



## **LIBERTY BELL NEWSLETTER**

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### **Editors**

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Dear Parents,

Winter is upon us and there is anticipation for the holiday season. We are pleased and thankful for a successful conference week. Student-led conferences were well received. As we reflect on the feedback, we look forward to spring conferences. We had close to 100% participation in student-led conferences, receiving many positive comments on the parent, student and teacher surveys. Students like the new advisory format with Monday and Tuesday as a chance to study and check in with their teachers, Wednesday where the students can be tutored in specific subjects and Thursday as a Fun Day. This past week, Mike Wilson and I were both duck taped to the wall and suspended two feet off the ground, taped by Mr. Slostad's 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade advisory and Mike Wilson and my 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade advisory. A lot of laughter prevailed.

We are trying to keep the message of love and kindness alive with Rachel's Challenge. Aaron Wiley, Haley Willoughby and Rachel's Challenge club members are organizing Neighbors Helping Neighbors food drive, gathering food from students to donate to holiday gift boxes. In the spirit of giving, the students will be making a chain to form a chain reaction of kindness for all the food donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We will celebrate the winning class during the December 15 Winter Olympics assembly organized by the Advisory classes of Mrs. Monahan and Mr. Kulsrud.

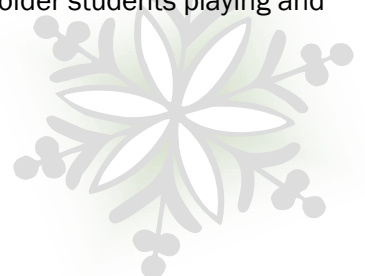
Mr. Aspholm and Mr. Kulsrud have spent the last several months guiding their social studies students in preparing for National History Day. After researching and designing a thesis statement, students are preparing videos, websites, display boards or papers expounding on the impact of their topic on history as it relates to the theme, Reform, Reaction and Revolution. The students will be presenting their project to a panel of judges the first week of February at the school and many will go on to compete at the regional level. The juniors will compete in Cheney on February 25 and the eighth graders will compete in Yakima on March 17.

We are so pleased to have our peer mediation program and students who are trained in communication skills to help their peers resolve misunderstandings. Often teasing leads to hurt feelings and this is a way to have those feelings aired and validated. We have nine trained mediators and they are all committed to making our school a friendlier environment. We appreciate Ms. Cardoza and Ms. Garland's efforts to bring this important program to our school.

With the approaching holidays came one of our favorite activities of the year – Holiday Buddies. The older students signed up to be a holiday buddy to a first grader. The leadership class, with the help of Mr. Slostad and Mr. Wilson organized this year's event, including preparing the story of Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer read by Kathryn Bosco and acted out by the leadership class. The students and their buddies moved through several stations including cookie decorating, coloring and trim a stocking. It is truly heart warming to witness the older students playing and laughing with the first graders.

Joyous Holiday Greetings,

Deborah DeKalb





## Lunch Buddies

The junior and senior National Honor Society students enjoy lunch with the elementary school students once a week. Spending this valuable time together enriches the relationships between the age groups.

## Food Drive

**Bring in canned and non-perishable foods to donate to the needy! Students may drop off the food in their advisory class food box. In honor of Rachel's Challenge, when items are dropped off a paper loop is created symbolizing a "link of kindness" to add to the students advisory paper chain. Once the food drive ends, the advisory class with the longest paper chain wins!**



## Youth For Understanding

Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) offers international cross-cultural exchange programs that are specifically designed to prepare young people for responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world. YFU is proud to offer **over 300 full and partial scholarships** to help students' dreams of travel and learning become realities – a **summer in Japan**, a **year in Germany**, or a **semester in Chile**.

For sixty years, YFU has offered a variety of programs for high school students and recent graduates to study in more than 40 countries for an academic year, academic semester, or summer. YFU is uniquely qualified to supplement your educational goals via the extraordinary experience of living and studying abroad as an exchange student in a host family setting. Educators find that international exchange may be important for students to compete in an increasingly multicultural, interconnected and fast-changing society. YFU programs offer young people the learning adventure —the opportunity to explore another country and culture, to master a new language, and to discover themselves.

