



3rd Quarter Newsletter 2019



Julius A. Wendt Elementary
John C. Thomas Middle School
"Every Student, Every Day"

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.*

A Message from Mrs. Reese...

Dear JAW & JCT Families,

It's hard to believe that the half-way point of the school year has passed and in less than five months, summer will be here! January went by quickly, as students completed mid-year assessments and wrapped up second quarter. We're now a week into third quarter and the big push to get as much teaching/learning in before spring testing is under way!

Spring may be just around the corner, but it looks like winter isn't in any hurry to leave us. This week's forecast could bring us a bit of the "white stuff" and very cold overnight temperatures. This could cause delays or closures. We do our best to get information out about delays/closures as early as possible for families. Please make sure that the office has your current contact information on file so that you'll get the automated message from the District that communicates information about delays and closures. The Flash Alert app is also free and works with Android phones and iPhones. It provides timely alerts about school delays and closures. Local radio and Portland television stations are also ways to stay in the know, but aren't always the quickest to report on our District. In the event of a two hour delay, breakfast is not

served to students, so please be sure your child/children has breakfast before coming to school. The school hours for a two hour delay are 10:30-3:05. The doors open to students at 10:00.

There are some fun events coming up for elementary families this and next month. The PTO has a winter family math night planned for this Wednesday, February 6th from 4-6:30. A family math night is being planned by teachers and will take place on Wednesday, March 27th. An invitation to this event will be sent home with students in early March. We hope you're able to join us for these fun evenings!

As always, I'm so grateful for the relationships I've been able to build with families and most importantly, the students. The students at J.A. Wendt and John C. Thomas are amazing children with great potential. I can't think of a better way to spend my days than with the students in our community. They give me great hope for the future. Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Reese



Important February Dates

Tuesday, February 5th – 1st/2nd Grade to Oregon Children's Theatre, JCT 2nd Quarter Awards Assembly

Wednesday, February 6th – Highly Capable Testing, J.A. Wendt PTO Winter Family Night (4-6:30), JCT Boys' Bball @ Kalama (3:15 bus)

Thursday, February 7th – Late Start

Friday, February 8th – J.A. Wendt PTO Popcorn Day, JCT Boys' Bball @ Morton White Pass (1:35 bus)

Monday, February 11th – JCT Spirit Week (Pajama Day)

Tuesday, February 12th – JCT Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, February 13th – JCT Red Out Day, JCT Boys' Bball Home vs. Onalaska (1 p.m.)

Thursday, February 14th – Valentine's Day, Late Start, JCT Formal Day, MS Valentine's Ball @ 2:00

Friday, February 15th – JCT Clash Day

Monday, February 18th – No School/President's Day

Thursday, February 21st – Late Start

Friday, February 22nd – J.A. Wendt PTO Popcorn Day, JCT Hoops for Heart Event

Wednesday, February 27th – 11:30 Dismissal for Mid-Winter Break

Thursday, February 28th – No School/Mid-Winter Break

February Information:

Highly Capable Testing – Highly Capable testing will take place on February 6th. All third graders, students referred by teachers and parents will also be tested. If a parent wishes to opt their third grader out of testing, they need to contact the office prior to February 6th.

8th 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 was attached to second quarter report cards for students that are eligible.

Hoops for Heart – The students at John C. Thomas will have the opportunity to take part in the annual Hoops for Heart fundraiser to support the American Heart Association. Students should have brought information home about the fundraiser the last week in January. The actual event will take place on Friday, February 22nd, from 1:30-3:00. Please email Mrs. Badger if you have any questions (cbadger@wahksd.k12.wa.us).

Family Access – The majority of our families are now using [Family Access](#) to regularly check on their student's grades, missing assignments, lunch accounts, attendance and to email teachers. If you have not set up an account please stop by the office and you will have access in no time. This is a great tool that helps parents stay better connected to their child's progress at school.

ELPA 21 – The window for the annual English Language Learners Assessment is January 28th – March 22nd. Students with English as a Second Language will be tested during this window. This assessment tracks English Language acquisition and progress. If you have any questions please contact Nikki Reese at 795-3261.



Important March Dates

Friday, March 1st – No School/Mid-Winter Break

Monday, March 4th – 3rd Quarter Mid-Term, JCT Track Begins

Thursday, March 7th – Late Start

Friday, March 8th – J.A. Wendt PTO Popcorn Day

Saturday, March 9th – JCT Dance (7:00-9:00)

Monday, March 11th – JAW PTO Meeting @ 3:30 in the Library

Thursday, March 14th – JCT Family Literacy Night (5-6:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 18th – Missoula Children's Theatre Tryouts (3:15)

Tuesday, March 19th Missoula Children's Theatre Practice (3:15 - ?)

Wednesday, March 20th – Missoula Children's Theatre Practice (3:15 - ?), JCT Track @ Toutle Lake

Thursday, March 21st – Late Start, Missoula Children's Theatre Practice (3:15 - ?)

Friday, March 22nd – J.A. Wendt PTO Popcorn Day, Missoula Children's Theatre (3:15 - ?)

Saturday, March 23rd – Missoula Children's Theatre Performances (3 p.m. and 5 p.m. @ WHS Gym)

Wednesday, March 27th – J.A. Wendt Family Math Night (6-7:30 in the MPR)

Thursday, March 28th – Late Start

Friday, March 29th – No School/Snow Make-Up Day

March Information:

Middle School Family Literacy Night on March 14, 2019, 5-6:30 – The middle school teachers have planned a night for parents and their children to engage in fun literacy activities. There will be a scavenger hunt, fun literacy based games (ex: spelling bee and wheel of fortune bowling) and pizza at the end of the event. There will also be prizes families can win. We hope that you can join us!

Elementary Family Math Night on March 27th, 6-7:30 – The elementary teachers and PTO group are busy planning a fun night for elementary students and families. Families will be invited to visit several different math stations and play a variety of math games. We're also excited to share a little bit about our new math program. Students will bring home an invitation to the event in early March. Please return the RSVP, as we plan to provide a hotdog dinner and will need to know how much food to prepare. We hope to see you there!

Spring Testing – The annual state assessment window for the Smarter Balanced Assessment in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math opens March 4th and runs through June 6th. Staff is currently working on the assessment calendar and we will inform parents of exact testing dates when it is completed. Students in 3rd – 8th grades take both the ELA and Math test. Fifth and eighth grade will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment for Science (WCAS) during the testing window mentioned above.



Important April Dates

Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 5th – Spring Break

Monday, April 8th – JAW PTO Meeting @ 3:30 in the Library

Wednesday, April 10th – JCT Track @ Mossyrock

Thursday, April 11th – Late Start, Last Day of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 12th - No School/Local In-Service

Monday, April 15th – First Day of 4th Quarter

Wednesday, April 17th – 3rd/4th Grade Music Program @ 2:00 in the MPR, JCT Track @ Adna

Thursday, April 18th – Late Start, JCT 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly

Wednesday, April 24th - JCT Track @ Kalama

Thursday, April 25th – Late Start

Friday, April 26th – J.A. Wendt PTO Popcorn Day

April Information:

Spring Break – Spring break is scheduled for Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 5th. School will resume on Monday, April 8th.

Baseball Equipment at School – Baseball season is just around the corner. 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 these safety rules for school.