

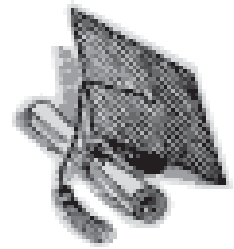


MEAD MATTERS

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Congratulations Graduates!

Seven hundred and ten seniors are graduating this June from district high school programs. Congratulations to all the members of the graduating Class of 2009!



Mead High School Class of 2009 Valedictorians

Ashley Alley, Rachel Annis, Kristi Bonkemeyer, Aubrey Cain, Jenna DeGreef, Alyson Donahoo, Olivia Eldridge, Kayla Erb, Taylor Gray, Madeline Heider, Taylor Johnston, Chancellor Johnstone, Anna Peters, Eric Schofhauser, Emily Sheppard, Britta Stime, Katrina Stuvenga, Jessica Sutterman, Annika Westre, Marla Williams, David Wyrick

Mount Spokane High School Class of 2009 Valedictorians

Meagan Barnes, Malaika Chandler, Rachel Damiano, Renee Davidson, Bruce Graham, David Marshall, Nathan McCloskey, Michelle Mollison, Blake Nelson, Chaune Schafer, Alena Schoonmaker, Kayce Smith, Vanessa Swenson, Michael Townshend, Brennan Waller, Cole Ziegler

District Scholars Recognized by State Award

Mead High seniors **Chancellor Johnstone** and **Kayla Erb** and Mount Spokane High's **Rachel Damiano** (shown left to right) were honored as 2009 Washington Scholars. The Washington Scholars program recognizes the outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments of three high school seniors from each of the state's 49 legislative districts. Students can receive scholarship awards for up to four years of the cost of resident undergraduate tuition and fees at a state university. The scholarships can be used at any public or independent college or university in Washington State.



Spokane Scholars Recognized

At the 17th annual Spokane Scholars Foundation spring ceremony, the following district seniors were recognized for outstanding academic achievement in specific study categories:

English – **Vanessa Swenson** MSHS, **Mark Winters** MHS
Fine Arts – **Kayla Erb** MHS, **Claire Loomer** MSHS
Mathematics – **Britta Stime** MHS, **Julie Tribbett** MSHS
Science – **Amanda Eagle** MSHS, **Justin Lee** MHS
Social Studies – **Seamus Davis** MHS, **Jonathan Dyer** MSHS
World Languages – **Alexa Erickson** MSHS, **Eric Schofhauser** MHS

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**Mead School District Guiding
Principles**

- As the Mead Community we are:
- Focusing on students and their learning
- Creating democratic structures for participation
- Increasing the connections between parents, business, community and our schools

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Superintendent's Message:

Dear Community

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, and community for another great school year! The 2008-2009 school year provided us many challenges that we were able to work through collectively and positively for the benefit of our more than 9300 students. The Mead School District strives to maintain a high quality, experience-rich program for all students, and we know that it takes us all to make it work!



First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your support of the Maintenance and Operation Levy. Simply stated, these tax dollars are essential to providing both the breadth and depth of educational programs we offer to our children. Whether in the academics, co-curricular, or extracurricular offerings, Mead's total learning experience is second to none. I would hope that you share the feeling that Mead School District is an exceptional public school district that is dedicated to *all* students.

The importance of these local financial resources was greatly magnified this year as the State was forced to reduce its budget by nearly twenty-five percent. This challenged Mead to reduce nearly 2.8 million dollars from its operating budget. Although the process will take a few more months to implement, the major components of the reductions have been identified. Most importantly, we were able to minimize the impact to the programs and services we offer our students. The Board, administration, and staff continue to work with the "student first" approach.

Even though the last thing I want to think about is snow, it did offer our school district another major challenge this school year. I want to give a special thanks to our maintenance and custodial staff for the many, many hours of work spent during the winter clearing roofs, clearing sidewalks and parking lots, and dealing with safety-related issues caused by inclement weather. In addition, I would like to thank the staff and administration involved in our public communications throughout this period. The consistent, timely sharing of information kept our community informed and our students safe. I am hoping that we do not have the "once in a hundred year snow" for the third year in a row this coming winter!

