



# BEYOND 123

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## HARD WORK. FUN & LEARNING IN KAHLOTUS

My name is Dave Brennan, and I've been an educator for 22 years. My education includes K-12 certification which allows me to cover all the grades, and I have. I came to know Kahlotus through a traffic safety class I taught in the summers from 1996 to 1999.

I put in my application to work as a full time educator at Kahlotus and replaced the previous 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, bus driver and traffic safety educator. I was qualified in the same areas. The superintendent at the time, Monte Swenson, challenged me to teach about the many opportunities beyond the hills of Kahlotus. I thought about that and asked the students if they would be willing to work hard doing fund raisers to earn enough money to travel to Western Washington. They said yes, the superintendent said yes and I knew I was on a mission.

We started by collecting cans. We collected from the school, the families of the students and in town. At \$.40 cents a pound, we did the math and found out that it would take a lot of cans to make \$600 for our trip!

We discovered that if we offered a service people would respond, so our next fund-raisers were related to my car detailing business. I donated the supplies and we put out fliers for our young entrepreneurs. I was teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade math, social studies and language arts for five students at the time and we washed and waxed, vacuumed, shampooed carpets, cleaned glass, and polished the wheels, all for \$40.00 per vehicle. We did this after school at my home. The money started to grow. We also tie-dyed shirts and took donations, which were slim.

The trip was earned by hard work and students had to have a 2.0 and above GPA. I kept the kids motivated by setting up goals to be earned by all. They all earned the trip, and have continued to earn it every year.

The school board liked the idea of the trip so they agreed to donate the bus and the fuel and I agreed to drive the bus for free. I am originally from Grays Harbor in Western Washington and had some friends that generously vacated their living quarters for a Memorial Day Weekend and let us stay there for free. So, we had that expense taken care of.

Our first trip started in Seattle where we visited the Seattle Center, Food Court, Space Needle and Monorail. Next we went to the house in Hoquiam. We drove to Westport to visit the Old Coast Guard Station (I did some active duty there during the 70's and I'm in the Reserves). Then we went to the lighthouse which was part of the station. As part of an educational outreach through the Coast Guard, called "Sea Partners", we spent two hours cleaning up the beach and picking up garbage. A visit to the cranberry bogs with a tour was in the line-up as well. We also visited Ocean Shores and Pacific Beach area for more education and recreation. On the return trip we visited the Viet Nam Memorial in Olympia. This year the trip includes hiking in the Olympics, City Pass which includes six attractions, Pacific Beach Clean-up, Beach Cookout, and Pacific Beach Community Church (voluntary). I usually take one couple for chaperones, usually parents of one of the students. This year we have raised \$1,658.00 and we're not done yet! It takes a lot of energy but its fun and educational.



(Pictured from left to right) Megan Blauert,  
Breeann Jennings & Dave Brennan

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

*A Simple Paradox*



**Bruce Hawkins**  
*Superintendent*

Dear Friends,

April 26<sup>th</sup> was a very important election day. As you know by now, our three districts with maintenance and operation levies (College Place, Finley, and Prosser) were very successful. I am so pleased and have not forgotten the work and the worry that accompany such enterprises, especially on the second effort.

Earlier in the week, Andy, a visitor from the Houston area, visited with a couple of us about the finance system for schools in Washington State. As I explained our election system for levies he replied that it sounded like a board game. This amusing observation by our astute visitor is enlightening when one considers the issue we know by the name of the simple majority. In my 23 years of experience with the simple majority debate, our friend Andy saw it for what I have not. The simplicity of this paradox is that it is not just about a passage rate of 50% but having an election process that could be explained in simple terms.

Consider the following rules for our board game:

- 1) You can make two attempts per calendar year and then your students lose;
- 2) If you lose in the two attempts, you also lose the state funds that provide equalization of opportunity for property poor districts;
- 3) You must turn out 40% of the voter count from the last General Election;
- 4) You must get over 6 yes vote for every 4 no votes;
- 5) You must not use any of the school system's resources to persuade the 66% of the voters who have no connection to schools;
- 6) The system of voting will change on a regular basis, for example the move to all mail-in ballots;
- 7) The voting public may not change many of these elements without getting the approval of those who they elect to represent their interests. As it turns out, the elected must get over  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  votes to  $33 \frac{1}{3}$  votes to give the approval of such an election. And should they reach this level then the voting public may pass the changes by a 50% plus one vote.

