

# Aberdeen Schools

Keeping you informed about our schools -- Feb. 23, 2024



## **Students treated to a concert at the 7th St. Theatre**

Students throughout Grays Harbor were treated to a concert by the Student Orchestra of Greater Olympia on Friday. The special performance at the 7th St. Theatre in Hoquiam was made possible thanks to a grant from the Goldberg Family Foundation.

Aberdeen's fourth graders from all five elementary schools traveled to enjoy the concert. The Transportation Department coordinated the special bus routes to collect students from all the schools, and the busing costs were covered using local levy dollars.



The concert was a "two-fer" in the sense that local students experienced a live symphony comprised of students close to their own age. And the SOGO students, who played under the direction of Greg Allison, were rewarded with an appreciative audience that packed the historic 7th St. venue.

The 7th St. seats about 600 and there were two performances in order to accommodate the widespread interest from area schools. Aberdeen fourth-graders were joined by students from Hoquiam, Cosmopolis, McCleary and the North Beach.

Selections included Brasstastico, a brass fanfare; Richard Meyer's An American Rhapsody; a comical skit performed to Farandole; highlights from three Harry Potter movie scores, and the grand finale, Elmer Bernstein's The Magnificent Seven.



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## Summary of the Feb. 20 meeting

[Agenda](#) (pdf)



President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin, Suzy Ritter and Jeremy Wright, along with student representative Mikyla Gunter, Superintendent Jeffrey Thake and 28 patrons and staff. The meeting began with the flag salute.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. The minutes from the regular meeting on February 6, 2024;
2. January payroll vouchers totaling \$3,980,979.66;
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$859,586.73, ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$6,284.25, and a Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher in the amount of \$11,535.05, and
4. An overnight trip request for the AVID Class at Aberdeen High School to travel to Eastern Washington to visit universities on March 20-22.

### **Public Comment**

President Durney noted that the Board had received correspondence from Andrew Workman of Aberdeen regarding cell phone policies at Miller Junior High School and she read public comment received via email from Tamar Yakovich regarding the transition to trimesters at Aberdeen High School.

### **Presentations**

#### **Aberdeen High School Trimesters**

AHS Principal Aaron Roiko presented information regarding a return to trimester scheduling. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion with Principal Roiko and staff about planning, the purpose, goals and preparedness.

### **Old Business**

#### **Policy 2401 Financial Education Mastery**

Following a presentation by CTE Director Lynn Green, the Board adopted a new policy, 2401 Financial Education Mastery.

#### **Policy 2413 Equivalency Credit Opportunities**

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### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Levy Update**

Superintendent Jeff Thake reported that both the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the Capital Projects Levy are passing following the Feb. 13 special election. The Board expressed appreciation for the community's support and the work of the Citizens for Aberdeen Schools committee.

### **Financial Services**



## **Fiscal Status Report**

The interim director of business and operations, Elyssa Louderback, presented the Fiscal Status Report for January. She reported that with 41.7 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the District has received 37.7 percent of revenue and incurred 41.9 percent of expenses. Under enrollment, she reported the 3,139.83 average annual FTE is trending 69.83 above budget.

## **New Business**

### **CWU Placement Agreement**

An agreement with Central Washington University for the placement of student teachers in the district was approved.

### **Emerald Learning Center**

An agreement with the Emerald Learning Center to provide special education and related services for a student in 2024 was approved.

### **Pacific University Affiliation**

An agreement with Pacific University of Forest Grove, Ore., to provide clinical and other learning experiences for students in its education program was approved.

### **Bates Technical College**

The Board approved renewal of the inter-local agreement with Bates Technical College for 2024-2025 which allows Aberdeen students to enroll at the college.

## **Personnel Report**

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report.

