

509-J Schools in Action!

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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor
Superintendent



Our team is gearing up to welcome students back to the 2014-2015 school year and we have a lot to look forward to. With the opening of our Warm Springs K-8 Academy and a new athletic complex and performing arts center at the high school, this community has sent a message to our children that their education and future is important. Thanks to parents, families and community members for your ongoing support and patience as we continue to reach higher.

Several of you participated in a three-day strategic design workshop that included parents, families, teachers, staff, students and members of our community. The process was remarkable and your input is helping us to design our District's strategic vision that will carry us through the next several years. Over this next year, you will be hearing more about the Strategic Plan and I want to invite your ongoing feedback and participation in guiding our work. A copy of our current draft Strategic Plan is available on our website at jcsd.k12.or.us. Our students will be more successful if we continue to work together to make education a priority in Jefferson County.

Lastly, I want to share some steps the District is taking to ensure that we are doing everything we possibly can to protect our students from sexual abuse. Recently, we've been working with the School District Association of Oregon (SDAO) to review our policies and identify added steps we can take to prevent abuse and misconduct in our schools. As a result, we are bringing in a training program to help staff, students, parents and community members identify predatory behaviors and prevent sexual misconduct. We also need your help. If you see or hear of anything that you think might be inappropriate, we ask that you contact us immediately. We need to work together to keep our kids safe.

As always, thank you for your support and communication. Keep asking questions and getting involved.

— Rick Molitor



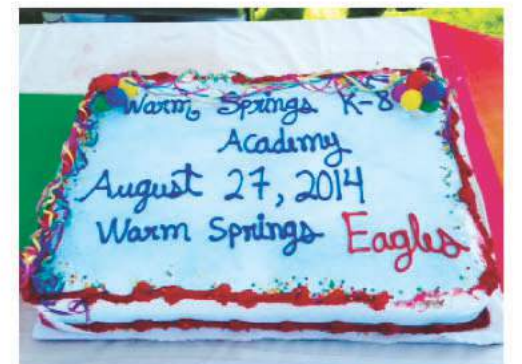
Off to a great start!

Last month, JCSD celebrated two important milestones with the dedication of the new Warm Springs K-8 Academy and the Madras High School stadium. Community members joined teachers, staff, students and parents in the celebration of our schools and the children of JCSD.

"We are so excited to have this wonderful facility for the students of Warm Springs," said Glenna DeSouza, Warm Springs K-8 principal. "Our new school will support and enhance the learning and technology needs of the future for our students and families."

According to JCSD superintendent Rick Molitor, the long-awaited stadium at Madras High School will allow students to compete and practice on their home field once again.

"I can't wait to showcase the amazing stadium to our communities and the taxpayers of 509-J," said Molitor.



Services for Warm Springs Students & Families

The District team recently signed an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to share nursing and counseling services between the school and community. This means that nurses and counselors from the district and the Tribes will care for students and families both on campus and in the community. We also look forward to our continued relationship with the Warm Springs Police Department and welcome officer Webb back to our school.

"Sharing Tribal and District resources will help us provide better services to our students and families,"

— Rick Molitor, JCSD superintendent.



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— Glenna DeSouza, Warm Springs K-8 principal



Tracking student progress at MHS

A new web-based information system called Illuminate is helping Madras High School teachers, parents and students track and monitor student progress more effectively. No special software is required to use the Illuminate system. All you need is internet access. Look for more information coming out from MHS.

"Illuminate will give us a better understanding of what each student needs to be successful in school," said MHS principal Sarah Braman-Smith.

Superintendent Molitor added, "In the future, we hope to roll this system out District-wide so teachers, students and parents can have easy access to real-time information."

Ready, Set, Go!

Visit the District website at

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to see the school supply list and 2014-2015 parent calendar.



Calendar

September

9/9 First Day of School
Grades: 1-5
JCMS grade: 6
MHS grade: 9
WS K-8 grades: 1-8

9/10 First Day of School
JCMS grades: 7-8
MHS grades: 10-12

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
WILL BE ON INDIVIDUAL
SCHOOL SCHEDULES

9/24 Two-hour early release

October

10/9 Non-Student Day