

# Golden Eagle News

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**What's Up?**  
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## A Note from the Principal:

The March 11, 2008, ballot will be an important one, containing a 21 million dollar bond to replace the aging North Bellingham and Custer Elementary Schols. It will also improve district-wide school safety with several key features, including lockdown abilities, emergency generators, and the upgrading of fire doors. On the same ballot will be a technology levy that is key to all schools in the district. A direct support for the high school, this will replace aging student computers, add classroom technology and improve our network infrastructure. For more information, please visit the district's website.

During the weeks of March 10th and April 14th, the WASL will be administered to all sophomores, and to juniors and seniors who have not met WASL graduation requirements. Students must pass the WASL to graduate. If they do not pass the math WASL, they must continue passing a math class and take a WASL assessment each year in order to graduate.

WASL make-ups are not allowed by the state so attendance is necessary. Support and encouragement for your student will be especially important at this time. You may contact our counseling department with any questions or concerns you may have. We have targeted our instructional efforts to maximize student achievement and are here to support your student's success.

*Dawn Fairchild*

## Mark Your Calendar!

Feb 1	Semester Work Day - No School
Feb 4	Latino Night - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Feb 4	Parent Forum - Room 503 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Feb 18-22	Winter Break
Feb 25	School Resumes
Mar 1	TOLO
Mar 6, 7, and 8	Drama Production - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Mar 11	Reminder to Vote
Mar 13, 14, and 15	Drama Production - Auditorium 7:00 p.m.



## Chess Jam

International Chess Jam at Ferndale High School cafeteria, February 2. For students in grades: K-1, 2-3, 4-6 and 7-12th grade sections. Advance registration only. Entry fee is \$10.00. Full details and how to enter at <http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/jam08.html>. For information call Mr., Kaech at 384-2792

## Travel Across the Border

The U.S. department of Homeland Security and the U. S. Department of State are reminding the traveling public that as of January 31, 2008, all adult travelers will be required to present proof of citizenship, such as birth certificate, and proof of identity, such as a driver's license, when entering the United States through land and sea ports of entry.

As of January 31, 2008:

- Oral declarations of citizenship alone will no longer be accepted
- U.S. and Canadian citizens ages 19 and older will need to present a government issue photo ID, as well as the other items listed above
- Children ages 18 and under will only be required to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.
- Passports and trusted travel program cards - NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST - will continue to be accepted for cross-border travel. (Please refer to attached informational sheet.)

## Bond Information

Three letters to parents from Ferndale Schools Superintendent, Dr. Roger Lehnert, concerning the upcoming bond issue are available to you on-line. Go to [www.ferndale.wednet.edu/fhs/principals-message](http://www.ferndale.wednet.edu/fhs/principals-message) to find copies of these letters.

...more to come!



# WASL 2008 - Get Ready to Gear Up!

Dec 10, 2007 to Jan 14, 2008

\*Spring 2008 High School WASL Registration Period. **FHS will automatically register all 10th grade students needing to test in Spring 2008, and all 11th and 12th graders needing to re-take the WASL for meeting standard.** 10th graders do NOT need to register for Spring 2008 WASL.

Online OSPI registration: [www.k12.wa.us/waslregistration](http://www.k12.wa.us/waslregistration)  
Phone OSPI registration: 1-866-400-WASL (9275)

If you took the WASL last year, received a meeting standard score, and want to test again for a higher score, you will need to register via the above information.

March 10 - 13, 2008

Reading and Writing High School WASL

- Monday, March 10 – Reading Session 1
- Tuesday, March 11 – Reading Session 2
- Wednesday, March 12 – Writing Session 1
- Thursday, March 13 – Writing Session 2

April 15 - 18, 2008

Math and Science High School WASL

- Tuesday, April 15 – Math Session 1
- Wednesday, April 16 – Math Session 2
- Thursday, April 17 – Science 1
- Friday, April 18 – Science 2

June 5, 2008

District will receive the preliminary HS WASL reports

June 6 - 16, 2008

WASL Score Reports distributed to families for grades 10, 11, and 12. Reading, writing and math performance will be reported.

9th grade students will receive their WASL Score Reports in September 2008.

To Be Announced

August 2008 High School WASL Registration Period (for students who were in grades 10, 11 and 12 during the 2007-08 school year).

June through Aug, 2008

WASL Summer Academy (Summer School) Window

August 11 – 14, 2008

Dates for August High School WASL testing:

- Monday, August 11 – Reading Sessions 1 and 2
- Tuesday, August 12 – Math Sessions 1 and 2
- Wednesday, August 13 – Writing: Expository
- Thursday, August 14 – Writing: Persuasive

more WASL info!



**\*ATTENTION all students wanting to register for the Spring 2008 WASL:**

To use the OSPI registration (on-line or by phone) you will need your student's State Student ID Number (SSID). This number is available from your student's school counselor at 383-9252.

Remember if you took the 2007 WASL last year, received a meeting standard score AND want to test again for the opportunity to achieve a higher score, then you will need to register via the OSPI registration site. Automatic school registration occurs only for those students who are first time taking the WASL 10th graders, and for the 11th and 12th graders who have not yet met standard.

Current 9th grade students who feel they are ready to meet the WASL standards will be able to test in reading, writing, and math only. There is no early testing of 9th graders for science. A student may choose to take one or more of the reading, writing, and/or math content areas tested. The state does NOT recommend using this as a "practice test." This opportunity is an individual student and parent choice and your decision should be made based on the following information:

- **High school WASLs are scheduled for specific dates.** Students need to be present for both testing days to receive a test score. Students who are absent for either day of a two-day test will not receive a score.
- **Your student's score will be posted on his/her high school transcript.** All high school transcripts include the highest score on each high school WASL the student has taken.
- **Taking a WASL in the 9th grade will count as one of the five attempts paid for by the state.** In the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, your student will have the opportunity to re-take any WASLs not yet at standard. If a student has not met standard after five attempts, testing fees will need to be paid for by the student and/or parent.
- **To earn the designation of "WASL Scholar" a student must earn a score at "Level 4 – exceeds standard" the first time they attempt the 10th grade WASL.** For each subject area, scores on high school transcripts include a WASL "Scholar" designation only if the student reached Level 4 **the first time** he/she/took the WASL. If your 9th grader takes a WASL he/she will need a score at Level 4 to get the Scholar designation. Therefore, if your 9th grade student does not earn a score at Level 4, they will not be eligible for the Scholar designation on their high school diploma.

Parents and students wanting more information about the 10th grade WASL are encouraged to review the OSPI web site at [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)

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