WACA Wednesday 05.13.2020

60 participants!

Yard Signs: partnered with PTSA to get signs for seniors

Senior Connection: teachers each took several seniors and wrote them each a personal note – every senior gets a note

Parades:

Senior Spotlights Virtual:

Virtual Prom Seniors: Still dress up for Prom and do as much as you can to prom – nice dinner with family, dance, take photos, video etc- submit to yearbook so they can compile pictures/submissions to add to a slide show: “The Prom We Didn’t Have”

Michell Munson – Liberty HS

Cap & Gown Distribution: Staff Gauntlet, counselor check-in (for students who have not been online), teen health center, decorating cars instead of actual caps, took photos for virtual graduation of the seniors in their decorated cars.

Angela Ferda – West Seattle HS

Diploma Cover Pickup: Drive thru pick up of diploma cover – jump out of car and have a Quick photo with cardboard cutout of the principal and superintendent.

Jenn Gwartney – Battle Ground HS

Cardboard Standees: Cardboard Standee's can be custom made: This company makes them starting as low as $50.00 <https://www.standees.com/>

Guy Simpson - WAVA

Virtual Graduation: Completely drive-through, recording virtual graduation where students come at a set time and receive the cover, recorded keynote speeches, on graduation day they will post to YouTube with everything cut/pasted together. Asking students to wear caps while watching so they can turn their tassels under the direction of the ASB President.

Kristy Waligorski – North Creek HS

Virtual Senior Tea: Senior student/significant women in their lives (mom, grandma, aunt, etc) tea virtually. Juniors host it. They had a staff keynote (Glacier Peak HS)
Senior Farewell Assembly: slideshow, staff and student speakers, etc.
Staff Appreciation: Quarantine Cookbook, photo thank you messages, etc.

Teri Corwin – Glacier Peak HS

Cap and Gowns: Coin ceremony, drive-through caps and gowns,

Senior Sunrise: Drive in the large parking lot, handed a cinnamon roll and juice, etc. and watch the sun rise together from cars.

Link Crew Training: Used Zoom to train for link crew

Moving up Day: also includes incoming 9th graders --Working on their moving up day with recorded videos and live, etc.

Virtual Pep Assembly: They used emoji responses to award spirit points

Virtual Mr. SHS: last week – Talent night, Hero night, etc. just happening on separate nights

Tina Peabody – Sunnyside HS

2020 Grad Signs: Grad year sign with senior picture on the sign.

Walla Walla HS

2020 Grad Signs: Washington HS and maybe Spokane? Senior names and pictures lining the field

2020 spelled out with Senior Photos

Awards Ceremony: Teachers recording information and speeches on We Video and then splicing together. Still doing their end of year 8th grade slideshow, submissions through Google Forms. Mailing awards home to students. Using google forms to drop pictures.

Harder with 6th graders.

Althea Dozier – Cascade MS

Awards Ceremony: Speeches videotaped using We Video – sent to families Certificate pick-up with drive by to see teachers and receive certificates.

Linda Korum – Tukes Valley MS (Battleground).

Graduation Companies: Companies may be of help to your school. Herff Jones and Jostens could possibly help with virtual graduation. These two companies are primarily videos and work with colleges to simulcast - Marching Order and Stage Clip.

Guy Simpson – WAVA

Commencement: Using the school parking lot, giant screens, speakers and having a parade of graduates down main street.

Tina Peabody – Sunnyside HS

Senior Clap Tradition: Richland HS does a clap in when you arrive as a Freshman and a clap out as you leave as Seniors. They are working on a teacher line that is physically distancing so the physically distanced seniors can drive thru

Jacqueline Gates – Richland HS

Commencement: In person Graduation will be August 1st. They sent out a google survey to ask if graduates would attend.

Matt Cook – La Center District Athletics and Activities

Commencement: Graduation will be on YouTube. The district IT is compiling.

Michelle Munson – Liberty HS

Commencement: Looked into the Drive In Movie Theater format. Got push back from the district office. Here are the questions – how to do it within the Governors orders, what if someone needs a restroom? Will people stay in their cars?

Teri Corwin – Glacier Peak HS

Commencement Locations for Drive In Style: Airports – think private or smaller vs Sea Tac(they said no)

Fairgrounds, Racetracks

Drive Thru Recognition: We have the students for 9 years so closure is important. Drive thru style. Signs will be up for each student. Students will have a photo with the sign. Not sure how we will manage parents yet.

Sucia Dhillon – Spokane Valley K-8

Commencement: Students printed their name on the car window – support staff radioed ahead, and the Principal/Assistant announced their names in a radio announcer style. Then they rolled by staff. Have the graduate in the car with family – carload.

