



## 4th Quarter Newsletter 2018

Julius A. Wendt Elementary

John C. Thomas Middle School



### **Wahkiakum School District Mission Statement:**

*We believe that education is a partnership with responsibility shared by all: school, family, students and community. All individuals shall be provided a safe, positive environment where they may reach their fullest potential as responsible citizens.*

### **Wahkiakum School District Vision Statement:**

*Learning is the mutual responsibility of the student, staff and the parents.*

*The goals of this vision are:*

- *To provide and maintain a positive school environment that enhances the learning experience for students.*
- *To create, model and maintain a school climate that develops acceptable social interaction and behavior.*
- *To provide an equal education opportunity for all.*
- *To incorporate technology into the educational environment to assist in meeting educational goals.*

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### **A Message from Mrs. Reese...**

Dear JAW & JCT Families,

Spring is here and the final quarter of the school year has arrived! There is much to do before the last day of school gets here. I tend to think of the fourth quarter as the “final push to June.” It’s a busy and exciting time for staff and students.

Third through eighth grade teachers are preparing their students for the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) they’ll be taking in May, as well as the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science for fifth and eighth grade students. Middle school students will also be busy completing their “country project” as the focus of the thematic unit middle school teachers have planned for the final quarter.

Elementary students will continue to participate in the Robotics lessons provided by Ron Wright and the high school students. It is awesome to see how interested our younger students are about this learning opportunity. I’ve been impressed by how quickly they’ve caught onto programming the robots and their robot designs have been very creative as well!

June will be here before we know it. Every day of learning counts. Please encourage your child to end the year strong!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Reese*



## **Important April Dates**

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Break/No School

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – No School/Local In-Service Day

**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Jump Rope for Heart (3-5 p.m. in the middle school gym, JCT Track at Home (3:30)

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – JAW PTO Meeting @ 3:15 in the Library

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Mass Bands Event (Woodland), Spring Book Fair Begins (through Fri. 4/20)

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten Registration Night at J.A. Wendt (6:00-7:30)

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Track at Morton White Pass

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Mailed Home, JCT 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> Period), JCT Family Math Night (5:30-7:00 in the MS Gym)

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Petting Zoo at the High School for K-5 Students (During the School Day)

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Track at Onalaska

### **April Information:**

**Kindergarten Registration** – Calling all incoming kindergartners! We will be registering incoming kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a [family registration night at J.A. Wendt for incoming kindergarten parents and students](#) on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Come and learn about kindergarten and get your child registered. If you're unable to attend the event, [registration packets can be downloaded on our website](#) or can be picked up at the main office at J.A. Wendt. It is important that we have an accurate count of students who will be attending to ensure we have the appropriate level of staffing in place!

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Taking High School Classes** – Students currently taking a high school class are eligible to receive high school credit. A parent must request for their child to receive credit in these classes. Students enrolled in Algebra I, Weight Training, Band, or Ag/Mechanics are eligible to receive high school credit. A letter will be attached to third quarter report cards for students that are eligible.

**Spring Book Fair** – The Scholastic Book Fair will be back the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents are welcome to visit and purchase books and other items. The book fair will be set-up in the library. Purchases can be made before school and during lunch recesses. This is a buy one, get one free event!

**Spring Assessments** – We will be starting the Smarter Balanced Assessments at the beginning of May. Students in grades 3-8 will be assessed in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). If you have appointments to make for your child, please try to schedule around the assessment dates scheduled for your child's grade level (grade level testing dates are listed in the May section). Also, be make sure your child arrives to school on time, as testing begins at the start of the school day.

**Thank You!!!** – The staff at J.A. Wendt would like to extend a huge thank you to our families and students that attended the Family Literacy Night at Camp Wahkiakum. The evening was a huge success with close to 200 attendees taking part in the various activities.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletes** – It is very important that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes understand that their grades for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will count for sports eligibility for the first quarter of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The [high school eligibility requirement](#) is different from the middle school. All student athletes must have at least a 1.75 GPA and no failing grades. If a student athlete does not meet those requirements, they miss the first five weeks of fall sports at the high school. Please remember to keep those grades up!

**ASB Elections** – We will be holding ASB elections the first week in May. We encourage students to sign up and run for office. Only current 7<sup>th</sup> graders can run for president. Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders can run for Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. We currently hold ASB meetings one/two Wednesdays each month at lunchtime. Any students are welcome but officers and class representatives make the decisions on activities and expenditures. Students can sign up to run for an office at the school office during the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Campaign week will be the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> and voting will take place on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Students can pick up information on each office to see what the job description is to help them to decide if they are interested. Encourage your student to [get involved in ASB and develop leadership skills](#).

**Baseball Equipment at School** – Please remind your child that we do not allow students to use regular bats at school. They may bring plastic bats for recess. We also do not allow hard balls, baseballs or softballs that are used in leagues. Students can bring mitts and play with the “softie” type balls or tennis balls. We also allow whiffle balls and bats for games. Please make sure your child has their name on their gear and that they understand the safety rules for school.



## Important May Dates

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing, PTO Meeting @ 3:15

**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing, JCT Home Track Meet (3:30), K-5 PTO Spring Family Night

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – MoPop Field Trip for Middle School Arts Elective Classes

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing, Annual Plant Sale at the JAW/JCT Garden

**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mid-Term

**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing, St. James Incoming Kindergarten Students Visit J.A. Wendt

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Testing, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Transition Night (6:00 at the HS)

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Snow Make-Up Day (Regular School Day)

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – No School (Memorial Day)

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Testing & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cispus Trip

## May/June Information:

**Important Info. For 8<sup>th</sup> Graders** – You need to have any fines for overdue library books or other school property paid before you participate in the Moving up Ceremony, or attend the end-of-year field trip to Wild Waves. If you have questions, please call the office at 360-795-3261.

**Summer School** – We plan to have summer school for students that qualify for LAP and Title services in the elementary school. Students recommended to take part in this opportunity will bring information home that includes details about summer school (dates/times, requirements). Parents will be asked to confirm their child's participation so that adequate staffing is in place.

**Lost and Found** – Please don't forget to check the lost and found before the end of the school year. We are always amazed at the number of items left behind. Items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to the local clothing bank.

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** – Please remember that all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders need a **TDAP booster shot** before they can enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please take care of this immunization before the school year starts and provide the record of the shot to the main office.



### Important June Dates

**Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Celebration, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Cispus

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Bowling Trip

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Wild Waves

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – JCT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly, PTO Meeting @ 3:15

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** – K-8 Color Run (1-3 p.m.)

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten Promotion (2:15-3:00 p.m. in the MS Gym)

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Thematic Unit Presentations (4-6 p.m. in the MS Gym)

**Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony (7 p.m. in the MS Gym)

**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Field Day, Last Day of School (11:30 Release)

**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Wahkiakum High School Graduation

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!!!**