For information visit [www.yfuusa.org](http://www.yfuusa.org)





The High School Drama Club  
Presents  
*Fools: A Comic Fable* by Neil Simon

Leon Tolchinsky is ecstatic. He's landed a terrific teaching job in an idyllic Russian hamlet. When he arrives, he finds people sweeping dust from the stoops back into their houses and people milking upside down to get more cream. The town has been cursed with Chronic Stupidity for 200 years and Leon's job is to break the curse. No one tells him that if he stays over 24 hours and fails to break the curse, he too becomes Stupid. But, he has fallen in love with a girl so stupid that she has only recently learned how to sit down.

**Don't Miss!**

**January 20, 21, and 22 at The Merc Playhouse**

**Cast of Characters:**

Leon Tolchinsky, the schoolteacher

Something Something Snetsky, the shepherd  
Magistrate

Slovitch, the butcher

Mishkin, the postman

Yenchna, the vendor

Dr. Zubritsky, father of Sophia

Lenya Zubritsky, mother of Sophia

Sophia

Count Gregor Yousekevitch

The Cow

Tommy Zbyszewski

Tara Dod

Patricia Watson

Elise Putnam

Katherine Tannehill

Korrie Perryman

Duncan Hanron

Olivia Ekblad

Kathleen Chavey-Reynaud

Liam Daily

John Sinclair





## Career and Technical Education News

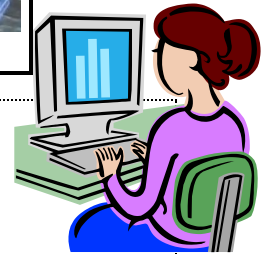
Students in Bob Wilson's Construction Tech are learning fine woodworking skills building ukuleles. Last year, Farleigh Walker and Duncan Hanron asked if they could build one. They did a lot of research and found workable plans online and began learning luthier skills. Farleigh is almost finished with his. He's shown a lot of pride in his ukulele and it looks great! Willy Duguay and Garrett Dornfeld have begun making one also.

Here's Willy working on his ukulele. Willy has shown a lot of integrity & dedication the past 3 months while learning numerous instrument making techniques.



### Tech Prep and College Credit Available!

If your student takes MOUS, Accounting, Child Development and/or Design Tech, they can earn college credit! CWU credit is available through senior projects as well. Tech Prep classes are available through an articulation with WVC. For a one time fee of \$15 our students can earn up to 22 credits at WVC without leaving our campus. Our instructors meet annually with college instructors to align our curriculum. These transferable credits give our students college level skills while changing their status as an entering freshman to a second quarter freshman. Please ask your student about this program or contact Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Acord, or Mr. Bob Wilson for more information.



### Liberty Bell Spirit Wear

Show Your Pride with Liberty Bell Spirit Wear!!

Choice of two designs--green or black, short sleeve T-Shirts--\$10.00, long sleeve T-Shirts--\$15.00, Hoodie Sweatshirts--\$25.00, Sweatpants--\$22.00, Sports Bags--\$40.00 w/student name. Children's and youth sizing also available. We have a number of items in stock at the high school office. Call Debbie at 996-2215 or stop by to pick up your new Spirit Wear!

Thanks to Debbie Bair for organizing this successful venture.



# Counselor's Corner

## **College Tour 2011!**

Join Ms. Cardoza and Mr. Allgood on January 27-28, 2012. Get a feel for what life is like on a college campus. We will be touring the following campuses:

University of Puget Sound

Pacific Lutheran University

University of Washington

Seattle University

Seattle Central Community College

The bus will leave school Friday morning at 8:00 am spending the night at the Best Western Plus in Federal Way. Students will return late Saturday evening. The cost for the trip is \$40, plus money for two meals, snacks, and possible entertainment (suggested \$30 to \$40).

This trip is open to all high school students in good standing, first priority goes to sophomores and juniors. Space is limited so sign up soon! There are limited scholarships available (check with Ms. Cardoza.) A sign up sheet is in the office.

## **Seniors**

*Deadlines:* Know what they are and meet them! Sending applications in earlier than the deadline is a good idea.

*Essays:* By now you should have drafted your essay and had it reviewed by others. You should be making your final revisions to meet any January application deadlines. After your transcript, *this is the most important part of your application!*

*Recommendation Letters:* Find out if the schools to which you are applying require letters of recommendation from teachers and/or a counselor. To meet January application deadlines, you must request letters of recommendation by Dec. 16. After this date we cannot guarantee being able to meet January deadlines. Make sure to submit your recommendation letter request form and your resume with your letter requests.