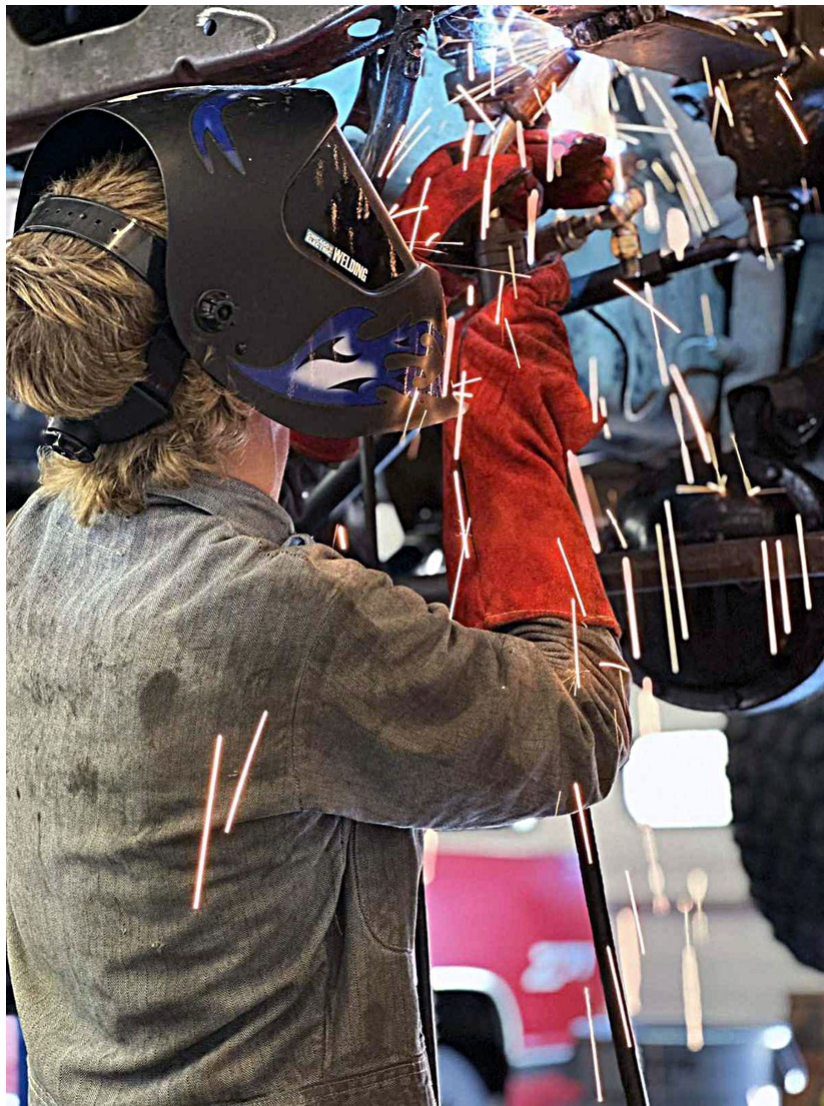
## **Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5**

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to [schoolboard@asd5.org](mailto:schoolboard@asd5.org). Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent's Office or by contacting individual board members.

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### **Welding class under way at AHS**

*Thanks to this shot captured by the instructor, Travis Wheeler, we can see that the sparks are flying at Aberdeen High School in a new class in the Career and Technical Education Program -- Introduction to Welding.*

*CTE Director Lynn Green said enthusiasm for the new offering has been high and the welding class has been a welcome addition to the course offerings at the high school.*

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# February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun	
			1  Elementary Winter Concert Auditorium 6:30 pm	2  All Elementary Band Concert, Auditorium 6:30 pm	3  AHS Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ Timberline H.S.	4
5  Central Park Orchestra Clinic 6:30 pm	6  Robert Gray Ketchup Club McDermoth Orchestra Clinic 6:30 pm School Board 6 pm	7  Collaboration Day Early Release  Stevens Orchestra Clinic 6:30 pm	8  Robert Gray Ketchup Club AJ West Orchestra Clinic 6:30 pm Stevens K-2 Music Concert Cafeteria 6:30 pm	9  Stevens Gr. 3-5 Music Concert Cafeteria 6:30 pm	10  ACT Testing	11
12 CMEA Jazz Band Festival, Black Hills H.S. Robert Gray PTO Robert Gray Orchestra Clinic 6:30 pm AJ West Missoula	13  Music Boosters 7 pm Bobcat Boosters 7 pm AJ West Missoula	14  AJ West Missoula	15  All State Music Educators Conference AJ West Missoula	16  All State Music Educators Conference AJ West Missoula	17  All State Music Educators Conference	18  All State Music Educators Conference
19  Presidents Day Holiday	20  Professional Development No School  School Board 6 pm	21	22  AHS Bobcat's Choice Awards	23  Central Park Assembly Robert Gray Smooth Sailing	24  AHS Mr. Irresistible 7pm	25
26  Spring Sports Begin	27	28	29  AJ West Assembly Robert Gray PTO Bingo Stevens Assembly	Check school calendars for dates and times of Elementary Concerts this month.		





# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024

FOR UNDERGRADUATE  
AND VOCATIONAL  
STUDIES

## APPLY IF YOU:

- Are graduating from a Grays Harbor high school, have graduated previously, or currently reside here
- Plan to go to a college or university, vocational program or community college throughout the United States

FOR MORE INFO

(360) 532-1600; [jessica@gh-cf.org](mailto:jessica@gh-cf.org)

[www.gh-cf.org](http://www.gh-cf.org)

Scholarships range from  
\$2,000 - \$20,000 per year and are  
renewable for three additional years.



SCAN ME



**Applications are due before 5 p.m. on March 1**

*Scholarships are open to any student who has graduated from a high school on Grays Harbor or who currently resides on Grays Harbor. There are no age restrictions and you can attend programs, colleges or trade schools throughout the United States. Scholarships are available for up to four years.*



WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

# WA Grant gives more money to more people

[Washington College Grant \(WA Grant\)](#) gives more money to more people for more kinds of education and training beyond high school. WA Grant is not reserved for valedictorians or athletes—it is available to all [eligible Washington residents](#), including undocumented students. If you meet the program and income requirements, you have money waiting for you.

WA Grant can help you access many types of education and training:

- Public and private colleges and universities
- Workforce and training programs
- Approved apprenticeship programs



WA Grant amounts vary based on income, family size, and program cost. An eligible student from a family of four with income of \$73,000 or less per year can get a full award. What does that mean? For example, public college tuition would likely be free for a family with three children and a single parent making \$34 per hour. For middle-income families, grant amounts are lower. But even someone from a family of four making up to \$112,500 per year can get some money to help pay for college or training.

Students and families can use the [financial aid calculator](#) to estimate their potential WA Grant award, but the only way to know for sure whether you qualify is to [apply for financial aid](#). Applications for the 2024-25 academic year are now open.

WA Grant helps make college or job training affordable. [Learn more at WAgant.org](#).

**Apply**

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# CAMP BISHOP

## BEST SUMMER EVER!

Nestled in the foothills of the Olympic Mountains and situated on beautiful Lost Lake, between Elma and Shelton, Camp Bishop provides an excellent setting for the YMCA'S traditional resident camping program. Camp is a place where we teach kids about acceptance and tolerance. We co-exist with other campers, share stories, and life lessons and learn to appreciate others for who they are. Camp Bishop is a place where kids can feel as if they belong. We teach kids how to make friends and provide positive staff role models to help them be successful at camp and connect with others. The "cabin group" and "unit" structure, gives kids a much-needed identity at camp, which helps them to fit in. Camp Bishop staff work extremely hard to help kids connect with new friends and form positive bonds with their leaders and the camp leadership.

### SCHEDULE

Campers Wake Up  
Polar Bear Plunge  
Flag Raising/Breakfast  
Morning Inspirations  
AM Activities  
Lunch  
Mail Call/Lake Jump  
Quiet Time  
Cabin Building Activities  
Water Front  
PM Activities  
Flag Retirement/Dinner  
Evening Activities  
Cabin Responsibilities  
Campfire  
Daily Reflection  
Lights Out



### ACTIVITIES

Archery  
Fishing  
Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Swim Lessons  
STEAM Crafts  
Outdoor Living  
Field Sports  
Low Ropes Challenge Course



### OVERNIGHT CAMP DATES

Session 1: July 14th – July 19th  
Session 2: July 21st – July 26th  
Session 3: July 28th – Aug 2nd

**K – 9th Grade**  
(as of Fall 2024)

[www.ghymca.net/camp-bishop](http://www.ghymca.net/camp-bishop)

## Sign up today

[www.ghymca.net/programs](http://www.ghymca.net/programs)

Register!



## BEST SUMMER EVER!

The YMCA is committed to keeping camp affordable for all families. YMCA of Grays Harbor is subsidizing approximately 25% of the cost of camp for all campers, reflected in the price already.

### OVERNIGHT CAMP RATES

Member	Program Member*
\$595	\$700

\*Program Member pricing does not include \$11 Program Membership fee.

Financial Assistance available upon request. See details below for more information.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required for each registered week of camp.

### MINI CAMP "EXPANDED AGES"

Grades: K-4 (grade entering in the fall of 2024)

A great introduction to our overnight camping, allowing for all the fun without being away too long.

