

# J A Wendt Elementary

August, 2017



Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. It is an honor to have been selected as the new principal of J A Wendt Elementary and John C Thomas Middle Schools. I'm eagerly looking forward to working with all of our students, parents, staff and community throughout the school year.

It is my belief that the most important job one will ever hold is that of a parent. As the parent of a six year old son, I recognize the efforts parents make on a daily basis to ensure we are providing a nurturing environment and supports to help our own children thrive. As a principal, I will approach my work with the students and families in much the same way. I consider it a privilege to be a part of your child/children's school life and watch them grow as learners. We will need to work together to help our students meet their greatest potential. I look forward to building this partnership with you!

The new school year is just a few weeks away. Maintenance staff is working hard to complete the painting and cleaning projects. They take such pride in creating what I call the "September sparkle" that almost makes the school feel brand new. Teachers are working to prepare their classrooms for the students and are anxious to create their classroom families. I am looking forward to learning about the school's curricular and extracurricular opportunities as well as the culture and climate that supports the social-emotional learning of our students. Most importantly, I look forward to working with you in service of our children.

Please be sure to take a look at the conference invitation from your child's teacher included in this letter. If you're unable to make the date and time assigned to you, please contact the teacher as soon as possible to reschedule. Conferences will take place during the first four days of school. Kindergarten through fifth grade students will attend school from 8:30-11:30 with parent conferences taking place in the afternoon (September 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>). Full days will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**I hope to see you at our Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 31st, at 6:00 for Elementary and 6:30 for Middle School.** For now, enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

September 5<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school and will be here before we know it! I've attached the a list of upcoming events on the next page.

Sincerely,

*Nikki Reese* – Principal

J A Wendt Elementary/John C Thomas Middle School  
Wahkiakum School District

## August/September 2017 K-8 Events

**NOTE: 1 hour late start every Thursday (9:30 start time)**

**Monday, August 21 - Fall Sports Practice Begins for Middle School**

**Thursday, August 31 – Back to School Night**

6 p.m. for Elementary Grades K-5

6:30 p.m. for Middle School Grades 6-8

**Tuesday, September 5 – First Day of School**

**September 5 – September 8 – Elementary Conferences (11:30 Dismissal)**

**Wednesday, September 6 – Volleyball Home vs. Winlock (5 p.m.)**

**Monday, September 11 – PTO Meeting @ 3:30 in the Library, Volleyball @ Napavine (5 p.m.)**

**Tuesday, September 12 – School Picture Day**

**Wednesday, September 13 – Volleyball Home vs. Toledo (5 p.m.)**

**Thursday, September 14 – Football @ Napavine (6 p.m.)**

**Monday, September 18 – Volleyball Home vs. Kalama (5 p.m.)**

**Tuesday, September 19 – Dream Team Dental Visit**

**Wednesday, September 20 – Volleyball @ Toutle Lake (5 p.m.)**

**Thursday, September 21 – Football @ Kalama (6 p.m.)**

**Monday, September 25 – Volleyball @ Winlock (5 p.m.)**

**Wednesday, September 27 – Volleyball Home vs. Napavine (5 p.m.)**

**Thursday, September 28 – Football Home vs. Toledo (6 p.m.)**