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WWPS Equity and Dual Programs Department October 2019 Newsletter



Message from the Director

As you may have noticed, our department has enhanced our support to include equity, as well as dual programs, and English learner services. Our work this year will focus on opening doors, building bridges and creating safety nets for our students and their families. Our efforts are not limited to our department, but rather we are seeking to connect and create culturally competent practices and equitable strategies to ensure that all our students, from diverse backgrounds, experience high levels of learning in supporting and respectful environments.

I am often amazed by the resilience and courage of our students. Their talents and abilities are a reminder to us as the adults that every human has a story to tell, and that we, as the educators, must make every effort to honor such stories and celebrate the uniqueness of our student body. In this way, you will notice that our newsletter will attempt to capture the stories from our classrooms, our schools and our communities. We remain committed to ensuring our equity lens is in focus through out this year and in years to come.

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What's Cool in Dual?

Green Park's Kindergarten Dual Classrooms

Words from the Principal:

"Learning in both Spanish and English allows students to become bilingual and biliterate. Learning in these classrooms allows students to be immersed in a completely different culture. I think one of the biggest advantages is that we are offering opportunities for students to develop strong oral reading and writing skills in two languages. Students learning another language at a younger age also helps create more confident students in our school and our district."

Rick Kline, Principal
Green Park Elementary School



Upcoming Events!

- **October 4:** No School – Teacher-in-Service Day
- **October 10-11:** No School – Parent Conferences
- **October 19-20:** Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead Celebration in Walla Walla
- **October 23:** Unity Day

Come together in one giant ORANGE message of hope and support, WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.

- Community Resilience Initiative (CRI), WWPS 21st CCLC (After-School Program), and Commitment to Community are partnering to host **three Family Fun Nights:**

Oct. 3, 2019 | 6-7:30pm @ Edison Elementary, 1315 E Alder St

Oct. 17, 2019 | 6-7:30pm @ Carrie Center, 711 Carrie Ave

Oct. 23, 2019 | 6-7:30pm @ Salvation Army, 825 W Alder St

- October brings **Global Diversity Awareness Month** to remind us of the positive impact a **diverse** workforce of men and women can have on a society.

Worthy Websites

>> Center of Applied Linguistics website: www.cal.org.

>> Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition website: www.carla.umn.edu.

>> National Association for Bilingual Education website: www.nabe.org.

>> ¡Colorín Colorado! website: www.colorincolorado.org.

>> Teaching Tolerance website: <https://www.tolerance.org/>