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**Disability  
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## August 2025 Newsletter

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Your partnership and support of our programs, activities, and the families we serve—those who have a loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability—mean the world to us.

[Donate to Support WWVDN Programs](#)

### WWVDN Annual Meeting

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Friday, August 8 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



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## ANNUAL MEETING



VETERANS  
MEMORIAL POOL

August 8th, 2025

◆  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
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Free Swimming!  
All are Welcome

**“Join us as we recognize  
volunteers & staff as well  
as showcase our summer  
camp creations & talent.”**



[More Info Here](#)

# WWVDN Talent Show 2025

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**Submission Deadline: Monday, August 4**



# SHOW US YOUR TALENT!

We're putting together a Talent Show video for WWVDN's 2025 Annual Meeting and we want to feature YOU! Whether it's a hobby, skill, or unique interest, we'd love to see your talent in action.

Submit a video (1 minute or less) **before August 4** showcasing your talent to be included in the 2025 Talent Show video. It will premiere at our Annual Meeting on August 8 at Veteran's Memorial Pool, and afterward, we'll upload it to YouTube so you can watch and share it anytime!

P.S. Don't forget to sign up to attend the Annual Meeting on August 8 at 7:00 pm at Veteran's Memorial Pool! Enjoy free swimming, slides, snacks, the debut of the 2025 Talent Show video, and more!



## Welcome: Geneva Arevalo

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### Parent to Parent & Informing Families Coordinator



"Hi, I'm Geneva Arevalo, a proud homemaker of 16 years, living in Walla Walla, Washington with my husband, Daniel, and our three amazing kids - Auggie, Avery, and Alia. Life at home is full and beautiful, and being a mom, especially to two children with autism, has shaped my heart and purpose in powerful ways." [Read More](#)

## Note From Parent to Parent

Hello Families,

We hope you're soaking up the last weeks of summer and making sweet memories along the way. As we head into August, we know many families are gearing up for the back to school season. Whether you're feeling excited, overwhelmed, or somewhere in between we're here for you. We're here to support you through it all, with resources, friendly faces and a community that cares. We're thrilled to be hosting a meet and greet with new Superintendent of Walla Walla Public Schools on August 26th. This is a great opportunity to learn about what lies ahead in our schools, to share your voice, and connect in a friendly setting.

Don't Miss the Walla Walla County Fair, some of our SOAR and Kids Playgroup participants have a beautiful art display this year. Don't forget to check it out. Also, The Rascal Rodeo will be making its yearly appearance at the Fair Grounds on August 31st. Go on a horse ride, learn to lasso, or milk some udders, the Rascal Rodeo is a free, fun event. From rides and animal to cotton candy and crafts, the Fair is a fun place for everyone. We are also excited about the launch of the new Informing Families website. It's a helpful tool with easy to understand information, resources, and newsletters for families navigating developmental disability services. All conveniently organized by age. We encourage you to explore it, you will find answers to common questions and guidance for every stage of your journey.

We have some exciting events coming up this August as well. We have SOAR and P2P Summer camp August 4th - 8th. Participants will be having fun in the sun with crafts, games, and friends. Also, our August Birthday Party is on August 15th at the Washington Park Splash Pad. Come and celebrate all of our August birthdays with us. Check out our website for more information and/or to sign up.

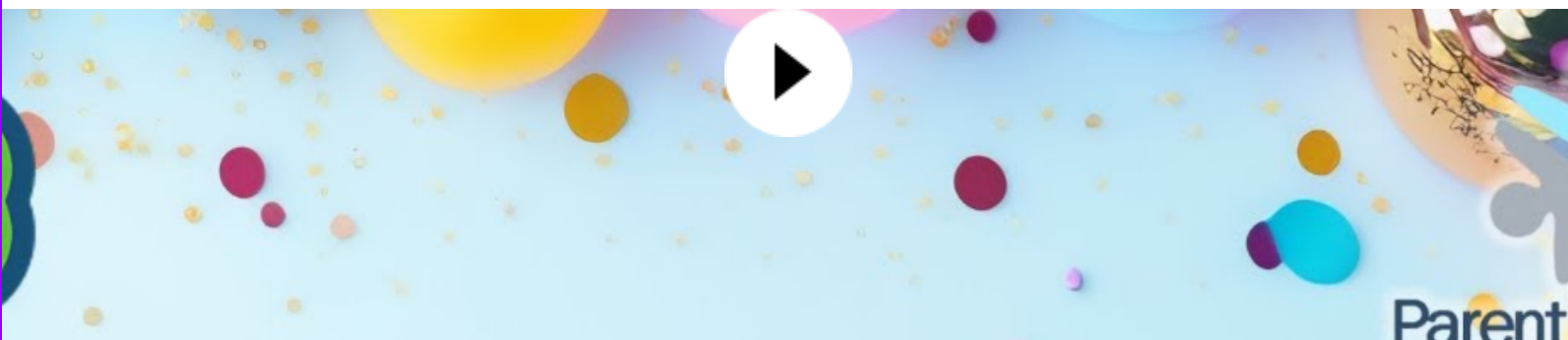
Thanks for being a part of this amazing community. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events. As always, Ysabel and I are here to help on an individual basis.