Again, a most sincere thank you for your support and dedication to the Mead School District. Mead is a great place to live. And just as important for Mead School District – Mead is a great place for students to learn, grow, and develop!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Rockefeller, Superintendent

Budget Reductions in Process

In response to reductions in funding passed down from the state legislature, the Board of Directors passed a district resolution in May to reduce the 2009-2010 operating budget by 2.8 million dollars. The State had to reduce education funding by 1.4 billion dollars for this biennium. These reductions were necessary to meet state laws dictating balanced budgets for schools. The reductions came from tightening building budgets, eliminating staff positions, reducing payroll and student data service contracts, transportation, and some student related programs. One of our guiding principles in examining all budget reductions has been to minimize the effects on students. The Board of Directors directed the administration to explore all aspects of the budget, keeping student programs as the focal point. Although the process will take a few more months to implement, the major components of the reductions have been identified.

Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Elementary school offices will be open and available to take Kindergarten and new student registrations from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. until June 26th. District middle schools and high schools are open for registration of new students from 7:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. until June 26th. Starting June 29th, the district office, 12828 N. Newport Highway, will take elementary only registrations from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Secondary registrations (grades 7-12) will not be available at the district office but will resume again at the schools on August 24th. **Please register your student as soon as possible.**

All registrants will need:

Proof of residency (3 pieces): 1. A mortgage statement, lease agreement or property tax statement 2. A utility bill for the same address 3. One other bill coming to the same address. All registrants will also need their vaccinations records. Kindergarten registrants need an official birth certificate.

Summer School at Mt. Spokane High School

High School summer school will be offered June 22nd – July 24th. at Mt. Spokane High School. Registration deadline is June 19th. A variety of courses are offered in Art, English, Math, Social Studies and Science. Specific course offerings and registration information can be found on the district website: www.mead354.org.

Summer Sports Camps Available

Summer Sports Camps for elementary, middle, and high school students are offered at both Mead and Mount Spokane High Schools. Sport offerings and full registration information is available on the district website: www.mead354.org Click on the Mead or Mount Spokane High School links and check the school's home page for the summer sports camp brochure listing dates/times and complete registration information.

Fine Arts Calendar

- August 17-28 Band Camps for 9th-12th grades, MHS and MSHS
- August 26-28 MHS Jazz Choir Retreat
- September 11-12 MHS Orchestra Retreat



Contact the high schools for times and place

A full District Fine Arts Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year is available on the district website: www.mead354.org Click on calendar/fine arts.

Preschool/Childcare in Mead Evergreen * Farwell * Shiloh Hills

Now Enrolling



We offer an integrated curriculum focusing on themes and individual and small group hands-on learning centers.

Our teachers have credentials in early childhood education and experience with young children.

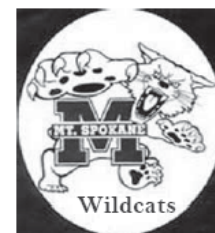
Tel: (509) 456-7086
www.esd101.net



Cat Scramble Golf Tournament

The Mead and Mount Spokane Athletic Booster Clubs are hosting the **9th Annual Cat Scramble Golf Tournament and Silent Auction, Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Wandermere Golf Course.** The money raised supports uniforms, equipment and other necessary items for all sports programs at Mead and Mt. Spokane High Schools. Have items to donate to the auction? Contact Karri at 509.220.4890 or email her at karrilute@msn.com. For additional information or to register a team or individual, check the Cat Scramble website at:

<http://Meadschooldistrict.Schools.Officelive.com>



Engineering Academy Completes First Year

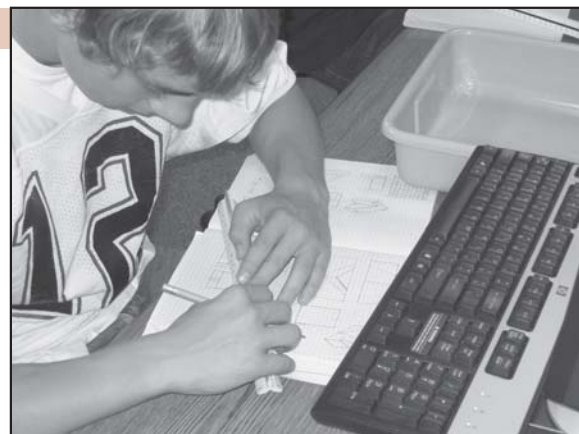
In the fall of 2008, the Mead School District launched *Project Lead the Way* (PLTW), a series of pre-engineering courses for high school students that combines math, science and engineering.

