

# 509-J Schools in Action!

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Teacher Jill Briskey (top left) celebrates with her Fifth grade Reading Mastery students who graduated from the program this month. (Clockwise from top left) Estaban Ortega, Alaexandra Galan, Logan Kurr, Israel Panaloz and Alyssa Collver.



Third grade Students from Metolius shop at the school Holiday Store with "Wolf Tickets" earned through good behavior.

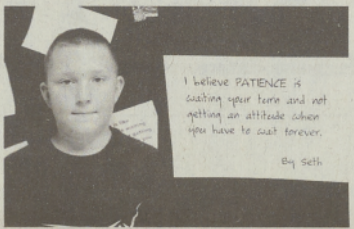
## Fifth grade students make history as first to graduate from Reading Mastery Program

A group of 5th grade students at Buff Intermediate celebrated a great accomplishment this week: They became the first students to complete the Reading Mastery Program from Kindergarten through grade 5. The Reading Mastery Program is designed to provide students with extra help in meeting their grade-level reading goals. This group has been working hard to improve their skills and join their 5th grade peers. The students graduated this month and are excited to be moving to the next reading level. They completed an impressive 40 lessons this year, focusing on learning how to take notes and understand complicated concepts.

"These kids have worked their tails off and I'm so proud of them," said Jill Briskey, 5th grade teacher who leads the reading group. "They've been pushing themselves to do two lessons a day, and they have made incredible progress."



Buff Principal Rosalynn Jaeger shares a moment with Hope King, grade 3.



Seth Colton, grade 5 shares his definition of patience at Buff.

## Holiday Store provides students with gift-giving opportunities

Metolius Elementary is helping students buy holiday gifts for their friends and family in a creative way. Every day, students have the chance to earn "Wolf Tickets," which are given out as a reward for being kind, respectful and following the rules. Students bring their Wolf Tickets to the "Holiday Store" to buy items that have been donated by parents, teachers and staff.

"The kids are thrilled to buy things for others with their Wolf Tickets," said Laurie Sensibough, retired 2nd grade teacher. Sensibough started the program a few years ago with Connie Henderson, and still returns each year to help out. Lola Hagman, who is in charge of the Holiday Store this year, is amazed at how generous the donations have been.

"It's special for the students to have the opportunity to buy gifts for the people they care about," said Hagman. "It has also been a really great incentive for them to demonstrate positive behavior and respect for one another."



Natalia Olivares (left) and Julissa Figueroa.



(From left) Grace Friederichs, Crystal Gonzales, retired teacher and volunteer Laurie Sensibough, and Maurie Sanchez.



Kindergarten Teacher Renee Rodin with students and son Wyatt Rodin at Warm Springs Elementary.

## Help from JCSD alumni inspires students at Warm Springs Elementary

Renee Rodin, kindergarten teacher at Warm Springs Elementary, had extra help in her classroom last week as her son Wyatt Rodin was home from college for the holidays. Wyatt just completed his first semester at Eastern Oregon University and is working towards a degree in Natural Resources with a minor in Wildlife. He is an alumnus of Madras High School, and attended Warm Springs Elementary and Jefferson County Middle school as well.

"I had a great experience growing up and going to school in Jefferson County," said Wyatt. "I felt like I was part of a family at Warm Springs Elementary. I was never treated like a minority, even though I was one of the only white kids in my class."

Mother, Renee Rodin appreciated Wyatt's assistance.

"The kids always get excited when younger people like Wyatt come into the classroom to help out," said Rodin. "Wyatt is a good role model for these kids and they look up to him."



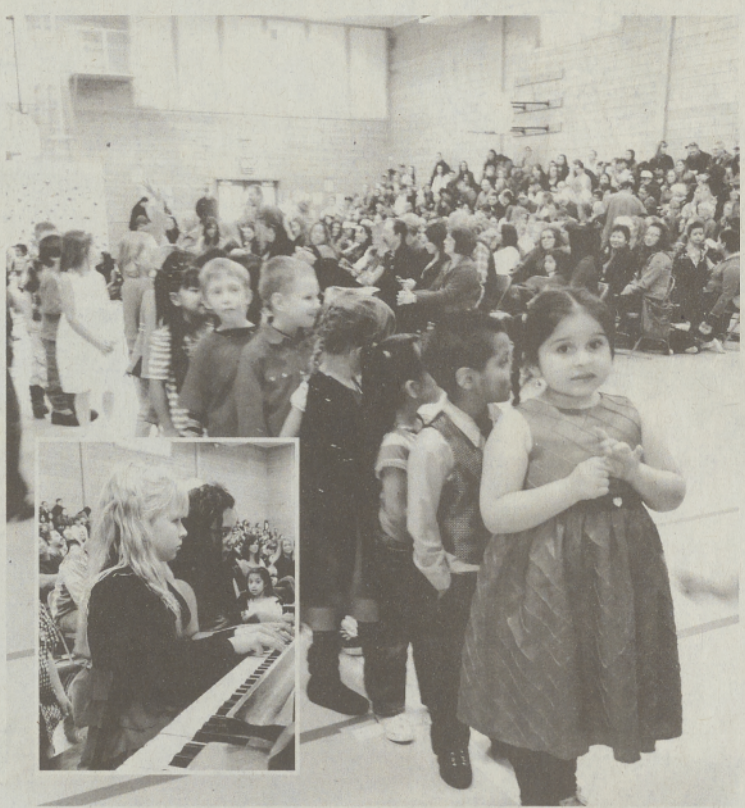
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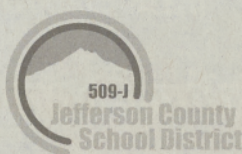
Gavin Williams (left) and Roxy Crowe Wallulatan find a seat for lunch at WSE.



(From left) Paradise Smith, Maylene Smith and Daniel Jackson get ready for lunch in the WSE Cafeteria.



Kindergarten students successfully complete their songs at the Madras Primary holiday concert. (Inset) Mia Mitchell (left) and Fatima Valdorinos perform Jolly Old St. Nick.



## Impact Aid Funds

### We need your input!

JCSD is reaching out to get more community input about how Impact Aid dollars are spent. If you missed the Impact Aid Hearing in Warm Springs in November, you can still complete an online survey. The survey date has been extended until January 6th. Visit [jcsd.k12.or.us](http://jcsd.k12.or.us).

## Calendar

### January

- 1/6 Back to School
- 1/13 School Board Meeting  
7 - 10 p.m. JCMS
- 1/15 2-hour Early Release
- 1/20 Martin Luther King  
Junior Day -- No school
- 1/27 School Board Meeting  
7 - 10 p.m.  
Buff Intermediate School
- 1/31 End of Quarter -- No School