

# Manson GEARUP FEB Newsletter



## WSU Field Trip

On January 24th, 28 of our Manson High School Sophomores and Seniors loaded up a bus and headed for Pullman Washington to tour the Washington State University campus and see the Men's Basketball game against University of Southern California. They left Manson at 5:30 am and arrived in Pullman at 11:00. They were broken up into small groups and were lead on a campus tour by students at the University. It was a blizzard and the wind was bitter cold, but our students seemed not to mind and really enjoyed seeing what a larger college looks like. The tour guides were wonderful and were careful to point out the building of interest to the students after hearing what they wanted to major in. After the biting cold, they led the students to the book store where they could shop around and pick up any souvenirs that they wanted. Our kids were then turned loose in the North Side Café, an eatery on the campus and had an all you can eat lunch. Needless to say, this was a hit. We were then excited to see our very own Katie Barnes, 2008 Manson graduate, who is attending WSU and her friends show up. They were nice enough to let our kids take a tour of the dorm they live in and actually see how small the dorm rooms really are. It was quite an eye-opener. After the tour, we traveled to the basketball arena and were able to see the WSU Cougars play the USC Trojans. It was a great game and nice for all the students to see the kind of sportsmanship and comradery that there is at the college level. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton, who helped set up this trip, were on hand every step of the way and Mr. Charlton didn't miss a beat when it came time to cheer for his Alum. He was also kind enough to give tidbits along the way about his own college life and what that was like for him. It was really wonderful to have him along for the trip. After the game we headed back to Manson and arrived at around 1am. The students were tired, but full of food and ideas about what upper level education is all about and it was another great trip. The bonus was that we took a second bus with Chelan and Waterville students along for the tour and did some very real talking about getting together to share some of these trips to help save money on transportation for our districts.

We hope that this will be the beginning of some great collaboration.



## Evening Studies Homework Help 4:30—7pm

Does your student need help with homework? Are you really happy with your student's grades? After school homework help is there for every student at Manson High School and even extra help is available for those that are GEARUP students. There is no reason your students should not be getting A's and B's on their report cards except their desire to do it. As parents we need to make sure that each and every student is working to their ability and we are supporting that work at home as well. If you have any questions or would like help for your students, please call Patti Stracener at 741-95410 and we can make a plan together that the students and parents can work on to make those after high school dreams come true.

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**\$33, 502**

### Special points of interest:

- Tech Camp
- WSU Field Trip
- Upcoming Events
- 2+2+2 Tutoring
- Saturday Night Live
- Big Bend Visit
- LIGO back again
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**It's a Plan**

