

## **SAGER SCENE MAY & JUNE '05**

### **PRINCIPAL'S PEN**

May is upon us, and we now turn our attention to things of the end.

Graduation, eighth grade trip, and plans for next year appear on the horizon.

Graduation is happening June 8<sup>th</sup> right here at Sager. We would like to cordially invite all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to come and celebrate this important transition, as students step up to the high school level! Bring your cameras for those dazzling "Kodak moments" which will occur throughout the evening. After the graduation ceremony, students can look forward to the highly touted eighth grade party to round off the night.

The eighth grade trip is also approaching quickly. Our students will be heading out for Seattle and a bunch of fun. Departing Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we plan to be back on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the "to do" list is a ferry ride on the Puget Sound, taking in a Mariner's game, Pike's Place Market tour, the Woodland Park Zoo, the Pacific Science Center, and many other activities. Our very own Mrs. Lackey will be heading up this special trip, so if you have any questions, please contact her. This is a fantastic opportunity that I haven't seen in other public schools before, so if you get a chance, please thank Mrs. Lackey for all the extra hours that she and other teachers put in to make this trip a reality.

Our plans for next year are also in the mix. We are committed to delivering an outstanding educational experience for each of our students. In the spirit of "Expect Much...Achieve for a Lifetime" we are constantly asking ourselves what we have done well, and what we can improve upon. In an effort to improve communications between

home and school, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving notifications about expectations, both old and new, for the upcoming year. We want to invite parents to be a part of this "sharpening" we do. So if you have suggestions for improving our school, please contact us with your ideas this year, so they may be considered for next year's planning.

The last thing I'd like to do is brag. Our kids have received a number of compliments about how well they have behaved. This year I personally was approached by two groups, one at the state level, and the other at a national level. Both groups verbalized that our Sager students were the best behaved groups they had experienced. Wow! I know that it may take a village to raise a child, but these children have spent more time in your part of the village than in ours. Thank you parents for your hard work to raise fantastic kids, kids we get the privilege to educate!

### **Hispanic Culture Comes Alive at Sager**

Armando Pimental was the featured presenter and entertainer at Sager's Cinco de Mayo celebration this year. His son, Joel, is a Sager 8<sup>th</sup> grader and, along with several fellow students, organized the afternoon's event. With the cafeteria decorated, students enjoyed bunuello prepared by Cynthia Johnson (Queen of CPPS food services), and listened to the history of this date and the importance it holds in American history. It was a great event and plans are already underway to improve it next year !

Also, 17 migrant students from Sager participated in the Second Annual Migrant Student Leadership Conference that was held at Walla Walla

Community College in partnership with Walla Walla Public Schools. The event took place on March 22 & 23. The conference is a high impact, two day fast-paced program for secondary migrant students. It is designed specifically to motivate students to complete high school and establish post secondary goals. It is a to learn life long skills, problem solving, decision making, mentoring, team building, and realistic goal setting experience. Students also implemented a parent event to inform them about higher education, No Child Left Behind and parent involvement in schools. About 60 parents and students attended as four colleges and other statewide presenters conducting the meeting in Spanish for parents. This event took place at Sager.

#### **Honor Roll and Detention Free**

Students on third term Honor Roll will be enjoying a day of fun at the YMCA in Walla Walla on May 19. They will be able to play racquet ball, swim, shoot hoops, ping pong and all other activities offered by the Y. Honor Roll students received a 3.25 or better to qualify. There were 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the list.

Students who were 'Detention-Free' this school year will be treated to a day of sun and fun at the Pendleton Aquatic center on May 24. About 100 students will slip, slide, and surf in the cool water of this fun park.

Students eligible for either of these events will bring home permission slips and information on the day's activities. Money is due for the Honor Roll trip by noon on May 12 and the detention-free students need to turn in their money by noon on May 17.

#### **HI CAP NEWS**

Sager's stage was the setting for Meadowbrook's 5th and 6th play presentation on May 3. The plays are history oriented. The 5th grade will be dealing with the War of 1812 in America and the 6th grade will be performing a play over Ancient Greece and the Peloponnesian War. Sager enjoys hosting events for future Raiders !

The 7th and 8th graders will be traveling to the Oregon Coast on May 12 and 13. They are continuing their studies of Lewis and Clark and their expedition of the Northwest. Highlights include: the Hudson Bay Company at Fort Vancouver, Fort Clatsop-wintering place of Lewis and Clark, Seaside and the ocean (Lewis and Clark and the salt works where they refined salt for their journey back). Other stops along the way: Bonneville Dam, Astor's Column, Astoria, Oregon, and Multnomah Falls.

#### **CALENDAR**

##### **MAY**

- 9 Mid term grades
  - 10 WA HI visits 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes
  - 12-13 Hi Cap Oregon Coast trip
  - 13 Spring Prof Day – No School
  - 16 Board Meeting 7pm
  - 18 Bike Licensing at lunch
  - 19 Honor Roll trip to the Y
  - 24 Detention Free trip the Pendleton
  - 30 Memorial Day – No School
- ##### **JUNE**
- 1,2,3 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Seattle Trip
  - 3 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Hawaiian luau
  - 8 Graduation 7pm/ party follows
  - 9 Last Day of school – early dismissal