

DRAGON TELLS . . .



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Have You Ever Wondered ... Who Was Arthur B. Ness? (Part 2)

Many thanks to our parent historian, Cindy Akins, for researching and writing this article.

Arthur B. Ness passed away on October 25th, 1971 and according to his obituary accomplished many great things. He was a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College and held Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Washington. Was a member of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity and of the National Education Association. He was also a member of the Millwood Community Presbyterian Church and of the Spokane Kiwanis Club. He was also a past member of the Millwood Concordia Masonic lodge and past commander of the Whidbey Island American Legion.

Arthur B. Ness was a dedicated man. To the school and what seems to be in life. From his book "A History of Orchard Park Schools and West Valley High School" that was written in 1952, he quoted Kipling which I think best describes his superintendence position and his passion:

"It ain't the individual
Or the army as a whole,
But the everlasting team work
Of every blooming soul."

So next time you walk through the doors of Arthur B. Ness Elementary think of the man who fought so hard to lay the foundation for the school we have today, a truly great man.

Switch and Save

Dear Citizens of the U.S.A.,

We have a terrible problem, too many people use regular light bulbs (75 watts). Now you might say "no big deal" but it is a big deal! The light bulbs we use every day have 75 watts, and more than half of this energy is wasted on heat, which causes global warming! We need to take action! So switch and save.

The second fact you should know about these different bulbs is that if you switch then you will save money. Let me tell you how. Regular light bulbs (75 watts) give 1,000 hours of light per bulb. But energy-saving light bulbs (20 watts) give 10,000 hours of light! So let's say that you have just put an energy-saving light bulb in your lamp, but your neighbor decides that he wants a regular light bulb. Your neighbor will have to switch his bulb 9 times while at the same time lucky you won't have to change at all. So switch and save.



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Rotary Club Book Distribution

On April 14th the East Spokane Rotary Club made their annual visit to Ness to distribute books and dictionaries to Ness fourth graders. Many thanks to these volunteers for their generosity towards our students.



IMPORTANT DATES:

4/29	Ness Skate Night- 6:00-8:00
5/5	Leo's Class Picture Day
5/18	WV Block Party-5:00-8:00
5/20	Book Bingo/2nd Harvest Food Bank-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Internet Safety Night: Presented by Spokane area Students

May 4th, 2010 • 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Trent Elementary Auditorium, 3303 N. Pines Road
Spokane Valley, WA

Educators, parents and law enforcement are now recognizing that awareness and true safety online is not found in software filters that try to protect children during the school day - it is found in education and community support that helps students develop the necessary safety skills whenever they are online.

Please join us for an interactive and engaging evening that will highlight East Valley students trained in Internet Safety sharing tips for staying safe online, while students from neighboring districts will share how important it is to utilize technology to stay connected and productive in today's digital world.

The free event, at 6:30 PM on May 4th, will contain information relevant to parents, students and the community-at-large. Topics to be addressed will include what kids are experiencing online such as issues involving social networking, cyberbullying and sexting. Students will discuss tips and common pitfalls to avoid while sharing information over the web. Additionally, student mentors will discuss strategies and provide resources that can help parents educate themselves and their children about online safety.

Students, parents, educators, and community members are invited to the free event, scheduled at the Trent Elementary Auditorium at 3303 N. Pines Road, Spokane Valley, WA.

Students Raise \$650



In Swaziland it costs \$650 dollars a year to attend high school. Mrs. Williams' 4th grade students decided to raise money to send a 14 year old female high school for their service project. The class raised money by asking students to donate 50 cents to be allowed to wear a hat in school several Thursdays during months of February and March. Many thanks to all the students, staff and parents who donated to this good cause. A special thanks to Brandie Kiefer for her donation.

Jundt Art Museum Field Trip

Ness third grade classes were fortunate to tour the Jundt Art Museum on the Gonzaga University campus. We viewed the senior class art exhibit, as well as Michael Ely's work and Chihuley blown glass pieces. This museum is free to the public, and well worth a visit. We were led on our tour by our Writer in Residence author, Susan Virnig. We ate our lunches in the MacCarthey gym, and watched some Zags practicing their free throws. We were allowed to sit in on a college classroom at the EWU Riverpoint campus, where we composed another poem. It was a great experience for all who attended.