Fifty students enrolled at both Mead and Mount Spokane high schools in the first year PLTW class, *Introduction to Engineering Design*. The course teaches the design development process of a product using state-of-the-art computer hardware and software, and shows how a model of that product is produced, analyzed and evaluated using a Computer Aided Design System. The course is required for entry into the PLTW Engineering Academy.

Students continuing to a second year (2009-2010) will take *Principles of Engineering*, a

course that helps students understand the field of engineering/engineering technology and the integration of math, science and technology in an engineering problem solving process. In the third and fourth year of the program, continuing students will take *Civil Engineering and Architecture*, and *Engineering Design and Development*.

PLTW course work is rigorous while allowing students to explore a major career path and prepare for further education in the fields of architecture, engineering and engineering technology. Agreements are in place with colleges enabling students successfully completing requirements to receive college credit.



Mt. Spokane 9th grader Scott Wurst works on a project in Introduction to Engineering Design class

More Students Taking AP Exams

A total of 457 students at Mead and Mount Spokane High Schools completed 874 Advance Placement Exams this spring. Advance Placement tests are given to measure comprehension and proficiency of college level coursework allowing high school students to take a challenging array of classes and earn college credit by passing the spring AP tests.

Tested areas included: Art History, Studio Art, English Literature, English Composition, European History, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Comparative Government, Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Physics, Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Music Theory, Psychology, German, French, and Spanish.

Over the past two years, the number of district students taking Advanced Placement classes has increased dramatically resulting in a 36% increase in exams taken since 2006.

Kevin Peterson Named Midway Principal



For the past eight months, a group of Midway Elementary School staff members and parents have been working with district administrators to conduct a search for a new principal to replace Ralph Thayer, who was appointed Executive Director of Students Services in June 2008.

From a pool of more than fifty candidates, the selection team has recommended Kevin Peterson to be the new principal of Midway Elementary School.

Mr. Peterson comes from Spokane Public Schools where he currently serves as principal of Bemiss Elementary School. He brings to Mead School District a commitment to student success, a strong instructional background, and seven years of administrative experience. Mr. Peterson will assume his new responsibilities beginning July 1, 2009.

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

In the fall of 2006, the Mead School District offered the AVID program to one class of entering ninth grade students at Mount Spokane High School. The program sought out average students who were capable of completing rigorous curriculum and preparation for college, but were falling short of their potential. With AVID, teachers hoped to prepare those students for college eligibility.

The AVID program put these students on the college track offering acceleration in coursework. Research showed that not only would average students benefit from the program, so would the entire school as college-as-an-option becomes the standard level of rigor for all students.

The first graduating class of AVID students have all been accepted to the colleges and universities of their choices. At Mt. Spokane High School this month, AVID seniors were recognized by teachers and families for their *individual determination* that made getting into college a reality. Many of the students will be the first to attend college in their families.

Since that first class at Mt. Spokane High School, AVID classes are now offered in grades seven through twelve in all our secondary schools.

The AVID classes invite guest speakers from the community to share information about their career and the education needed for that career. If you would like to share your story with an AVID class, please contact Linda Gardner at 465-6015, lgardner@mead.12.wa.us.

What's Up with the old Mead Middle School Facility?

In 2003, the Citizens' Facility and Planning Committee determined that the old Mead Middle School was no longer suitable as an operating school facility. Passage of a bond issue in 2004 allowed the construction of a replacement building, Mountainside Middle School. Discussion regarding the long-term use of the building is currently underway with the committee.

The building is old and inefficient to operate, but some parts of the building are still in use. **Most of the facility is currently empty and parts of the building are being used for storage.** Other current uses are as follows:

1. The west wing and shop areas are housing our maintenance department. The 2004 bond issue included funds for a new maintenance shop. This project was put on hold due to the higher than (originally) estimated cost to construct the two new schools. Moving into the shop area enabled the district to discontinue leasing an off-site welding shop.
2. The old administrative offices are being used to house the Food Service department. In addition several classrooms are in use by the Gifted Program teachers, the ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers, the Mead Education Association Office and the Mead Classified Public Employees Association Office. These groups were previously located in the old District Office portables which will soon be demolished.
3. Several other classrooms are also now in use to house our transportation department employees. This began in January 2009 after the roof collapsed over the bus garage and transportation office space.
4. During the winter sports season the gym was also used as a dedicated gymnastics center for Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School. The gym was also leased briefly to Northwest Christian for volleyball games, when their facility experienced water damage. The gym is currently available for community use, subject to completing a facility use agreement and payment of the facility use fee.
5. The portable classrooms on the north side of the building have been offered for sale, but the district has not received any acceptable offers.
6. A few other community organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club, have made inquiries about renting parts of the building, but nothing firm has come from these discussions.
7. The playfields have been leased by Spokane Youth Sports Association (SYSA) for the next two years for soccer, football and baseball. Previously, SYSA leased the Dwight Merkel Complex in North Spokane. These playfields are under construction as part of a recent City of Spokane Parks and Recreation bond. SYSA is responsible for all field upkeep and garbage removal.
8. The Library is also occasionally used as a teacher's training room. It is a large meeting space that can accommodate 40-50 staff members and has the available technology infrastructure in place.

