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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor
Superintendent



Dear JCSD Families and Friends,

As we gear up for the 2013-2014 school year, I'd like to welcome and thank each of you for your continued support, confidence and participation in the education of our Jefferson County children. Our school district team has been working hard to help students learn and grow. Over the past few years, we have made a lot of changes to improve the way we teach and engage students. While we still have a ways to go, our state test scores have been improving steadily. This year, we face new challenges as the National education standards have increased. The new standards will push us to reach even higher to close the gap between our current scores and where we need to be. This means that our teachers and staff will need your help more than ever before.

Your input and involvement is critical to the success of our kids. There are many ways to participate and be part of the changes taking place in our school district. Your first opportunity to get involved will be at your school's open house event. You will be able to meet with the staff members who are committed to making our school successful. We are asking you, as parents and family members, to attend your child's open house event and be part of our ongoing conversations. You will also find additional ways to become more involved with your child's education. We want to be sure that the things happening in our schools don't happen "to" you, but "with" you instead.

We are proud of our students, teachers and staff and we look forward to celebrating their success in partnership with you. We are also excited to work as a team with you to help them succeed. Together, we can help our students achieve their dreams.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or your school principal at any time. Our doors are open and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rick Molitor, Superintendent

CONSTRUCTION ZONE



(Left) Madras Primary play yard and parking lot. (Middle/right) Warm Springs K-8 football field under construction.

It's been a busy summer for the construction crews working to upgrade and build new facilities in our school district. We recognize that the construction projects may impact our families and neighbors, particularly around Buff Intermediate, Madras High School and Madras Primary. We'd like to thank our families and neighbors for their patience during this busy time.

Among the many projects underway, here are a few things to watch for:

Madras High School

This month, we celebrated the new Madras High School Performing Arts Center and Athletic Complex with a ground breaking ceremony for our communities. As construction moves forward, the student athletic parking lot will be closed. Also, all home football games will be moved to Culver High School during construction.

Madras Primary

A new parking lot and playground are well underway at Madras Primary and are scheduled to be completed by the start of school.

Jefferson County Middle School

JCMS students will kick off the new school year with a brand new athletic track!

Warm Springs K-8

Construction for the new K-8 school in Warm Springs is on track and moving forward! The building is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2014.

Looking forward!

Administrators from all of our District schools recently gathered and shared their thoughts about the upcoming school year. Here's what a few of them had to say about 2013/2014:

"I'm looking forward to watching the growth of our current 8th grade students, having started with them in 6th grade and seeing all our efforts coming to fruition."

Trevor Flaherty, JCMS Assistant Principal,

"I'm looking forward to being with my students and staff again. Also to continue our journey with math education."

Craig Morgan, Metolius Elementary Principal

"I'm looking forward to creating a shared vision, making commitments and promoting growth and achievement for both adults and students district-wide."

Rosalynn Jaeger, Buff Intermediate Principal

"I'm looking forward to construction, student growth, smiling faces. I believe our greatest opportunity is to really focus on what our K-8 system will look like in the future."

Darryl Smith, Director of Human Resources and Operations

"I'm looking forward to a consistent staff and following through on current initiatives while evolving and changing to make JCMS better."

Simon White, JCMS Principal

2013-14 509-J Administrative Staff



(Back row) Simon White, Rick Molitor, Diane Dominiak, Nate Tyler, Trevor Flaherty, Craig Morgan, (Middle row) Darryl Smith, Martha Bewley, Barbara Garland, Sarah Braman-Smith, Deborah Hunt, Melinda Boyle, Dawn Smith, (Front row) Glenna DeSouza, Rosalynn Jaeger, Paul Navarra.

"I'm looking forward to connecting with our community and building a more comprehensive education system."

Rick Molitor, Superintendent

Open Houses

JCMS
9/5 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
MHS
9/9 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Warm Springs Elementary
9/12 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Buff Intermediate
9/12 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Metolius Elementary
9/24 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Madras Primary
9/26 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Calendar September

9/9 First day of school for grades 1-6 & 9
9/10 First day of school for grades 7-8 & 10-12
9/25 2-hour early release

Our Newest Administrative Team Members

The JCSD team is proud to announce two new principals. Please join us in welcoming them!

Deborah Hunt, Madras Primary Principal

"I am most looking forward to building relationships with families and finding ways to increase parent and community involvement in our school."

Glenna DeSouza, Warm Springs K-8 Planning Principal

"I am most looking forward to getting to know the Jefferson County School District community and being part of the K-8 building process and celebrating its opening."

Registration for new students

New Student Registration begins August 28th. Call your school to register. Kindergarten parents need to schedule an appointment for conferences.

Madras Primary
Grades K, 1, 2
541-475-3520

Buff Intermediate
Grades 3, 4, 5
541-475-2457

Metolius Elementary
Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
541-546-3104

Warm Springs Elementary
Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
541-553-1128

Jefferson County Middle School
Grades 6, 7, 8
541-475-7253

Madras High School
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
541-475-7265