

Reflections

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Message from the Superintendent:



While it might sound a bit cliché, it truly does take a village to raise a child! And in Chelan, this village is extremely supportive and collaborative to the point where our students are involved in a number of partnerships that give them real-life experiences and applications to their learning. This publication of Reflections is focused on community partnerships and includes just a few of the many relationships that have been forged to support our students. We simply could not function as well as we do without these relationships. As a matter of fact, as I look through the research on the impact of community support and involvement, it was noted by one researcher that... “community involvement contributed to positive results for students, including, higher achievement, better attendance, more course credits earned, more responsible preparation for class, and other indicators of success in school,” (Epstein, 2005, p. 2). In addition, “family, and community factors independently and significantly affected students’ math achievement.”

So, thank you for your support, involvement and care you give to our students and school. While I often say, a community is known by its schools, it is also the other way...schools are known by their community and the support and involvement they lend in the educating of our youth.

~ Rob Mahanhan

M&O Levies

Fund current programs that are unfunded or underfunded by the State



Please take a moment and consider the vote that will affect all our children.

Levy Rates per \$1000 assessed Value...

2012– Ephrata	\$4.75
Okanogan	\$3.33
Cashmere	\$3.79
Manson	\$1.61
Chelan	\$1.45
2014- Chelan	\$1.53



PLEASE VOTE
February 8, 2011

Board Information:

Board Meeting-6:00 pm	2/7
Board Meeting-6:00 pm	2/22
Board Meeting-6:00 pm	3/8
Board Meeting-6:00 pm	3/22
Board Meeting-6:00 pm	4/12

Echo Valley Ski and Tubing area has partnered with the fifth grade students at Morgen Owings to introduce the sport of skiing and snowboarding at Echo valley. Each fifth grade student in the Chelan Valley is eligible for a free 2010/11 season pass. The pass entitles students to free skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing at Echo Valley. Lakeland Ski Shop, located on-site, is also offering 5th graders discounts on ski and snowboard rentals. This is a very unique partnership for all fifth grade students in the Chelan Valley.



MOE PARTNERSHIPS

The MOE book fair is held each fall in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences. Students have the opportunity to view the wonderful selection of books brought to us by **Riverwalk Books**. After the preview, students and parents have the opportunity to buy any of the books viewed. It is a wonderful partnership between MOE and Riverwalk Books.

Marci James' 1st graders combine Writing & Art for a community service project. The bears went to **Heritage Heights**.



Tasty Treats
Afters nutrition class

P It is a New Year and PTA is in full swing! Many thanks to everyone who has helped the past 4 months with all of our events! Our annual Cookie Dough fundraiser was *another* huge success, allowing us to continue enriching the lives of the students at MOE. These funds also allow PTA to support our music program, library, Afters, and other classroom extras that might not otherwise be possible. A new event for the elementary school is our "Join Your Child for Lunch". We are inviting parents to come eat lunch with their child(ren) the 3rd Thursday of each month and then join us for a PTA meeting afterwards. Over 70 families have joined us for lunch the past 2 months, and this event will be happening through May! The PTA also collaborated with the Wenatchee Wild staff to offer a special price for MOE families, this offer was for selected games. Our *NEW* exciting event will be getting the 5th graders set up for skiing at Mission Ridge this winter. We are hoping to make this an annual program for the school. This requires experienced skier volunteers to help...so if this interests you, please call MOE. This spring, we will focus on the playground ~looking for improvements to keep kids busy while outside and having space where teachers can take their class for lessons. These and other events/programs need volunteers in order to continue. We welcome anyone in the community who would like to enrich the life of a child, PTA is not exclusive to just the parents of our students. So, if you can give an hour of your time, we will find a spot for you. Please visit the school website to see what's happening with MOE PTA. ~Lisa Gleasman PTA President

Afters Appreciates Community Partners

The Afters program is fortunate to have the support of several dedicated community partners. In 2009-2010, partners provided 315 hours of Afters staffing plus \$6000 in in-kind contributions to MOE and CMS students and their families! Thanks to them for the contribution they make in behalf of our students! This year, students will benefit from over 25 hands-on sessions of Afters Enrichment classes in cooking, science, math, music and community service through generosity of the following partners:

- WSU Extension, Douglas County *Junior Chef and Tasty Treats*
- Army Corps of Engineers *Junior Ranger*
- Regency Manor *Kid's Club*
- Chelan Library *Ooey Gooley Science*
- Chelan PUD *Science Magician*
- Chelan Elementary PTA *Marimba Band*
- Columbia Valley Community Health *Girls on the Run*



In addition to serving students, our partners have offered classes to parents and families in over 16 topics ranging from basic computer skills to family health, managing money or writing resumes. These sessions have been part of the Afters for Families program (offered in March), the TARGET Plus Families classes (offered to families of students in the TARGET Afters program) or the Strengthening Families Program (offered to Families of 10 – 14 year old students.) Partners who have participated in these events are WSU Extensions of Chelan and Douglas Counties, Columbia Valley Community Health, Chelan County PUD, Chelan TOGETHER for Drug Free Youth and Wenatchee OIC.

If you have ideas for expanding partnerships or programs, please contact Lesley Van Over, Afters Director, at 682-4031 X 310 or vanoverl@chelanschools.org



Palatable Partnership

The students of the high school's Culinary Arts class served a holiday dinner on Dec. 16, 2010 to 20 members of the community under the direction of Executive Chef, Tom Gormley. They worked for two weeks to fine-tune every detail to create a "real-world" restaurant experience for their guests as well as themselves. The students planned, decorated, prepared and served a gourmet meal to their guests. It was an incredible opportunity for community

members to see future employees first hand.

