

Cultural Performance for Head Start



The Madras High School Culture Enrichment Club performed at the Agency Longhouse last Thursday for the children in Head Start.

The performances included traditional Hispanic dances, traditional Native American dance and Native American flute music.



Yvonne Iverson pictures

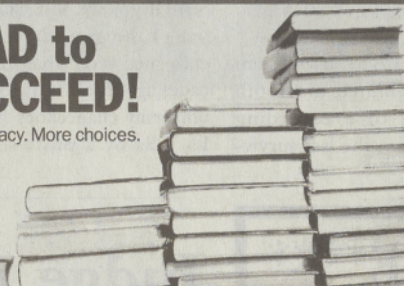


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It's Winter...

Do We Know Where our Parents Are?

It looks like winter has finally arrived and we want to remind parents and families to prepare for school delays and closures. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date so we can keep you in loop when there are changes in the school schedule. We send out automated phone messages and/or emails to make sure you have important information right away.

Please contact your school office if you need to add or change your contact information. And don't forget we always have updates on our local radio, tv and news stations.

It's Testing Time Again

We are beginning our second round of student testing and we want to remind parents and families to help and support their students as they prepare and participate in the OAKS, DIBELS and STARS assessments. Ask your student about their tests and how they are feeling about them.

Please make sure your children are getting plenty of rest, eating healthy foods and setting aside time to study, prepare and do homework.

Calendar

January

- 1/23 2-Hour Late Start
- 1/30 Rescheduled School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Buff Intermediate Multi-purpose Room

February

- 2/3 No School (Teacher Work Day, End of 1st Semester)

Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor

Superintendent



Welcome to winter! We're off to a great start in 2012 and I'd like to thank our JCSD 509-J families, community members, teachers, staff and students for their on-going support and involvement. As many of you know, a group of local community members has been working hard to review our district facility needs and possible funding sources.

The District-wide Facility Planning Committee will be making a recommendation to the school board by the end of this month and we will be providing you with updates on their progress and recommendations as we learn more. This process is important to our schools and students and we feel fortunate to have such a dedicated group of community members involved.

The following facility projects are currently being evaluated:

- Construction of a new K-8 school building in Warm Springs
- Construction of a performing arts center

General improvements for each of our school buildings

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via phone: (541)475-6192 or email: rmolitor@509j.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

The School Board will be hearing from the Facility Planning Committee on Monday, January 30, at 6:00pm in the Buff Intermediate Multi-purpose Room. The Board would like to hear from community members on the facility needs and desires as well. Please join us on the 30th.

After School Electives

Madras High School students who want to take an elective class, but can't program it into their schedule can now take it after school. The new Q3 Extended Day offers a variety of elective classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classes begin on February 7th and run through April 12th. Students may register for one of the classes below by submitting a completed registration form to their counselor. The form must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. In order to provide these elective classes, there must be a minimum number of students signed up.

The Warm Springs activity bus will be available to students who attend elective classes for the entire period. Students who participate in Q3 Extended Day will also have the opportunity to earn a credit towards graduation based on their individual attendance, participation, and proficiency.

Elective Classes

- Portrait Drawing & Painting
Phil Smith
- Myth & Legend
Clark Jones
- Scrapbooking & Card Making
Julie Mitchell
- Introduction to French
Richard Sargent
- Success 111
Dr. Dan Bullara
- English 3
Jess Swagger

For more information or to pick up a registration form, visit the counseling office or call (541) 475-6192.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 8th grade students in the alternative learning program at the Westside School Annex recently participated in a series of activities and lessons on tolerance.

"I want them to understand that when it comes to tolerance, progress can be made. We've come a long way."
— Henry Coates, teacher, JCMS

