



The Hatchet

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Winter assembly ends early

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Staff reporter

Students packed the gym for the winter assembly Dec. 18, but the annual event was cut earlier than in previous years. Student activities director Helen Paris released students ten minutes before first period was scheduled to start, explaining the gesture as

a type of holiday reward.

The assembly, though shortened, maintained its usual sequence of events. Athletics director Mike Tripp announced the \$2,500 check awarded to the football team for their entry in a video contest. Balancing athletics with academics, vice principal Lance Miller

acknowledged those with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

After the administrators' announcements, the festivities began with senior Kimberly Chatterjee singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Sports team members and teachers appeared as Chatterjee sang about

each "day". English teacher Debi Pavlecic (pictured) was among the six teachers acting as the "geese a-laying". Students played games with seasonal themes, competing within classes. The school band, conducted by senior Christopher Valdez and band teacher Duane Mitchell, played sets of holiday music between



Photo Credit: Raphael Ghieuw Sien

ASB decorates school campus with flowers and walkway

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ASB members redistributed large planters filled with an assortment of wildflowers around campus over the past few weeks.

The students put in a brick pathway outside of the Eggers building, and they also trimmed plants around school, with student activities director Helen Paris wielding an electric edger.

These efforts are appreciated, but some students feel the money should go to school improvements, such as new books and bathroom locks. However, ASB isn't authorized to use student funds on such items.

Senior John Rasure said although the improvements are helpful "they should have done this a long time ago, at this point the money could be better spent elsewhere."

Paris thought of the idea to move the planters from their original position near the Eggers building because she thought that students were not noticing them. So ASB moved the planters to more noticeable areas, and work during fourth period to water the new flowers and make sure the additions maintain their beauty.

Junior Julien Malard, president of the New Leaf Club, said their club submitted a plan to ASB to place plants around school throughout the year, but then ASB moved ahead with this project separately.

"I first was a bit disappointed because I wanted our club to do the planting," Malard said.

However, ASB agreed with the New Leaf Club to continue adding flowers, trees and other plants around the school with the help of the club. They will plant to celebrate

Earth Day, April 22.



Photo Credit: Kaylee Miu

Alumni's home burns

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The WHS leadership class is trying to ensure that Max and Kayla Broun, WHS alumni, receive the utmost support after their house burned down. They lost almost everything when the electrical outlet melted various items in Max's room. When activities director Helen Paris found out about the incident, she went there immediately and stayed with the family for most of the night. The Broun family stayed in their neighbor's home.

The Broun family actively participates at WHS activities, like grad night, and they assist PTSA and leadership. "This is one of the most giving families I have

known," Paris said.

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Seniors earn bucks for burritos

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Staff Reporter

Senior class treasurer Ben Rich organized a Chipotle burrito fundraiser from 5 to 9 pm, March 11. This was the second fundraiser Washington had with Chipotle.

"Students come in with their flyers; we count them off, take

our share, and give the rest to Washington," Chipotle manager Jose Corgorno said.

Chipotle donated fifty percent of the proceeds to the class of 2010.

"Every one [one word "everyone"] loves Chipotle and

the senior class needs some money," Rich said. "We're very grateful to Chipotle for helping us out."

"If we can reach out to Washington High School, it's a pleasure for us," Corgorno said.

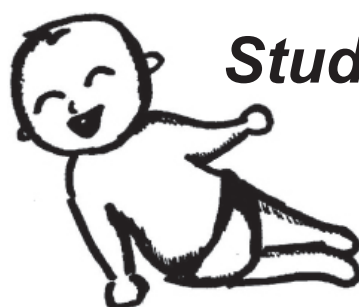


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Bandapalooza returns to WHS

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Student juggles

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