There are other requirements that could be added, but the intent is not to belabor a topic that has been so controversial. It is fact that our system is far from simple. Elements have created obstacles to the passage of elections designed to provide for our constitutional obligations.

Our citizens and school systems have gone to their voters and have received their support. It is tough, but it is the most important election in our state. At a time when Jim Collins' book *Good to Great*, is often quoted and treated as scripture by some, we can look to our future with the hope of great schooling experiences for our youth.

Warmly,

Bruce Hawkins  
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## PROSSER TEACHER TO ATTEND U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER'S "SPACE ACADEMY FOR EDUCATORS"

Prosser math teacher Corey Heitschmidt will be bringing some NASA training experiences back to his classroom in Housel Middle School after attending the "Space Academy for Educators" this summer at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Heitschmidt has been selected as the first recipient of the Washington State Migrant Education Program's scholarship to attend the annual Space Academy. He will chaperone three migrant students from throughout the state who have also received scholarships to attend Space Academy workshops for 12- to 14-year-olds. The Space Academy will take place during July 15-22.



Corey Heitschmidt

While the three students he'll be chaperoning are in their Space Academy sessions, the Prosser teacher will spend the week engaged in a program specifically geared for educators. He will participate in astronaut-style trainings and simulations as part of the intensive classroom and laboratory experiences focusing on space science and exploration. The Space Academy for Educators program is designed to help bring the scope of space exploration into such classroom experiences as reading, astronomy, geography, and science.

Heitschmidt teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra II. He hopes his participation at this summer's camp will offer ways he can demonstrate to students how such math concepts as equations, slope, velocity, and volume are applied by the space program.

"This is an exciting opportunity to see ways you can get kids excited about math and science," he said. "It's a way to bring real life stuff into the classroom, showing students some of the high goals they can shoot for in math and science."

Heitschmidt currently teaches 160 students, 37 of which are migrants. He feels the annual scholarship program for migrant students to attend Space Academy provides a way to enhance their goal setting and to help them generate a wider interest in such possibilities as science or engineering.

On a personal level, he added: "Every kid says they want to be an astronaut. This is the closest I'll ever get to it. I'm really excited about seeing all the things they have there and the rockets. When I found out that I got the scholarship, I was so excited – I was like a little kid."

Before the scholarship program was initiated for this year, chaperone responsibility for Space Academy was shared among the state's Migrant Education Program offices on a rotating basis. Chaperones previously came from the three Migrant Education Regional Offices (MERO 105 in Yakima, MERO 171 in Wenatchee, and MERO 189 in Anacortes), Olympia's OSPI Migrant office, Sunnyside's Migrant Student Record System (which keeps records for all migrant students in the state), and Sunnyside's Secondary Education for Migrant Youth office (which assists migrant students in high school).

**The Prosser teacher was selected from five teachers throughout the state who applied for the scholarship. For more information you can contact Corey Heitschmidt at Housel Middle School, 509.786.1732.**

## STUDENT REGISTRATION: SUMMER SCHOOL GRADE 10 WASL CLASSES

Educational Service District 123, in collaboration with eight participating districts, is offering classes designed specifically to prepare students for the August 2006 WASL retakes. Participating districts include Dayton, Finley, Kiona-Benton, North Franklin, Pasco, Prosser, Richland, and Walla Walla.

Grade 10 students from these districts may register for the summer session by going to the appropriate link below and following the registration directions.



