

## February 2021 News & Events

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### Coach

By Patrick McFetridge

Hello everyone! My name is Patrick McFetridge and I am an Elementary Physical Education teacher at Edison Elementary. I have been coaching with Parent to Parent for around 17 years which has included baseball, soccer and basketball. I believe this is currently my 14th year helping with basketball and I have learned so much working alongside Angie Witt, Cyndy Knight and all of the amazing parents and grandparents that I get to meet at our Friday practices. [Read More](#)

For more family stories, please visit our Parent to Parent page:

[Parent to Parent](#)

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### A Note from Parent to Parent

Hi Families,

I can't believe January has flown by. I am so happy that our students are able to go back to school part time. I know for my son, it has made a huge difference in his life. I hope your kids and young adults are enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. I would like to give a shout out to our teachers and paraprofessionals who have worked very hard during distance learning and in the classroom. I have hope for the future that things will start to get back to "normal," whatever that may look like for you.

Just remember if you have concerns, would like more information about resources, or meet with a helping parent, please contact your Parent to Parent Coordinators, Ysabel and myself. We are available for you!

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## Social Club: Valentine Dance Party / Project

**February 11, at 6:30 pm on Zoom**

Social Club is a once-a-month virtual group for all ages. Each month we will do a different activity and all supplies will be provided. To participate, you must register via the WWVDN website.

February's meeting will be a Valentine Dance Party and Project.

[More Information & RSVP](#)

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## Parent to Parent Meeting: What Do You Need To THRIVE?

**Feb 18, 6:30 pm on Zoom**

Most of us are focused on surviving. What would it take to actually THRIVE? Please bring your insights and ideas to this brainstorming session and hear about plans for making things better in 2022.

[Join the Conversation](#)

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| <b>SAVE<br/>THE DATE</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>MARCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <b>Walla Walla Public Schools</b><br>Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  <b>BMAC:</b><br>CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY<br>of Washington                                 |  <b>PARENTCAMP</b><br>Virtual Conference                                                                                                        |
| <b>6:30-8:00<br/>PM</b>                                                                                                                                                      |  <a href="#">parentcampww</a>  <a href="#">#parentcampww</a> |

Walla Walla Public Schools is hosting the very first Virtual ParentCamp on **March 22; 6:30-8:00 pm**. ParentCamps are family-school-community gatherings that focus on the conversations and topics that support our children so they can better achieve and thrive. Join the conversations and engage in the topics that interest and support families the most. Fill out the **survey by February 5** to indicate what you want to talk about at our Virtual ParentCamp in March. Follow on FB ParentCamp Walla Walla and on Twitter at #parentcampww.

[ParentCamp Survey](#)



## Monthly Activities & Events

[See Calendar of Events](#)

### Mamas Especiales

**Fridays, Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26 - 1:00 pm.** Spanish Speaking Support Group.

### Columbia County P2P Meeting

**Feb 19- 5:30 pm**

### Autism Family Meeting

**Feb 25 - 6:30 pm**



DSHS is changing how Individual Providers are employed and paid. The agency selected a new consumer directed employer vendor to perform the work. The new CDE begins in the summer/fall of 2021.

The CDE rollout will include a pilot, followed by two rollout phases. The county that the IP provides service in will determine their hire date with the CDE. You can join one of the upcoming webinars to learn more.

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## Walla Walla Public Schools Special Education Hotline

Please use this resource if you have questions or need support.

Hotline: **509-526-6770**. Open 8am-7pm Monday through Friday and monitored on the weekends and holiday breaks. Purpose is to support students receiving Special Education services and students on 504 plans.

[More Information](#)

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**Questions about School and Covid-19? [Here](#) are the top 10 articles from 2020 from Wrightslaw.**

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**Looking for help due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)?**

[Covid-19 Resources](#)

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**DSHS DDA is hiring a part time Developmental Disabilities Case Resource Manager in Walla Walla.**

[More Information](#)

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## Legislative Advocacy Days for 2021

Advocacy Day begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays during the legislative session. Meet on Zoom each week - featured topic varies each week.

Examples: Community Residential, Employment Supports, Families Save Money, DD Awareness Month, Education During Covid19

[More Information and Schedule](#)



## Do you know how to contact your legislators?

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