## Spotlight On: SOAR Indoor Soccer Trial Night



"On Monday, July 14th, 2025, SOAR hosted an Indoor Soccer event to see if there were enough participants interested in soccer to add it to our Challenger sports lineup. The event consisted of a youth session (4:00pm-5:00pm) and an adult session (5:00pm-6:00pm), similar to the structure of our Challenger Basketball program." [Read More](#)

## Spotlight On: July Birthday Celebration & Potluck





# July Birthday Celebration & Potluck

"On July 11th, families gathered at Wildwood Park for a special Celebration, a July Birthday Party and Potluck. This event was more than just fun in the sun, it was about making sure every child gets a chance to feel celebrated, supported, and included." [Read More](#)

## 2025 Annual Survey / Encuesta Anual 2025



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Your input is **extremely** important to us. You help determine where we direct our time, effort, and resources for the next year.

Please share your input by filling out an anonymous 14-question (less than 5 minutes) survey - select the blue button below.

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Sus comentarios son **extremadamente** importantes. Ud. nos ayuda a determinar a donde dirigiremos nuestros esfuerzos, tiempo y recursos para el proximo año.

Por favor denos sus opiniones llenando este cuestionario anonimamente le llevara menos de 5 minutos. Para ir a la encuesta presione el boton verde.

Take the 2025 Annual Survey

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## August Birthday Celebration

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Saturday, August 15 at 6:00 pm

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 15th 6:00 PM

Washington Park Splash Pad

Join us for Summer Fun, Friends,  
and Celebration!

Come celebrate your August  
birthday or join us to celebrate and  
enjoy the splashpad with those  
who have August birthdays.



[More Info Here](#)

## Superintendent Meet & Greet

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00 pm



# SUPERINTENDENT MEET AND GREET

August 26th at 6:00 PM  
Walla Walla Public Schools District Office - Board Room  
364 S Park St, Walla Walla



COME ASK QUESTIONS,  
SHARE YOUR STORIES AND CONCERNS  
AND LEARN WHAT THEIR FOCUS WILL BE  
FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR



Meet the new Superintendent of Walla Walla Public Schools, Ben Gauyan  
Charles Fleming, Special Education Director of College Place Schools, and  
ESD 123 Executive Director of Special Services, Justin Bradford

[More Info Here](#)



**SOAR Events - For age 13 and over**

**Open for registration:**

**Saturday, Aug 9 - Night at the Theater**

**Saturday, Aug 23 - Night Out: Roller Derby Showdown**

**Thursday, Aug 28 - Summer Send-Off at the Fair**

**(Registration deadline is the Sunday before the event @ 6:00 PM)**

# Adaptive Swim Fridays

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**Friday, August 1 & 15 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

# **ADAPTIVE SWIM FRIDAYS**

## **9:00 – 11:00 AM**

Veteran's Memorial Pool

505 E. Rees Ave.

**July 18, July 25**

**August 1 and August 15**

Cost is \$5.00 per person/\$30.00 for the 6 weeks

No registration required. Pay at the window  
when you arrive.

**Adaptive swim is open to individuals and their families with physical, cognitive or sensory impairments without the over stimulation that open swim often provides. Simply being in water can give a big boost to physical fitness while exercising joints and muscles and is great for the heart. Plus the social benefits of Adaptive Swim Fridays help swimmers meet other people with similar interests in activities and expand their social circles.**



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# Rascal Rodeo 2025

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**Saturday, Aug 31 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**



CELEBRATING

# 15 YEARS Rascal Rodeo

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**ALL AGES ADAPTIVE RODEO**

**NEW DAY**

**SUNDAY, August 31, 2025**

Walla Walla Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena. Walla Walla, Washington

**NEW TIME 11:00am - 12:00pm**

**Volunteers from: 10:00am - 12:30pm**

Rascal Rodeo produces adaptive rodeos for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages throughout several states. Events are safe, modied and free of charge. **Volunteers and horses needed.**

**Registration: [rascalrodeo.org](http://rascalrodeo.org)**



**Questions: 509-528-5947**

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## 2025 Summer Activities



There's a lot happening this summer at WWVDN and in the community. Check our Calendar of Events and the link to this webpage frequently as we're always adding things as we learn what's being offered in the area.

[More Info Here](#)

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## Community Bulletin

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### Missoula Children's Theater at Liberty Theater production of Snow White

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Friday, Aug 1 at 7:00 pm & Saturday, Aug 2 at 3:00 pm

# THE LIBERTY THEATER

DAYTON, WA *presents*

Adapted by Jim Caron

Music and Lyrics by

Jim Caron and Michael McGill

Add'l music by Don Collins

Add'l dialogue by Jeff Hall and Matt Loehrke

MISSOULA  
**CHILDREN'S**  
THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

**FRI AUG 1 at 7 pm**

**SAT AUG 2 at 3 pm**

**Tickets \$5**



**Free cast pre-registration July 22 or 25**

from 2-5 pm in the lobby, or online starting July 14  
at [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org)

**Rehearsals all week July 28-August 1**

[More Info Here](#)

## Entrust Community Services

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# Entrust

Community Services

[www.entrustcs.org](http://www.entrustcs.org)

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- **Housing Support:** Providing safe and affordable housing options.
- **Community Access Programs:** Ensuring everyone has access to community resources and activities.
- **Educational Training Programs:** Offering training to enhance skills and independence.



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