Megan Baxter – Union HS

Call to Service: Our economics are diverse – from poverty to millions of dollars. How do we make it equitable? Promotion speeches. This is a time of call to service, life sacrifices, public health, equity of students -- what is the value based on inclusion, value of recognition.

Terry Burns – McClure MS

Our Communities: Ding Dong Dash – Power Team of 38 students will each write 3 positive notes and then leave them on doors. Hoping it will catch on and others will participate on their own.

Kimberly Ramsey – Puyallup Jr High

Community Art Lesson: Art lesson of what is graduation from the eyes of students k-12 – put signs in the yards for the graduation parade.

Matt Cook – La Center District Athletics and Activities

Emotional Well-Being: Continuing the daily video news program. Staff tournaments – example two staff members need to count how many how plants they have and be the first person back. Think outside the box.

David Volke – Liberty MS

Food for Community: Local unions have crisis funds – her area teachers union is donating to the food banks.

Jenn Gwartney – Battle Ground HS

Game Day: Picked one day a week to play Kahoots. Some time she picks the theme sometimes she lets the students pick for the next week. Encourages other staff members to join in the fun. They have virtual certificates.

Becky Latham – Glacier MS

16:34:51 From Michael : I will post, let me know when you want to start recording.

16:35:29 From Michael : I need permission from the host to record, unless you're planning to record and send me the video.

16:36:35 From Guy Simpson : Michael, I believe Michelle is recording it to be shared.

16:46:57 From Guy Simpson : Cardboard Standee's can be custom made: This company makes them starting as low as $50.00 https://www.standees.com/

16:49:31 From Jenn Gwartney : Christina Peabody, can you talk about the virtual Pep Assembly more?

16:49:43 From Kari Bradley : Washington High School did too!

16:50:59 From Kari Bradley : Washington High School (Franklin Pierce School District) Put all the senior names around their stadium and each senior has had the opportunity to come in and decorate their space along the fence line.

16:53:15 From Rebecca Latham : You probably need to go through your district IT dept if you use zoom, so you can get the larger license to have more than 100 people on at one time. Our IT director did it for me.

16:53:59 From Rebecca Latham : She got approval from OSPI. And, I second the fence decorations at WHS. They have been very well received.

16:55:48 From Ferda : We had a virtual talent show that was prerecorded and we went live on youtube for a group viewing. It was a hit. https://youtu.be/FYIZlEs1k\_Q

16:56:39 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : Typical assembly but will be done on Zoom, each students name will come across the screen with all of their awards. Every kid is recognized with awards- shared Google Doc and teachers signup for kids. Mailed awards as well. Also, 8th grade picture video.

16:57:10 From Andrea Miele : Verda-- Can I share the link with my students? We are in the beginning planning process for a virtual talent show.

16:57:33 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : 8th grade Virtual Dance potentially- if our other dance goes well.

16:57:37 From Alethea Dozier : Andrea I'd like it we are doing our talent show in two weeks

16:58:28 From Lori Zebrack Smith : @Christina Peabody can I get your email address? I'd like to know how you did your Link Crew May Development day.

16:59:09 From Christina Peabody : Sure - christina.peabody@sunnysideschools.org

16:59:44 From Ferda : Feel free to share our link. It's public on youtube.

17:00:14 From Kari Bradley : Also planning a virtual Talent Show, and using flipgrid for submissions (likely)--meeting with students tomorrow!

17:01:29 From Guy Simpson : https://www.jostens.com/grad/high-school/index.html

17:01:51 From Guy Simpson : https://www.herffjones.com/graduation/#virtual

17:02:41 From Bobby G : Hi everyone, Is this chat transcription going to be emailed out?

17:02:51 From Guy Simpson : http://info.marchingorder.com/home/marchingorder-virtual-ceremony-solutions/

17:03:10 From Guy Simpson : https://stageclip.com/products/grad-away-tion/

17:03:27 From Michael : @Bobby - It will be posted on the WACA webpage.

17:03:46 From Jaime Johnson : Herff Jones has partnered with Marching Order and StageClip as a part of their virtual graduation program

17:05:37 From Jenn Gwartney : Our District made the final decision on which production company to use, so we we're taken out of the equation at the site level.

17:06:15 From Geoff Simm : Sounds like the same thing Kennewick schools are doing. But no parade

17:08:04 From Michael : Eatonville High School is August 9 in person.

17:08:28 From Jenn Gwartney : Battle Ground mentioned trying to do something in August, too, but not Graduation.

17:10:47 From Michael : That's a cool concept! Airport.