Mothballing the building was the original plan, but as you can see from some of the uses above, there is still a demand for the space. Mothballing the building would still require heating the building to a minimum of 55 degrees to prevent mold growth in the facility. We also still maintain insurance on the building and maintenance expenses for vandalism.

Colbert Poets

Congratulations to 24 Colbert students who will soon be published poets! This spring the students were involved in a poetry unit during their library classes. The children learned not only to read and write various forms of poetry but also to better understand and appreciate this creative form of writing. Many students chose to submit a poem they had written to a children's poetry publishing contest and we are pleased to say that 24 of the Colbert students' poems were accepted. They will be included in the *Celebration of Young Poets* Spring 2009 volume. Colbert will have a copy of this book in the school's library.

WASL – August Retakes

High school students who did not meet standard on the WASL this spring have the opportunity to retake the assessment in August at Mt. Spokane High School. High School Spring WASL results will be mailed home by June 12th.

Students in the graduating classes of 2010 and 2011 have a graduation requirement to meet standard on the Reading and Writing sections of the WASL. Next school year the assessment will be called the High School Proficiency Exam, and the same graduation requirement of meeting standard on the Reading and Writing sections will be in place.

Students who do not meet standard on the Math section will need to earn two math credits to meet the Math graduation requirement.

Students must pre-register with OSPI, not their local district, by phone or online for the August re-takes. Registration deadline is June 26th.

**Phone 1.866.400.WASL (9275)
www.k12.wa.us/wasregistration**

All sessions are at Mt. Spokane High School. Please arrive by 7:30 a.m. to complete check-in documents.

Monday, 8/10 – Reading Sessions 1 and 2
Tuesday, 8/11 – Mathematics Sessions 1 and 2
Wednesday, 8/12 – Writing: Expository
Thursday, 8/13 – Writing: Persuasive

Around the District

Retirements

Best wishes to all the Mead School District staff members retiring this year:

Colbert
Susan Etten, music teacher

Farwell
Brigitte Jackman, music teacher

Meadow Ridge
Ardith Hunter, librarian

Mead High
Wes Graham, P.E. teacher
Suzanne Tuson, Spanish teacher
Bill Wagstaff, Science Teacher

Midway
Suzanne Nelson, resource room teacher

Mountainside
Ed Merz, counselor

Mount Spokane
Bill Ayers, social studies teacher
Susan Dunfield, English teacher
Tom Flanigan, counselor
Andi McGoran, French teacher
Mary Mildes, cook

Northwood
Eileen Cady, counselor
Larry Heaslet, custodian

Transportation
Ron Branson, driver
Kenneth Brown, driver

2009 Junior Lilac Parade Winners

Congratulations to the Northwood Middle School Marching Band for claiming the Grand Sweepstakes award in this year's Junior Lilac Parade. Mountainside Middle School Marching Band was also an award winner claiming second place for Division 5 schools.

MEPP: Young Writer Success

Second grader Ashley Crowley who attends the Mead Education Partnership Program for homeschooled families won first place regionally in a Public Broadcasting Young

Writers Contest. Her story will go to the National Headquarters for PBS to be judged in the national competition.

Mountainside Students Give Hunger the Boot



Shown delivering cash and food to Mead Food Bank volunteer Dick Kynett, are Mountainside students (L to R) Natalie Pilgerem, Vic Nordstrom, and Jacob Sullivan.

Mountainside Middle School students participated in the Success By 6 Family Food Drive sponsored by Nick's Boots and KHQ Channel 6. The *Success by 6* Food Drive takes place in the spring to accommodate the tremendous need for food for families in the summer months. This year, several middle schools challenged each other to "Give Hunger the Boot" by working to collect the most items for the food drive. Mountainside Middle School students collected a total of \$981.25 in cash and 4,031 items for the *Success by 6* Drive—the most of any middle school in the Spokane area.