Chef Gormley has been partnering with the Family and Consumer Science Program at Chelan HS for over a year. He is directly involved in the Culinary Arts Class as a monthly guest speaker, involved with the Hospitality and Tourism Class and serves on the advisory board for these programs.



Chelan Preparatory High School celebrated the last school day of 2010 with their annual Christmas fiesta. Students made wonderful Christmas decorations and senior, Martin Martinez provided the music. Dinner included: Birria (a spicy beef stew which took 2 days to prepare), rice, beans, a spicy cabbage salad, homemade tortilla's, and a delicious 3 milk cake. The meal was prepared by different family members and was enjoyed by about 50 people including students, school officials, and school staff. This seasonal celebration had special meaning for many of the students since they don't have any family members here.



On Thursday, December 16th, 2010, *CMS's Leadership and Choir* classes *partnered* up to visit *Regency Manor* to spread some holiday cheer. The Choir first performed for a large group and then "caroled" around to the different rooms. Meanwhile, the Leadership students did crafts with the residents. They helped them decorate miniature wreaths that they could then hang on their doors. The students were so helpful and positive in their interactions with the residents. **A wonderful experience was had by all!**

Lake Chelan Hospital

partners with Chelan High School to deliver a high quality, engaging learning experience. Chelan High School students are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with our local hospital. The partnership is truly a win-win. Students gain high exposure to the many career fields within healthcare and valuable hands-on experiences that enrich classroom studies. It also is rewarding for the expert clinicians and staff members as they may be mentoring the next generation of health care leaders. The partnership between the hospital and the high school was established in 1991 and continues to inspire and lure students into health care professions. The partnership has developed into an "integrated learning community" where students get the best of both worlds.



Above and Beyond

also known as the "Teen Center Tutoring" program has been helping students for the past ten years. Lorianne Kitzman is quick to point to her staff for the success of this program. "These are people from our community with good academic experience and skills that willingly give up their time to help students". On any given day, there are twenty or more students that participate in the program. Currently the volunteer staff consists of nine adult volunteer and one student. For more information about this great program, you can contact Lorianne at (509) 670-5836 or email



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Dates to Remember

The Giving Tree



- 2/4 Girls'/Boys' Basketball vs. Okanogan - Home
- 2/5 ...Girls'/Boys' Basketball vs. Cascade - Home
- 2/4 & 2/5 ... District Wrestling @ Omak
- 2/7 ... LATE START - 10:30 am
- 2/7 ... Board Meeting - 6:00pm - District Office
- 2/8 ... LEVY ELECTION
- 2/9 ... HS Music Dinner Concert - 6pm-9pm
- 2/11 & 2/12 ... Regional Wrestling @ Tonasket
- 2/10-2/13... CHS Drama - "Pirates of Penzance"
- 2/12...School Board Retreat-Campbells' Resort
- 2/14 ... Valentine's Day
- 2/21 ... Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
Miss Lake Chelan - 6:00 pm - PAC
- 2/18 & 2/19...State Wrestling Tournament
- 2/22 ... Board Meeting - 6:00 pm - District Office
- 2/23 ... Med Club Red Cross Blood Drive - CHS
- 2/28 ... LATE START - 10:30am
- 3/2- 3/4...Mid-Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
State Basketball Tournament - Yakima
- 3/8 Board Meeting - 6:00 pm - District Office
- 3/14 ... LATE START - 10:30am
- 3/15 - 3/17...HS Writing (HSPE) Gr. 10-12
- 3/17 ... NCWMEA HS Band FESTIVAL
- 3/17 ... Ready for Kindergarten - MOE - 6:00pm
- 3/22 ... HS Reading (HSPE) Gr. 10-12
- 3/22 ... Board Meeting - 6:00pm - District Office
- 3/24 - 3/26 ... MS Drama - "Flapper" 7:00pm - PAC
- 3/25 ... Med Club MOE Safety Fair @ Comm. Gym
- 3/28 ... LATE START - 10:30am
- 3/28 ... MOE 5th Grade Band & Marimba Spring Concert - 7:00pm - PAC
- 3/29 ... MS Band & Choir Spring Concert - 6:00pm
- 3/30 ... HS Band & Jazz Ensemble - 6:00pm - PAC
- 4/4-4/8 ... Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- 4/13 ... Board Meeting - 6:00pm - District Office
HS Math (HSPE) - Gr. 10-12
- 4/15 ... HS Science (HSPE) - Gr. 10-12

The students at Glacier Valley High School once again took part in The Giving Tree for the folks at Regency Manor. At Safeway there was a small Christmas tree and for every person at Regency Manor there was a corresponding paper ornament on the tree. Along with the person's first name was a list of a few items (such as socks, gloves, cookies, etc...) that could be purchased and wrapped up as a gift. On the Thursday before Christmas break the presents were delivered to Regency Manor. It's just a way for our kids to give back to the community, and with your help the students made it happen. On behalf of the students at Glacier Valley High School and residents of Regency Manor, THANK YOU to the community and Safeway.

On December 14, 2010 the **WalMart Foundation** presented a \$2,000 donation to the Career Connections program at Chelan High School. Career Connections is a class where students have the opportunity to do career interest exploration followed by participation in internships based on their individualized interests and post high school career plans. Currently there are 26 students placed at 20 different businesses in the Lake Chelan area. These internships are opportunities for students to receive "hands on" career training and experience. "My goal is to give these students the most realistic experiences possible, allowing them to make informed career decisions and this donation will help ensure students possess the necessary equipment for positive and productive educational experiences. I appreciate WalMart's continued support of our area schools and this program," said teacher Shelley Charlton. The WalMart donation will be used for purchasing equipment/supplies for students to use during their internships.

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