*Transcripts:* If you need official transcripts mailed, use the yellow request form on the counselor's door. Submit it to Laurie Fisher with at least two day notice. Keep those senior grades up! Colleges look at the whole year and a final transcript will be mailed at the end of the school year. Check out the scholarship opportunities and talk with your parents about financial aid. You can go to the FAFSA4caster website to get an idea of what federal student aid may be available to you. The 2011-2012 FAFSA becomes available January 1. Start working on it as soon as you can.

## **COLLEGE, SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

[www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php) or call 888-214-3185

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Federal financial aid

[www.hecb.wa.gov](http://www.hecb.wa.gov) State Higher Education Coordinating Board

[www.collegeplan.org](http://www.collegeplan.org) College planning network

[www.wa.dollars-forscholars.org](http://www.wa.dollars-forscholars.org) Scholarship search

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Scholarships, colleges and financial aid

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) Princeton Review

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) SAT/PSAT/college search/financial aid information

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) ACT college information

[www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com) site for many scholarships



<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Information</b>
Washington NASA Space Grant	January 9, 2012	From \$1,00 to \$5,500	Plan on studying science, technology, engineering or math at University of Washington
<u><a href="#">Ron Brown Scholar Program Scholarships</a></u>	January 9, 2012	\$40,000	African-American high school seniors
BK Scholars	January 10, 2012	Win up to \$50,000, \$25,000, \$5,000 or \$1,000	<a href="http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html">http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html</a>
Dell Scholars Program	January 15, 2012	\$20,000	graduating in 2012, 2013, or 2014 with a min 2.0 GPA
<u><a href="#">Zinch March Madnezz Scholarship</a></u>	January 15, 2012	\$20,000	graduating in 2012, 2013, or 2014 with a min 2.0 GPA
GE-REAGON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	February 17, 2012	\$10,000	<a href="http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx">http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx</a>
Washington State Employees Credit Union	March 5, 2012	\$2,000 or \$1,000	\$2,000 for students attending a four year or graduating in fall 2012 \$1,000 for students attending a two year or vocational degree
Washington Apple Education Foundation	March 1, 2012	450,00	raised in tree fruit districts <a href="http://www.waef.org">www.waef.org</a> letter of reference
Community Foundation of Central Washington	February 15, 2012	varies	Different guidelines for many scholarships. Go to <a href="http://cfncw.org">cfncw.org</a>
Student Scholarships	January 20, 2011	\$10,000.	<a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php">http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php</a>
<u><a href="http://www.ifklibrary.org">www.ifklibrary.org</a></u>	January 7, 2012	Up to \$5,000	Essay competition
<a href="http://www.bk.com/scholars">www.bk.com/scholars</a>	January 10, 2012	\$1,000	Min. GPA 2.5, work part-time
<u><a href="http://www.pridefoundation.org">www.pridefoundation.org</a></u>	January 31, 2012	Up to \$10,000	LGBT students or LGBT straight allies



(Scholarships Continued)

Gates Millennium Scholarships for 1000 Minority Students	January 2012 for 2012-13 school year	full funding after other sources of aid	GPA 3.3 or higher, minorities.
<a href="http://www.kfcscholars.org">www.kfcscholars.org</a>	February 7, 2012	Up to \$5,000	Min. GPA 2.5, work part time
<a href="http://www.waef.org">www.waef.org</a>	March 1, 2012	Varies	Apple industry for north central WA
Center for Quality Communities	March 15, 2012	\$1,000	Involved (or have been involved) with a city government or with a community/school leadership activity <a href="http://www.cfqc.org/Home.aspx">http://www.cfqc.org/Home.aspx</a>
<a href="http://www.usbank.com">www.usbank.com</a>	March 31, 2012	\$1,000	Random drawing
Abbot and Fenner Scholarship Program	June 15, 2012	Up to \$1,000	<a href="http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm">http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm</a>
<a href="http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org">www.collegesuccessfoundation.org</a>	Varies		Various scholarships
<a href="http://www.washintonwinefoundation.org">www.washintonwinefoundation.org</a>	Varies	Up to \$5,000	Interested in viticulture or ecology
Google Scholarships for Computer Science	Varies	Up to \$10,000	Majoring, computer engineering, computer science, software engineering
Wash Board Scholarship Site			<a href="http://washboard.org/login.aspx">http://washboard.org/login.aspx</a>

