

- Congratulations to first-time grandma **Terri Jump**, on the birth of her granddaughter.
- A proud grandmother again, congratulations goes to **Sally Dwinell**, as she welcomed a granddaughter.
- We have another proud grandmother in the District in **Sue Steltz**. Congratulations on the birth of her granddaughter.
- Congratulations to **Mitch Richards**, who welcomed a new baby daughter.
- Not to be out done by the baby girls mentioned above, congratulations goes to **Paulette Bayle**, as she welcomes her new grandson.



## It's Your Birthday—Let's Celebrate

Happy Birthday November Birthdays

Nov. 1	Arlene Von Essen
Nov. 3	Don Lamance
Nov. 5	Debbie Applehof
Nov. 6	Kelly Rose
Nov. 7	Kim Bonsen
Nov. 7	Robin Gordy
Nov. 7	Saul Martinez
Nov. 7	Nancy Mottet
Nov. 10	Karen Jochen
Nov. 11	Brandy Anglin-Flores
Nov. 11	Susan Harper
Nov. 14	Chris Harris
Nov. 17	Reggie Hull
Nov. 18	Marilyn Calhoun

Nov. 18	Hugh Carney
Nov. 18	Diane Knutson
Nov. 22	Sara Bicsak
Nov. 23	Robin Dinsmore
Nov. 23	Linda McKee
Nov. 24	Michelle Bogart
Nov. 24	Mary Karel
Nov. 25	Art Green
Nov. 25	Christina Richardson
Nov. 26	Pat Jaeger
Nov. 29	Matt Winterfeld
Nov. 30	Yolanda Badillo
Nov. 30	Greg Wilson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Set Your Clocks Back

The best day of the year is approaching—the day when we get an extra hour of sleep. Remember **to set your clocks back one hour** when you go to sleep on Halloween night. Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1.



## Dates to Remember

There will be no school **Wednesday, November 11** in honor of Veterans' Day. Also as we prepare to gobble til we wobble there will be no school **November 26 and November 27** as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

**"Double, Double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble."**