### Student Registration for Grade 10

#### WASL Classes.

#### MATHEMATICS

June 28th - August 3rd

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=109985>

#### READING

June 28th - August 3rd

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=103974>

#### WRITING

June 28th - August 3rd

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=109986>

*If you have further questions or would like more information, please contact Judy Reault or Mark Muxen at ESD 123, 509.547.8441.*

# Course offerings

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**TEACHING & LEARNING**

**Instructional Modules Training**


Date: June 12-15, 2006   
 Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$225.00  
 Location: Kamiakin H.S., Kennewick  
 Instructors: Ron Donovan, Ardis Sparks & Marci Belgard  
 ESD Contact: Christina Martinez  
**Course Number: TLO6-622-1**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**PowerPoint: Beginning & Intermediate** 


Date: June 26, 2006  
 Time: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructor: Trevor MacDuff  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-030-1**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Palm Handhelds in Education** 


Date: August 17, 2006  
 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Fee (includes Tungsten E2): \$319.00  
 Location: Booth Building, Pasco  
 Instructor: Karen Fasimpauer  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
 Register at: <http://www.ncce.org/handheld>

**PREVENTION SERVICES**

**Issues of Abuse** 


Date: June 12-13, 2006  
 Time: Varies  
 Fee: \$90.00  
 Location: Clarkston  
 Instructor: Casey Cramer, M.A.  
 ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson  
**Course Number: PSO6-500-4**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**PowerPoint: Advanced** 


Date: June 27, 2006  
 Time: 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructor: Trevor MacDuff  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-028-1**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Podcasting for Education** 


Date: August 18, 2006  
 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Fee (1 GB MP3 Player/Rec): \$269.00  
 Location: Booth Building, Pasco  
 Instructor: Karen Fasimpauer  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
 Register at: <http://www.ncce.org/handheld>

**PREVENTION SERVICES**

**Issues of Abuse** 


Date: June 14-15, 2006  
 Time: Varies  
 Fee: \$90.00  
 Location: Walla Walla  
 Instructor: Casey Cramer, M.A.  
 ESD Contact: Kelly Bolson  
**Course Number: PSO6-500-5**


**TECHNOLOGY**

**Media in the Classroom** 


Date: June 28, 2006  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructor: Donnetta Elsasser  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-089-1**

**SPECIAL SERVICES/PREVENTION SERVICES**

**Early Childhood Education Conference** 


Date: August 21-22, 2006  
 Fee: \$180 (by June 30), then \$220  
 Location: ESD 123, Pasco  
 Instructor: Constant Hine  
 ESD Contact: Beth Harrington  
**Course Number: PSO6-568-1** 

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Integrating Electronic Resources into the Classroom** 

Date: June 20, 2006  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructors: Diana Patitucci & Peggy Main  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-041-1**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Video Editing Using Windows XP Movie Maker** 

Date: June 29, 2006  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructor: Sonny Elsasser  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-091-1**

*Washington State School for the Blind*

**SUMMER INSTITUTE for EDUCATORS**


Date: July 23-28, 2006  
 Fee: \$375.00 (includes lodging)  
 Location: 2214 East 13th Street  
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**TECHNOLOGY**

**Integrating Electronic Resources into the Classroom** 

Date: June 21, 2006  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$50.00  
 Location: ESD 123  
 Instructors: Diana Patitucci & Peggy Main  
 ESD Contact: Brooklynn Mitchell  
**Course Number: ETO6-042-1**

**SPECIAL SERVICES/PREVENTION SERVICES**

**Community & Schools: Youth Support Conference** 

Date: August 1-3, 2006  
 Fee: \$225 (by June 30), then \$250  
 Location: Kennewick  
 Instructors: Erin Gruwell & Stanley Leone, Jr.  
 ESD Contact: Beth Harrington  
**Course Number: PSO6-567-1** 

### For More Information, Contact the ESD Receptionist

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registrations are due with full payment (check, credit card, or P.O.) at least one week prior to class date.

Registration fees are only refundable if the class is cancelled. Registrations are made on a first-come first-served basis.

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This training is ideal for any high school and/or middle school teacher interested in using these modules for either summer school or daily instruction during the school year. The modules available are in reading, writing, and math. This will be a 'hands-on' approach, and the teacher will leave with ready-to-use material.

Although the modules themselves are designed for the high school, the strategies within the modules would be applicable for middle school, except for mathematics.

**COST \$225**

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For more information please contact  
Christina Martinez, 509.544.5750.

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