17:14:22 From Trish Miller : Even with the space, and people in cars, how is everyone getting around the "no groups of 10 or more"? We wanted to do a drive through for our 8th graders where they stayed in cars. Our staff would line up 6 feet apart. But because our staff is 45-50 people, our Admin felt it went against the idea of "no groups of 10 or more".

17:15:48 From Corwin, Teri : Another venue option if you have one is to check with your Fairgrounds if they have a Raceway...Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe offered their infield for a drive through.

17:15:58 From Amy Stapleton : Yelm HS is asking for photos of seniors in their cap and gown. Sending them in for virtual graduation slideshow; however, school board is hearing community input this Thursday so we may be looking at a hybrid. No parking lot option because they don't want people socializing. Talking about scheduled times to walk across the PAC stage. Will take three days. CBA issue with paying staff for graduation, that hasn't be solved yet.

17:18:24 From Corwin, Teri : We are looking at a Prom option in August sponsored by our Parent Group utilizing a local venue/warehouse. No ASB money. We are currently surveying the Seniors to see if this is an option they would welcome.

17:21:05 From Michael : The WEA sponsors grants for food banks. Eatonville Education connected the local food bank with $500.

17:21:06 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : Forgot to share what we are doing for our incoming 5th graders. We are doing a drive thru meet and see (we have a driveway that goes around our school)…all staff that work with 6th graders will have a sign with their name and role, all physically distanced. Will have a QR code or flyer with how to see the video we typically share about our school and expectations for the kids- also will be shared with families. Hopefully will have stickers with our school logo to give them.

17:21:47 From Corwin, Teri : We are doing a Food Bank Funding Drive through GoFundMe. Our Snohomish Education Association is sponsoring the drive. I was disappointed to be told we couldn't do a drive through Food Drive drop off, so I am spearheading this instead.

17:22:51 From Kimberly Ramsey : Work2BeWell.org

17:23:12 From Rebecca Latham : We are focusing on small activities about connection. My 8th gr groups are each taking a Thursday (Throwback) and highlighting a memorable event from the year.

17:23:37 From Rebecca Latham : We are hosting What are you doing Wednesdays, where students submit videos of themselves doing something new during quarantine

17:24:16 From Rebecca Latham : Motivation Mondays where students submit shout outs to other students and they will be posted on our IG account.

17:25:09 From Corwin, Teri : We are doing Senior Shout Outs, Birthdays, National "today is...", our Spring Spirit Week, etc. on Instagram.

17:25:37 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : Love the idea of WACA Wednesday, and include our kids…can we do break out rooms with adults as their guides.

17:25:49 From Rebecca Latham : I would also say, don't beat yourself up if your school isn't doing a full scale end of year ceremony. Students want to see our faces. They want to see other students' faces, if you create some type of space to do that. You will be meeting a lot of their needs.

17:25:50 From MarriottB : I reached out to my Elementary Schools and have K-3 students creating 8 x 11 pictures of what they want to be when they grow up. These will be in the seniors diploma covers when they receive them along with their diploma to remind them of their dreams of the future.

17:26:19 From Alethea Dozier : Instagram (posts, LIVE, and TV) has been our best social media platform.

17:26:31 From Kimberly Ramsey : We are doing a COVID Time Capsule in honor of our 9th graders that we will open when they come back as Seniors for their Senior Tea.

17:26:55 From Corwin, Teri : Any have a speaker for your staff in the Fall ideas? Students? Jennifer Powers comes to mind for staff, any others?

17:27:42 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : Erin Jones for staff

17:27:47 From Rebecca Latham : Agree David, I host Tuesday Trivia and both students and staff attend. There is a lot of trash talking, and just socializing. It is one of our most well attended events right now.

17:28:07 From Rebecca Latham : Trash talking in a very positive, uplifting way:)

17:28:38 From Jacqueline Gates : Rebecca, I would love to know more about how that works! Is it over Zoom?

17:28:42 From Kari Bradley : Becky you use Zoom for that, right? And it's an after school-timed thing?

17:28:54 From JENNIFER SCHOUVILLER : We have a DJ who will be doing a Trivia Night for staff, love the idea of just doing it on our own.

17:28:59 From Rebecca Latham : Yes, zoom platform, I share my screen, they log in on another device.

17:30:17 From Bobby G : Becky could you say the name of the sight again

17:30:25 From David Volke : Kahoot

17:31:59 From Alethea Dozier : Our principals and dean have been doing lunch with the students. They announce it and put the GoogleMeet up in their grade level classroom. And they just join and have lunch virtually and talk. The Grade level counselor is also on the calls to chat and connect.