Mini Campers participate in camp activities alongside older campers, but leveled at their age group. This is a great experience for younger children to join their siblings and share in the camping fun with smaller cabin numbers to provide more staff attention.

#### 2 Nights:

July 14th - July 16th  
July 21st - July 23rd  
July 28th - July 30th

#### 5 Nights:

July 14th - July 19th  
July 21st - July 26th  
July 28th - August 2nd

### Fundraise your way to Camp!

Each year, we offer a fundraiser to help reduce the cost of Camp. This year, we are offering TWO fundraising opportunities! To participate in the fundraiser, register at the Front Desk or online, but your camper has to be registered for at least one camp session first. Upon registering, all the details will be emailed to you.

### MINI CAMP RATES

	Member	Program Member*
2 Nights	\$435	\$525
5 Nights	\$595	\$700

### For All Financial Assistance (FA)

We understand that the cost of camp may not be affordable for all families. The YMCA of Grays Harbor supports Camp For All by providing a minimum 20% scholarship for all families that apply, by offering an optional 20% subsidy, no income documentation required. If the cost of camp is a barrier for your family, use scholarship code ForAll20 during online checkout to access the 20% subsidy.

For more information regarding For All assistance, please contact the Member Services Desk at the YMCA, 360.537.9622, or email Julie Loomis, [jloomis@ghymca.net](mailto:jloomis@ghymca.net)

## Spring Weekend Overnighter

March 16th-17th Grades: K-6th

Get a taste of summer camp with this weekend overnight. Campers will have the opportunity to stay a night at camp and participate in the many activities that we offer during the summer. This includes: kayaking, STEAM crafts, archery, field games, campfire/s'mores, silly skits.

Cost: \$100 members, \$175 program members



### YMCA of Grays Harbor

2500 Simpson Ave | Hoquiam, WA | 360.537.9622  
[www.ghymca.net](http://www.ghymca.net)

YMCA of Grays Harbor memberships, programs, and events are not sponsored by any of the school districts and the districts have no oversight over the programs, events, staff, or operations.

## Soccer registration closes Sunday



## Harbor Youth Soccer Spring Soccer Registration NOW OPEN



**U9 (born 2016) and up:**

**\$40**

Spring Season games for U9 and up begin April 13 and end by June 15th

**Academy (born 2017, 2018 or 2019): \$25**

Just like in Fall, Academy takes place on Tuesdays & Thursdays, beginning April 16 and ending May 23rd

**Registration closes February 18th!**

Teams are formed by late-February with practices beginning by mid-March

**More info and Registration online [harborsoccer.com](http://harborsoccer.com)**

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- Food Services, Jaime Matisons, [jmatisons@asd5.org](mailto:jmatisons@asd5.org)

## School Office Hours

### A.J. West Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2130 / Principal Nani Villarreal

### Central Park Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2170 / Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda

### McDermoth Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2120 / Principal Mindi Hammill

### Robert Gray Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2140 / Principal Sherri Northington

### Stevens Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2150 / Principal Jamie Stotler

### Harbor Learning Center

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2180 / Principal Lisa Griebel

### Hopkins Preschool

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2190 / Principal Darby Carroll

### Miller Junior High School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2100 / Principal John Meers

### Aberdeen High School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2040 General / Principal Aaron Roiko
- (360) 538-2060 Attendance Line

## 2023-2024 Aberdeen School District Calendar

August 2023				
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**August 2023**  
 28 Professional Development  
 29 Professional Development  
 30 First Day of School

**September 2023**  
 04 Labor Day--No School

**October 2023**

**November 2023**  
 10 Veterans Day Observed -  
 No School  
 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 2023**  
 15 Early Release  
 18-29 Winter Break

**January 2024**  
 01 Winter Break continues  
 15 Martin Luther King, Jr  
 Holiday--No School

**February 2024**  
 19 Presidents Day Holiday  
 --No School  
 20 Professional Development--  
 No School

**March 2024**  
 15 Weather Makeup Day, If  
 Needed

**April 2024**  
 1-5 Spring Break

**May 2024**  
 24 Weather Makeup Day,  
 If Needed  
 27 Memorial Day Holiday

**June 2024**  
 13 Last Day of School / Early  
 Release  
 19 Juneteenth

\* Denotes Board meeting  
 √ Collaboration Days:  
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## Office of the Education Ombuds

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) was created to help families navigate the education system.

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