



## 4th Quarter Newsletter 2019



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,

How is it possible that the final quarter of the school year is here and we're down to less than two months of school before the year comes to an end? The final weeks of school are always filled with culminating projects, field trips and end-of-year celebrations. It's a busy and exciting time for staff and students.

Assessment season is upon us! Like last year, 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. Testing dates are included in the "Important May Dates" section of this newsletter. Middle school students will also be busy completing their "career project" as the focus of the thematic unit middle school teachers have planned for the final quarter.

The District garden committee is working on a new project some of you may have heard about. They've been busy clearing/prepping a piece of land to create an orchard and raised garden area on the hillside behind the high school greenhouse. The goal is for this to become an outdoor learning space for all students, as well as providing healthy foods for students to access throughout the year. The kick-off for this new project will be

celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is also Earth Day! If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact Mrs. Reese and she'll get you connected with the committee.

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

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### **Important April Dates**

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Track @ Adna (1:10 bus)

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program @ 2:00 in the MPR

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Third Quarter Awards Assembly, Kindergarten Registration Night (6-7:30 in the MPR)

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Get Mailed Home, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> to Career Fair at WHS

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Earth Day/School Garden's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday!, Petting Zoo at the HS for K-5 Students (During the School Day)

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – School Board Meeting @ 5:30 in the HS Library

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** – JCT Track @ Kalama (1:50 bus), K-5 Books for Kids Distribution

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – JAW Popcorn Day

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade College Visit to LCC

### **April Information:**

**Kindergarten Registration** – Calling all incoming kindergartners! We will be registering incoming kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a family registration night at J.A. Wendt for incoming kindergarten parents and students on Thursday, April 18<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 picked up at the main office at J.A. Wendt. It is important that we have an accurate count of students that will be attending to ensure that 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 letter/form was sent home with second quarter report cards for students eligible to receive high school credit. If you misplaced or forgot to return this form, please contact Cinnon, at the main office (360)-795-3261. This form must be on a file for a student to receive high school credit. Students enrolled in Algebra I, Weight Training, Band, or Ag/Mechanics are eligible to receive high school credit.

**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, 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 Superhero Math Night. The evening was a huge success with just over 140 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Campaign week will be the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> and voting will take place on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</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**

**Wednesday, May 1st** – JCT Track @ Onalaska (1:10)

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prevention Students to Prevention Summit

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

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

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** – JAW Popcorn Day

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** – JAW PTO Meeting @ 3:30 in the Library

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mid-Term, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> SBA Testing, High School Orientation (6:00 at the HS Library)

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Testing

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> WCAS Testing (Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science)

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – No School

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – No School/Memorial Day

**Wednesday, May 29** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Fort Clatsop

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Cispus (May 30 – June 1)

### **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 K-4 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. Any middle school students that failed a core class two or more quarters, or failed five or more core classes over the course of the year will be required to attend summer school. Families of students in this situation will be notified by Mrs. Reese after third and fourth quarter grades are posted.

**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

Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – JCT Honor Roll Bowling Trip (12:00-3:00)

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Wild Waves

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – MS/HS Spring Band Concert (7 p.m. HS Gym)

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - K-8 Color Fun Run (2:00)

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – JAW PTO Meeting @ 3:30 in the Library

Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Career Project Presentations (3:30-5:00 in the MS Gym)

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – JCT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly, Kindergarten Graduation (2:15 in the MPR)

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

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (11:30 Dismissal), K-8 Field Day, Wahkiakum High School Graduation

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