

Brewster GEAR UP

October/November 2008



Five students, in grades 9th—12th, attended the ballet

Students Attend Moscow Ballet

Five students attended a performance by the Great Moscow Ballet on October 26th. The performance was *Sleeping Beauty* and was funded in part by a grant from the Wenatchee Performing Arts Center's endowment fund. The sets, costumes and dancers' skills were impressive. The matinee performance lasted two hours and was held at the Wenatchee Performing Arts Center.

9th grade orientation

A parent night and 9th grade orientation was held October 6th. The event was co-sponsored by Brewster's Gear Up program. Lots of door prizes were given away, a very popular activity that night. Each student received a dress-code appropriate t-shirt, both to help introduce the new dress code and also to help with the cost of clothing. Students and parents were informed about the three school's three academic plans.

Beauty & The Beast is a hit!

A performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, performed by the Okanogan Performing Arts Group was attended by six 8th and 9th grade students. Students enjoyed the play very much as well as the refreshments at intermission. The Okanogan Orchestra performed the music. Sets were locally made and two children of one of our Brewster teachers had parts in the volunteer-performed cast.



Tutor classes at Wenatchee Valley College - Omak

Five tutors are taking a 2-credit class through Wenatchee Valley College - Omak. Students completed their class time on October 18th, the second of two days in the classroom. Mary Doherty, Dean of students at WVC-Omak co-taught the class with Julie Grinolds, Central Washington University, Wenatchee. Students learned about learning styles, tutoring techniques and communication skills, among other things. Students from Brewster were impressed with the amount of knowledge they learned in the two

classes and now have to complete coursework that includes reflection journals and three essays regarding various tutoring techniques. Students will earn 2 college credits when they complete their coursework and thirty tutoring hours. Students were observed tutoring on November 20th. Two boys had not tutored at all before they were observed and surprised themselves at how easy it was to interact with the tutees one-on-one. Students from Manson, Bridgeport, Omak, Oroville and Tonasket also participated.



Students attend Manson College and Career Fair

On November 14th, the 8th grade class traveled to Manson to attend Manson's annual college and career fair. Students were required to complete career interviews with three jobs that were represented there. Careers included were nursing, P.U.D. linemen, Forest Service rangers, police officers and FBI agents. Colleges and the military branches were also present and included WSU and Big Bend

Community College. The students were required to ask one career representative how much math they needed to get their job and what kind of math do they do on a daily basis. Later on this semester students will reflect upon these math interviews and create videotaped presentations for the rest of their classmates to view.

What's Happening

Dec. 3: CWU trip
Dec. 17th: Bridges panel—10th grade activity
Jan. 8th: Parent Dinner
Jan. 10th: Inside the Box computer class
Jan. 24,31: Tutor Training

Whitworth University Tour

Five students traveled to Whitworth University in Spokane on November 3rd. The students were five 8th grade boys and a Gear Up tutor mentor who had an admissions interview. The students were very supportive of their tutor and wished her luck before her interview. She shared with them how it went after she was done. The

tour included walking through a dorm and talking to a present student in his dorm room. The students were curious about things like who had the top bunk and what the college student liked to do in his spare time. The favorite part of the tour for the boys was seeing the sports facilities.

