





November 2023 News



Harvest Party Highlights

The Harvest Party this year was held at the Center for Children & Families (formerly Blue Ridge Elementary) and featured carnival-style games in the gym. There was a wide variety of excellent costumes worn by young and old. Read More Here

A Note From Parent to Parent...

Fall is in full swing with November here and the leaves falling and the air getting colder. There is so much to look forward to in the next couple months with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming before we know it. But for some, it is not always the easiest of times. It gets darker earlier and the stress of the holidays on top of the already stressful job of raising our children with disabilities can be overwhelming. Some may tend to disappear in their shell, while others may lash out at others. However you may feel about the holidays and this season of Fall and Winter, we just want to let you know that you are not alone. We are here to offer a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, or someone to laugh with. We are also here to help you find the resources you may need in your journey. Please do not hesitate to reach out and call, text or email one of us.

If you are able to join one of our many offerings of parent support meetings, SOAR activity, Mamás Especiales and other special meetings we are hosting this month, please do as we love seeing you and hearing your input.

Your Parent to Parent Coordinators, Angie Witt and Ysabel Fuentes



SOAR Nov Events - For age 13 and over

Nov 2 - Karaoke Night (registration deadline extended to Oct 31)

Nov 6 - Comic Con

Nov 14 - Friendsgiving

Nov 26 - Movie (Trolls Band Together)

Register for November SOAR Events

Check your inbox for a reminder email with dates, times, and locations after you register.

Sign Up is Open for those age 18 and over who wish to join the Whitman Buddy Program.

Whitman Buddy Program

Legislative Meet & Greet

Tuesday, Nov 7 at 6:00 pm



Meet with your legislative representatives, Walla Walla County Commissioners, and city council members as they share about the committees they serve on. This is also an opportunity to share with them about our families and the issues we face raising children and adults with disabilities.

RSVP for Legislative Meet & Greet

Parent to Parent & Mamás Especiales Friendsgiving Potluck

Tuesday, Nov 14, 5:00 - 7:00 pm



Please join us for a tasty meal, companionship, and a rousing game of BINGO!

If your last name begins with the following:

~ A-K please bring a side dish

L-S please bring a main dishT-Z please bring a dessert

RSVP for Friendsgiving Potluck

Paperwork Party

Thursday, Nov 16, 6:00 pm





Paper Party

What's a paper party? A paper party is a time to meet with representatives from the School, Birth to Three, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Division of Vocational Rehab (DVR), Job Foundations, Social Security, ABLE and Special Needs Trust and WWVDN staff to help fill out paperwork, ask questions, and find out if you are qualified for services.

When: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Where: Center for Family and Children (library)

1150 W. Chestnut St. Walla Walla

Time: 6:00 PM RSVP at wwvdn.org

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Please call Angie Witt at 509-540-9880, or email at p2p@wwvdn.org for questions.





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A chance for parents / caregivers to take a few hours and do whatever you want! Know that your child is being cared for and having fun at the YMCA while you do some shopping, enjoy time out with your partner, or just take a nap!

REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 13

Register for Parents' Day Out



RSVP for Kids Playgroup

Kids Playgroup

Walla Walla Children's Museum

Tuesday, Nov 21, 4:00 pm

For kids age 0-12, caregivers & siblings

Admission is FREE



Monthly Activities & Events November

Mamás Especiales

Nov 14, Friendsgiving - Centro para niños y familias - 5:30 pm

Parent to Parent Walla Walla

Nov 14, Friendsgiving - 5:30 pm

Parent to Parent Columbia County

Nov 26, Meeting location to be determined - 5:30 pm

See Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Holiday Party will be held on December 15, 2023

Community News & Activities

Order Free At-Home Covid Tests Now

Every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. To order from covid.gov, click here and to order from usps.com, click here.

YMCA Adaptive Swim Lessons

Class size limited to 4 participants

Registration Ends Nov 2 - Only 1 spot left!



Session Dates: Nov 6 to 16, 2023

Lesson Time: 6:20-7:00 PM (Mon - Thurs)

Cost: \$50 for the 2-week session

More Information

AC: Food Bank Wed Thurs Fri 2nd Monday 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm 10am-11am Want to receive information about food giveaways and Distributions #133 Farmland Rd 106 E 2nd st. get updated on cancellations due to weather? **Burbank & Touchet** Text bmacfood to 833-753-0944 for information about 2nd & 4th Wednesdays Burbank: 44 N 4th st 9am-11am · Walla Walla Touchet: 795 McKay road 1pm-2pm Text bmacvl to 833-753-0944 for information about Valle Mobile Lindo Walla Walla Senior Distribution **4th Thursday Text bmaceast to 833-753-0944 for information about 3rd Thursday 5pm-7pm November 2023 Prescott and Dayton 1:00-4:00 921 W Cherry St. 921 W Cherry St. Text bmacwest to 833-753-0944 for information about *Changes due to Call to verify eligibility Holidays Text seniorfood to 833-753-0944 for information about our monthly Senior Food Distribution SENIORS **Walla Walla Pantries** St Frances Walla Walla Dayton Waitsburg Salvation Army Resource Center Community Cabrini Food Bank 308 W Main 825 W Alder Tuesdays Have questions about Food December 2023 Wed/Fri Mon-Wed 2pm-4pm 2:00-4:00 PM 9-3PM (Closed 12-Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri 9:30-11:45 Bank services? 1PM) 1st Sat of the Thursday 9-6PM (Closed 12 Call 509-529-3561 9:30-11:30 Drive 1PM) Through Children's Home Society 1620 Penny Lane 509.529.2130 ** By appointment only

Blue Zones Project

(as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act), marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by applica federal or state law.

November Events

November events include: Taller para encontrar tu propósito, Walk & Roll Moai, Reduce Stress with the MELT Method, Purpose Workshop at Kerloo Cellars, Holiday Kitchen Makeover, Happy Wanderer Restaurant Approval Party, Clase de cocinar gratis, Book Discussion

Details & Registration for Events

VRS Cooking & Craft Classes

Please visit their <u>Facebook page</u> for more information or call 509-540-0935 if that works better for you.





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