8th Annual Mead Developmental Olympics

The Mead Developmental Learning Center programs held their 8th annual Developmental Olympics on Thursday, May 28th. Approximately 100 kindergarten through high school students with developmental disabilities participated in a variety of track and field related events at Mead High School.



ARC of Spokane recognizes Thorpe

Eileen Thorpe, Associate Executive Director of Special Education, was recently honored by the Arc of Spokane for her long history of work as an advocate for people with developmental disabilities. An educator for 30 years, Thorpe was recognized for her efforts to implement school programs in Mead that encourage inclusion of students with developmental disabilities and for her efforts to acquire assistive classroom technology for students to aid and support greater independence and self-confidence. The Arc of Spokane is part of a national organization assisting people with developmental disabilities.

Birds of Prey Northwest



Biologist Jane Fink of *Birds of Prey Northwest* visited several district elementary schools this spring. The *Birds of Prey* program seeks to educate students about the history of endangered and threatened raptors and efforts to protect the raptor population. Shown at Farwell Elementary, Fink brought along a falcon (Farwell's mascot), a red-tailed hawk, bald eagle and great-horned owl.

Looking for school or district information?

Be sure to check the district web:
www.mead.354.org

New Immunization Requirements for 2009 - 2010

Varicella: New Chickenpox Requirement

As of July 1, 2008, proof of immunity to chickenpox is required of:

- **All children 16 months of age up to Kindergarten entry** who are in child care/preschool. These children need 1 dose of vaccine - parental documentation of disease is **NO LONGER** acceptable. Health care provider verification of disease or titer test is acceptable.
- **All children attending Kindergarten and 1st grade.** These children need **2 doses** of vaccine - parental documentation of disease is **NO LONGER** acceptable. Health care provider verification of disease or titer test is acceptable.
- **All children in 2nd & 6th grade.** These children need 1 dose of vaccine - parental documentation of disease **IS** acceptable.

Required for preschool only: 1- 4 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine.

Reminders: Tdap & Hep B Requirements Advance One Additional Grade:

- **Tdap:** As of July 1, 2007, proof of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccination is required of children who are 11 years old AND attending 6th, 7th or 8th grade, IF it has been five years since receiving a DTaP, DT or Td vaccine.
- **Hep B:** As of July 1, 2007, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine administered at appropriate ages and intervals are now required for students attending **Kindergarten through 12th grade.**

The following information is being provided to you at the direction of the Washington State Legislature for all students entering grades 6-12:

Meningococcal Information

Meningococcal disease is a serious infection of the brain (meningitis) and blood caused by bacteria. Fortunately, this life-threatening infection is rare — only about 75 people are infected each year in Washington. Adolescents and young adults are most likely to get meningococcal disease, especially those living in group settings such as college dormitories. Talk to your children about good hygiene (regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.) and not sharing items that may spread meningococcal disease and other bacteria and viruses: eating utensils, glasses, cups, water bottles, drinks, lip gloss or toothbrushes. Meningococcal vaccine is recommended but not required for school.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV is a very common virus that is spread through genital contact. Fifty percent of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives. Some types of HPV can cause cervical cancer or genital warts. Both men and women can spread it to others without knowing they have it. Most people with HPV have no signs or symptoms and health care providers do not test for it unless abnormal cervical cells are detected. The HPV vaccine prevents four types of HPV that can cause cancer and genital warts. This vaccine is recommended for all girls age 11-12 years and up to age 26 and gives the best protection if given before sexual activity starts. It is not required for school in Washington.

Discuss these conditions with your health care provider to determine if these immunizations would be beneficial for your child. Immunizations are also available at Spokane Regional Health District. More information is available at the **Center for Disease Control and Prevention** web sites:

Meningococcal vaccine information: www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/vis/vis-mening.pdf

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/std/hpv

FREE Immunizations for Children

The Spokane Regional Health District and the Group Health Foundation have partnered to provide free immunizations (a \$32-\$100 value), to Mead School District children at Immunization Clinics:

- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, 3pm - 6 pm, at Farwell Elementary
- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, 3pm - 6 pm, at Shiloh Hills Elementary

If you have other children in your family who need to be immunized, they can get them free too. Parents must be present and must bring all children's lifetime or doctor provided vaccination records so that required immunizations can be identified. Thanks to the Group Health Foundation, community partners and volunteers, we are able to provide the vaccinations at no-cost, but supply is limited! If you have any questions or need more information, please call Kristi at (509) 324-1480 or (509) 324-1464.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

This act affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's educational records. They are:

The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect.

