

## SAGER SCENE APRIL '05

### PRINCIPAL'S PEN

#### LATE START? SMART!

Jan 5 Delay Start – Subject Specific  
Jan 12 Delay Start – Six Trait Writing  
Jan 19 Delay Start – P-T Conf. Discussion  
Jan 26 Delay Start – Gang Presentation  
Feb 2 Delay Start – Learning Environment  
Feb 9 Delay Start – Subject Specific  
Feb 16 Delay Start – Subj. Spec/LID follow-up  
Feb 23 Delay Start – Reading with MB  
Mar 2 Delay Start – Learning Environment  
Mar 9 Delay Start – SubSpec/WASL/Schedule  
Mar 16 Delay Start – Subject Specific  
Mar 23 Delay Start – Writing with MB  
Mar 30 Delay Start – SubSpec/Learn Environ  
Apr 13 Delay Start – WASL Nuts & Bolts  
Apr 20 Delay Start – Learn Environ/WASL  
Apr 27 Delay Start – Subject Specific  
May 4 Delay Start – SubSpec/WASL wrap-up  
May 11 Delay Start – Subject Specific  
May 18 Delay Start – Curric. Mapping  
May 25 Delay Start – Data with MB  
June 1 Delay Start – Learning Environment  
June 8 Delay Start – Wrap-up/Plan

Our national legislators have asked us to continue improving the education our children are receiving. We all know that if we are going to improve something it will require change of some sort. We also know that change is difficult, it takes time, and change efforts need to be supported by various resources. So even though we have been given this national reform mandate, schools really have not received much in terms of resources to accomplish this change. Sager and Meadow Brook teachers have utilized the late start concept on Wednesdays to create the capacity needed for such reform efforts. Above you can see the list of what has been occurring during our late start times.

With topics ranging from gangs to writing, teachers have used this time to plan as math, science, writing, or social studies teachers. All of these topics tie into one theme: improving student learning.

Sager and Meadowbrook teachers have collaborated on a variety of subjects. These Wednesdays have been invaluable and have provided new ideas and ways to improve how best to educate our students. Wednesdays have

also provided time for you, our parent/guardians, to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments. In addition, our late start study hall has provided students with some extra work time.

Our teachers are working hard to provide our students with the best possible education. We encourage you to ask your kids how school is going, and continue to support and remind your kids about the importance of their education!

### WASL News

Sager students will be 'entertained' this Friday at our annual WASL Warm Up assembly. Through a staff skit, students will be reminded of the importance of the WASL test and how they can improve their scores by staying confident, getting a good night's rest and eating well (things they should be doing each day!). Snacks will be provided by the PTA and food services during the test. They will also enjoy an after school dance from 3:30-5:00 on Friday. Monday morning they will have a practice going to the room and teacher that will be administering the test so that on Tuesday they are ready to go! Please do not schedule appointments during the WASL window week mornings and encourage your student to relax and do their best !

### \*\*\*\* SAGER STARS \*\*\*\*

In conjunction with the Walla Walla Elk's Lodge, Sager students have been selected Students of the Month in a variety of categories this year.

Winners are:

**English** – Alina Reese & Kristen Glaeser  
**Math** – Samuel Alazar & Robby Wall  
**Science** – Chinonso Opara & Lori Goodwin  
**Social Studies** – Gordon Farr & Tyler Garrett  
**Art** – Yahaira Garcia & Brooke Silcox  
**Home Ec** – Leslie Prendiville & Jennifer Proefrock  
**Music** – Parker Davis & Stephen Cook  
**PE** – Faith Volkers & Chris Edwards

Each of these students has received a plaque from the Walla Walla Elks Lodge presented to them at our awards assemblies and their names were placed in the running for the Student of the Year. The Sager Staff has voted and the winners are: Kristen Glaeser and Samuel Alazar. Kristen and Samuel's parents and Mr. Price have been

invited to the awards dinner at the Elks Club where they will receive a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate. Congratulations to all these award winning students and for representing Sager in a positive way.

### **Hi Cap to State**

The state tournament for Washington was held in Wenatchee on April 9. The challenges were IMPROVing Along. This improvisational challenge included one of the 12 modes of transportation a team selected to study. They needed to create their own IMPROvmobile and a skit on the spot that included an Improv Travel game and showed what happens along the way. The ticket only allowed 30 minutes of planning. The team of Lori Goodwin, Kristen Glaeser, Luke Hicks, Alina Reese, Lindsie Wagner, Brooke Thompson, and Shaylee Hill won third place and did a wonderful improv skit involving a llama and a broken down car.

Next it was DISigning Bridges. What do you do when a river or highway stands between you and your destination? Build a bridge !! The challenge was to build a weight-bearing bridge out of wood, glue, and fishing line. Will the bridge be long, strong? The team of Robbie Wall, Kyle Jones, Jordan Christensen, Chinonso Opara, Parker Davis, Tyler Hensley and Dylan Shenefield took third place. In addition this team was recognized for thinking out of the box in the instant challenge portion of the competition. Judges had this to say, "Creative use of materials with a very enthusiastic presentation, events that took place at the end of presentation were easily and readily incorporated into a solution with great results!" A personal award was also given to Robbie Wall for exceptional technical building of a bridge using only the materials of wood, glue and fishing line. This team solved their long-term challenge by bridging the imaginary nations of Easter Island Bunnies and the Leprechauns of Ireland. Mr. Knauff was proud to say that along with the 14 Hi Cap students, 10 HI Cap parents also took the journey and accepted the challenge. A huge THANK YOU to all !

One final 'round of applause' for Kristen Glaeser, whose DAR essay won first place at the state competition. Kristen will receive her award at a ceremony in Spokane.

### **HELPING HANDS**

Sager sends a big thanks to Boy Scout Troop 333, and specifically to Tom Rowley of Sager and Preston Gilbert of Wa-Hi, for their work on improvements to Sager's track and baseball/softball fields. On Saturday, March 26, many scouts and parents completed several improvement projects. Permanent benches were placed on the softball and baseball fields, a protective cage was built and installed for the discus area, the long jump pit was rebuilt and take-off area improved, the track was edged and raked, and 44 trees were planted on the north side of the track. We appreciate a long day of planning and work by the Troop. We also acknowledge and thank John Rowley for donating the trees for planting.

A 'round of applause' also to Mrs. Marian Schmidt, Traci's mom, for taking pictures of the girl's basketball team. Mrs. Schmidt delivered the pictures to Sager ready for the girls to enjoy, divided into specific teams, and including the managers – all at no cost. Thanks for being a super Sager Student Supporter !

### **HELP WANTED**

Sager's Leadership Team is looking for a parent representative. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 525-5300 for more information.

### **CALENDAR for APRIL**

15 WASL rally & dance 3:30-4:30

18 WASL begins

20 Delayed start – Learning Env/ WASL

20 bb at Othello

20 Track Meet – Sager hosting

21 bb vs Pi Hi

26 bb vs Bethlehem Lutheran

26 sb vs DeSales

27 Track Meet – Sager hosting

28 bb vs Othello

28 sb at Royal

### **MAY**

3 bb at St. Joe

3 sb at Touchet

4 Delayed start – Sub Spec/ WASL

5 bb at Liberty Christian

5 sb vs Touchet

6 Mid Term

10 bb vs Liberty Christian

10 vs Touchet

10 Track Meet – at Central

19 Track Meet – Bi – State at Dayton

