

# Manson GEARUP December Newsletter



## College/Career Day

On November 14th colleges and career representatives crowded into the gym at Manson Secondary School in hopes of helping students look into their futures and help them with their post-secondary educational choices.

The gym was loaded with 45 presenters representing hundreds of various career and college opportunities in the Okanogan Valley. The occupations included internships, military possibilities, DEA, FBI, Land Surveying, Forest Service, Maritime, Health Services, Communications, Aeronautics, catering, marketing, electrical, and plumbing just to name a few. We also included local employers such as and Campbell's Resort and Chelan Fresh. It gave students a good look at the many different options they will have after graduation from our high school.

The presenters seemed to have as much fun as the students while speaking of their various occupations. Most said they really enjoyed the pertinent questions that the students asked and felt that most of the students were well prepared with very appropriate inquiries. The Manson, Liberty Bell, Mansfield and Waterville students were given packets to help them focus on what was important and to help direct their questioning of the various opportunities. The colleges were on hand to help students find out the various options for education for their choices of 13th year plans. The colleges included Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Whitworth College, Washington State University, Big Bend CC, Wenatchee Valley College, as well as ITT and the North Central Technology Skills Center.

This is an annual event at Manson Secondary School and is part of both their School to Work program and the GEARUP Program. This year the schools attending were Brewster, Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, and Liberty Bell School Districts. By combining efforts, we were able to present to approximately 500—600 students.



## Magellan is Here

Manson School District with the help of GEARUP has just purchased and installed the Magellan career software program. This software has nine different assessments for students to use that will help them find their area of expertise and explore the career options in those areas. It not only helps guide them through the careers, but also shows them through graphs where they are at in gaining the academic skills they will need to perform the career of their choice. This software is interactive and even has video clips of the jobs so that students who are very visual can see some of what the career will actually entail. So far the enthusiasm by staff has been good and we will be starting to use this in the 10th grade Language Arts curriculum to help with the writing skills. Mrs. Neff, one of the 10th grade teachers, is very anxious to have her students complete their assessments. We are looking forward to working this into all of the GEARUP cohort and hoping it will be another tool the students can use to help them find their way to the 13th year of training.

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- **Total Match**  
**\$33,502**

### Special points of interest:

- College/Career Day
- Magellan is here
- Evening Studies
- Upcoming Events
- 2+2+2 Tutoring
- Richard Santana
- Big Bend Visit

**College is not a Dream**  
**It's a Plan**



# For Parents Only

## Technology Classes

Want to learn more about the computer? Want to upgrade your abilities to find a better job? Do you need practice or need to learn from the start Microsoft Word, Excel, and /or Power Point? Well if you answered yes to any of these questions, I have a class for you. This class is a work at your own pace class designed for the very beginner to be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings in January from

5:00—7pm. Patti Stracener will be heading up these classes for you and she is really excited for you to come in and join. This class is free for all community members and part of a new “open our doors” policy at our schools. Classes will be limited by size, so if you are interested, please sign up by calling Patti Stracener, 741-9510 or our school office at 687-9585. Interpreters will be available for non English speaking residents, however

the curriculum is in both English and Spanish.



## 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.

## English Classes

Once Again, GEARUP, in conjunction with Wenatchee Valley College is offering English Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00—9:00pm. This year we are splitting up the various levels of English learners and those that are beginners, levels 1 and 2, will be at Manson High School, while those that are at levels 3 or 4 will be taking classes at Chelan High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6—9pm. Wenatchee Valley College felt this was the best way to be able to offer the needs of the community better. We are anxious, at Manson, to work with those of you who speak very little if any English. If you would like to sign up for these classes, just come to any class or call Mr.

Fournier at 687-9585. Classes are free for those GEARUP parents and \$25. for all others. A GEARUP parent is any parent who has a student in 8th, 9th or 10th grades.



## Quilting Classes

Want to learn to quilt? Make a table runner or maybe even a purse? Well we are starting a quilters corner for beginners and you will really want to come and have fun with all of us. This is open to any GEARUP parent that would like to learn how to quilt or maybe just enjoy the company of friends. We will start on at 6pm in the commons at the high school. Interpreters will be available. If you are interested call Patti Stracener, 741-9510, or the school office at 687-9585. Class size is limited so please call early.

## Build Your Own Computer

### 2 + 2 + 2 Up And Running

Once again GEARUP in conjunction with Wenatchee Valley Community College offered college credit for Juniors and Seniors who would like to be tutors for the underclassmen in the Manson School District.

The students were transported to Omak Campus of WVCC where they took the classes on two different Saturdays.

The 2 + 2 + 2 Program, earn 2 credits your junior year, 2 credits your senior year and then 2 more credits in your freshman year of college, is in its third year here in Manson and we have 27 students that are currently helping tutor in the Elementary and Secondary school. Nine of these students are earning the college credit and the other eighteen will be earning high school elective credit. These students are trained in how to reach difficult students and they really try to help them not only with homework, but also to see the importance of learning.

On November 22nd, Matt from Community Technology of North Central Washington was here to help students build their own computer from the inside out. Matt helped students understand how computers work and actually helped students build a computer that they took home with them at the end of the session. This is a popular program and will be offered again in the Spring. If you are interested, please call or tell Patti Stracener at 741-9510 or 687-9585 ext 725. The class is limited so sign up right away.

## After School Change Up

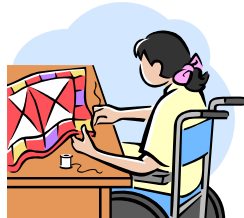
Our new Principal, Don Vanderholm, has come to us with some new ideas. One of those changes involves our after school program. We have always had the after school homework help in our library and this has been a wonderful program. He had noticed however that many students really didn't need the after school help, but wanted to hang around and enjoy their friends or wait for a sporting or music event at 5pm. For these students he has opened up a new opportunity. Students may now stay in the commons and play board games, enjoy visiting with other students, or join in the GEARUP events that will be offered.

GEARUP will be bringing in speakers, offering game challenges, making crafts and even starting some cooking classes. GEARUP will also offer dinner and a movie night on Fridays for those who want to stay for basketball season. The students will make their own dinner and we will watch a movie before the games begin. Thank you Mr. Vanderholm.

## After School Classes For Students

### Quilting Classes

Starting Wed, November 7th any 7th, 8th, or 9th grader may sign up for quilting classes after school. Classes will meet once a week for 6 weeks and will be led by the Three Sisters, a quilting business from Manson. Students may sign up on the bulletin board or with Mrs. Stracener in her office. Class size is limited, so be sure to sign up early.



### Auto Tech Classes

Want to learn about cars from the inside out? Want to learn what it takes for the upkeep? This class is for you. Classes will meet once a week on Thursdays right after school for 6 weeks beginning November 15th. Class size is limited so be sure and sign up early.



### Cooking Classes

Every Tuesday, starting November 13th, we will be having Cooking classes after school for GEARUP students. The classes will include main dishes, salads, side dishes, cookies and candies. Classes will meet once a week for 6 weeks. Class size is limited, so be sure to sign up early.

