



January 2023 News



At Edison Elementary School Gym -- 1315 E Alder St, Walla Walla.

Registration Fee: \$25 per player

Challenger Basketball Begins!

Dates (All Fridays):

January 6, 13, 20 & 27

February 3 & 10

School Aged Players will meet 5-6pm

Adult Players meet 6-7pm

[Register for Challenger Basketball](#)



[More Family Stories](#)

Elise & Misty - What the Holland Series Meant to Me

Have you ever felt like you don't quite fit in? Maybe you feel like no one really understands what it's like to parent a child with a disability. Let's be honest, we love our kids and would do anything for them. We see their worth and appreciate their unique abilities and strengths. But parenting our kids with special needs is very VERY hard sometimes....most of the time.

[Continue reading from Elise & Misty](#)

A Note From Parent to Parent...

2022 has flown by and as we say goodbye to the year and embark on a new year, I would like to thank all of you who volunteered, came to meetings and events, read our newsletters, and supported our programs. It has been a great honor to meet with you either in person, on phone, zoom etc. I have enjoyed this year and the new programming we have offered and the stand by programs that we have done for years. I think you parents are pretty awesome and having the support of each other enriches our journey and makes it just a little easier. I look forward to the new year and starting with a robust calendar of events for all ages. Please reach out for questions, concerns, suggestions and assistance. We would love to hear from you!



[Register for SOAR Events](#)

SOAR January Events

January 2nd - Puss & Boots, 4:40 to 6:30 pm

January 10th - Pizza & Paint, 3:30 to 5:30 pm

January 16th - Comic-Con #2, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

January 24th - Bowling, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

2023 Transition Workshop Series

Do you have a child 13-21 years old? Are you wondering about their future once they graduate and complete the Transition Program?

There are many agencies involved so we will be hosting a Transition Workshop Series featuring the different services and resources available and help give you a better understanding of each of the services. Ysabel and Angie will be hosting this workshop in person and via zoom.

Please join us at 6:00 pm for Transition Workshop Series presentations:

- Thurs, January 12, 2023 - Transition IEP & Continuing Education Options
- Thurs, January 26, 2023 - DDA, DVR, Social Security, & Job Foundations
- Thurs, February 9, 2023 - Guardianship, Power of Attorney, & Self-Determination
- Thurs, February 23, 2023 - Employment & Community Inclusion Services
- Thurs, March 9, 2023 - Transportation & Housing Options
- Wed, March 29, 2023 - Transition Expo

[Register for Transition Workshops](#)



4:00pm to 5:30pm

Children's Museum, located at 77 Wainwright Place, Walla Walla

Kids Playgroup

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

For ages 0-12 years of age

\$3.50 per child (scholarships available. Please call Angie before we meet to request.)

RSVP by no later than Friday, January 13th to allow for enough helpers

[RSVP for Kids Playgroup](#)



Monthly Activities & Events

January

Mamas Especiales

- Jan 17, Meeting at Center for Children & Families - 5:00 pm

Parent to Parent Columbia County

- Jan 27, After Holiday Celebration - 5:30 pm

Parent to Parent in Walla Walla

- Jan 18, P2P No Host Dinner - 6:00 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)



FREE Swim Lessons

YMCA Swim Lessons

Enrollment for special needs swim lessons **is open NOW and closes Thurs, Jan 5.**

There is one session in this 2 week period (Mon - Thurs: 8 days total). Class size is 4 participants.

Jan 9 to Jan 19, lesson 6:15pm - 6:55pm

Use code SWIM when checking out online to receive the lessons for FREE.

VRS Cooking & Craft Classes

VRS is opening up the option for up to 10 people to attend “live” classes. Staff will wear masks and tables will be set up away from each other. The VRS cooking/craft class [Facebook page](#) is the place where people can sign up. But feel free to give a call at 509-540-0935 if that works better for you.

Community Activities

Helpful Information

If you have a Loved One with IDD who is 18 or older and lives in Washington State claim your free Residential Assessment now!



Taking the first step: The Residential Assessment

Partners4Housing is thrilled to announce that, thanks to a generous grant from the Developmental Disabilities Council's Dan Thompson Memorial Fund, they can now provide *free Residential Assessments to 6,688 families in Washington State.*

[More Information & Residential Assessment Here](#)

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