

March 2021 News & Events



With A Little Help From My Friends: A Peer's Perspective

Dear Friends,

My name is Whitney Lux and I started volunteering with the WWVDN when I was 11 years old. I got involved with the Network when Haley Witt moved into my neighborhood; we instantly clicked and spent countless hours playing together in my front yard. When Angie

invited me to attend a training, I knew I had to go. The first event I attended was summer camp in 2008 and I instantly fell in love with each of the kids who were there. [Read More](#)

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

[Parent to Parent](#)

A Note from Parent to Parent

As I am typing this, the sun is shining and spring is in the air. I am so excited that things are opening up and soon all WWPS students will be back on campus for hybrid learning. There are many opportunities in March coming up in our program. So please check out the website for wonderful opportunities. We will have a Family Day at the YMCA, Challenger Baseball sign ups, Social Clubs and our Transition Expo. We will continue meetings via zoom for this month, but can meet one on one if you would like some face to face conversation.

As things fill up on our calendars, things can feel overwhelming. Remember to

breathe and take some time for yourself. It is so important to take care of the caregiver which is you!

Sincerely,
Angie and Ysabel

Better Together: Adult Social Club

March 11, at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Better Together: Youth Social Club

(St Patrick's Day Fun)

March 16, at 6:30 pm on Zoom

[See Calendar for Details](#)

Transition Expo

March 31, 7:00 pm on Zoom

This is a virtual community event for Special Education students (age 10 & older), adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, and their parents/caregivers! Topics will include:

Employment, Housing, Recreation, Special Needs Trusts, and Government Agencies.



[Information & Registration](#)

Announcing Pacific Little League 2021 Sign-ups

"So Kids Can Play"

Baseball for Boys & Girls

Boundary Map Applies

Sign-up Dates: February 21st through March 13th

New Division AREA WIDE Intermediate 50/70 Ages 11-13 \$75.00

Challengers (Physically or Emotionally challenged) AREA WIDE Ages 5-20 if still in school) \$30.00

Majors Little League Ages 9-12 \$75.00

Minor Player Pitch Ages 7-11 \$75.00

Minor Coach Pitch Ages 5-8 \$75/00

Tee Ball Ages 4-7 \$60.00

Required: Copy of Original Birth Certificate, 3 proofs of residence (one each of 3 different categories listed at littleleague.org Forms & Publications)

ONLINE Sign-ups at: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/wallawallapacificll>

In Person at Super 1 in the deli department

Weeknights from 5:30-7:00 & Weekends from 1:00-4:00

Needed: Managers, Assistant Coaches, Team Parent Snack Bar,
Team Parent Fundraisers (Volunteer Form Required)

Team & Sign Sponsors for ALL DIVISIONS. Help!

Questions: John or Karen at jzodnick@bmi.net or Cell 520-8447

Challenger Baseball - Sign Up Before March 13

Seen, Heard and Valued

1. Go to any room you want anytime you want as a learner & leader
2. Share your presence, heart, ideas as you want to; listen to new perspectives
3. Connect with others, Strengthen yourself and your family & Collaborate for kids
4. Topics are determined by YOU.

Where family, school and community come together as **ONE TEAM** for kids

VIRTUAL PARENTCAMP WALLA WALLA

The New Model of Family Engagement

Walla Walla Public Schools
Developing Washington's Most Struggle-After Graduates

Parent Camp

Monday, March 22
6:30-8:00 pm Zoom

Register and learn more about the sessions at
www.bit.ly/parentcampww

#ParentCampWW

Room 1: Connect

Mental Wellness: It's Time to Recharge!

Facilitators:
Alayna Brinton and Kristen Duede

Room 2: Connect

Building Relationships with Schools and Partnering to Benefit Children.

Facilitators:
Jacqueline Lonning, Jenny Foster, Yaz Bahena, and Felipe Virrueta

Room 3: Connect

Partnering with Families to Build Support in Special Education

Facilitators:
Libby Thompson and Barb Casey

Room 4: Connect

Summer's Coming! Keeping Kids Active and Learning

Facilitators:
Elizabeth George and Annie Yetmez

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March 22, 6:30 pm - WWPS Virtual

ParentCamp

ParentCamps are opportunities for parents, guardians, mentors, grandparents, educators or anyone involved in a child's life to come together to ask questions, find resources and build a support system. Virtual ParentCamps are facilitated conversations NOT presentations. The expertise is the entire room where everyone is seen, heard and valued. The time will fly and you will leave wanting more. So please come join us (truly, everyone is welcome) and please invite a friend:

[Details & Registration](#)

Save the Date! YMCA Family Day

March 21, 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Look for details in your email inbox later this month.



Monthly Activities & Events

March 2021

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Mamas Especiales

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

Columbia County P2P Meeting

No Meeting in March

Autism Family Meeting

No Meeting in March

With the move to virtual meetings, you can

participate in webinars, workshops, and Zoom meetings throughout Washington.

[See What's Happening](#)



Video: How To Get Involved in the Legislative Process

Watch this 8-minute video to learn 3 easy steps you can take with your smart phone or computer to let lawmakers know your views on upcoming bills.

[Watch the Video](#)

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](#)

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

[Covid-19 Resources](#)

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](#)



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your life.

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