The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. If this the case, the parent or eligible student should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent the FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials (a person employed by the District or a representative or contracted agency who assists another school official) with legitimate educational interest. A legitimate educational interest is when the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility or has knowledge of information that is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The address is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW; Washington, DC 20202-5901.

State Law Qualification: Although FERPA allows 45 days to honor a request, the state policy records law requires an appropriate response to a "public records" request within five business days. RCW 42.17.320

Important Legal Notices

Medication

Any prescription or non-prescription medication may be given at school ONLY with specific written directions from the health care provider with prescriptive authority and with parents' signed consent. Medication Request Forms are available in every school office. Parents are urged to adjust the timing, if possible, of a child's medication so that it can be given other than during school hours. Medication must be supplied to the school in the original labeled container and should be carried to and from school by an adult.

Emergency Care Plan Law

If a student has a life-threatening condition, an emergency care plan, doctor's orders, and medication instructions must be signed and in the school records by the first day of school. If your student already has a health care plan on file, the school nurse will contact you for an annual review. Life-threatening conditions may include asthma, diabetes, severe food allergies, bee sting allergies, heart conditions, and seizure disorders among other conditions. Contact your child's school nurse for assistance with this procedure. It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school if a student has a life-threatening condition.

Equal Opportunity Guaranteed

The Mead School District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extra-curricular school activities and for all District employment opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to Ralph Thayer (Title IX/RCW 28A640). Ralph Thayer 46506008 is also designated as the District's Compliance Officer for counseling and guidance services required by Chapters 392-190-010.

Childfind

Mead School District's Childfind program is designed to identify children, ages birth through 21, who may need Special Education Programs. The District is committed to early identification of these children to provide them the opportunity to reach their potential. If a parent/guardian or other concerned person would like more information about Mead School District's Childfind program, contact Mead Special Services Department, 465-7600.

McKinney/Vento Act

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that makes sure children and youth who do not have permanent housing can go to school and preschool. It gives children and youth rights to enroll in school, stay in school, get transportation to school, and gives these same children access to school lunch programs. If you become aware of students who may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act, or are in need of services for students in your family, please contact the principal of your school with this information.

Tobacco Free Environment

The Mead School District is a drug and tobacco free environment. No employees, students, or other persons may use any kind of alcohol, drug or tobacco product in or on district property (Board Policy 3920, RCW 28A210310, RCW 69.50.435).

Weapon-Free Environment

It is unlawful for a person to carry weapons on to public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of non-school facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools (RCW9:42.250 and RCW 9:42.2880, Board Policy 3920.RCW28A.600.420) Students violating this policy will be subject to expulsion.

Notification of Pesticide Application

If you would like to be notified prior to a pesticide application occurring on district property, please contact the Director of Buildings and Grounds at 465-6138, to add your name to the pesticide application contact registry. Mead School District Policy 6895-Pesticide Notification is available online at www.mead354.org.

Educator Standards and Qualifications

In accordance with the *No Child Left Behind* legislation, parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Such information would relate to the type of Washington State Certificate held, areas of endorsements, college major and advanced degrees. Requests should be addressed to: Kellie Shea, Director of Human Services, Mead School District, 12828 N. Newport Hwy. Mead, Wa. 99021. All Mead teachers are certified through the state of Washington and meet the criteria of "highly qualified".

2009-2010 Academic Calendar

September 8
Classes begin

December 21 through January 1
Winter break

March 29 through April 2
Spring break

June 11
High School graduation

June 18
Last day of classes

Congratulations 2009 Spring Sports

In addition to outstanding achievement on the fields, tracks and courts, many of the high school spring athletic teams showed they also excel in the classroom. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) recently recognized the following varsity teams in the district.

Academic State Champions

Mead High *Girls Tennis*: 3.87 GPA

Mead High *Boys Tennis*: 3.85 GPA

Mount Spokane *Boys Track & Field*: 3.55 GPA

Outstanding Team Awards 3.5-4.0

Mead High *Girls Track & Field*: 3.63 GPA

Mead High *Softball*: 3.60 GPA

Mount Spokane *Girls Golf*: 3.54 GPA

Mount Spokane *Girls Tennis*: 3.52 GPA