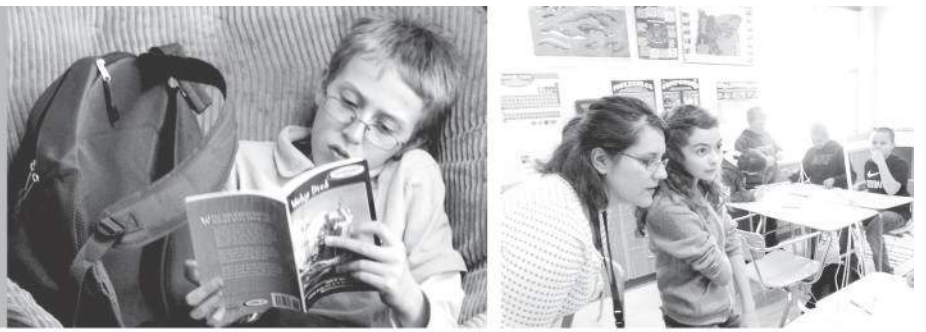


509-J Schools in Action!

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A day in the life of JCMS: Cody Walton (left), grade 7, enjoys some quiet reading time. Ms. Bilanovic (right) coaches students in a "Marshmallow Challenge" team-building exercise.

Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor Superintendent



It's hard to describe the excitement and pride our team and students are experiencing as we start the school year with the new K-8 school in Warm Springs and the stadium and performing arts center in Madras. It feels like there is a renewed sense of hope and enthusiasm throughout the District and we thank our community for their belief in our students, teachers and staff.

In fact, we may have been a bit too enthusiastic during our first stadium activity when we greeted our neighbors with a rousing morning assembly! Our apologies and please know we will be more careful about stadium speaker volume moving forward!

We're looking forward to a great year and we hope to see you in one of our buildings soon (new or old)!

— Rick Molitor

"This year, the kids told me they couldn't wait to come back to school."

— Dawn Hendrix, JCMS academic writing teacher



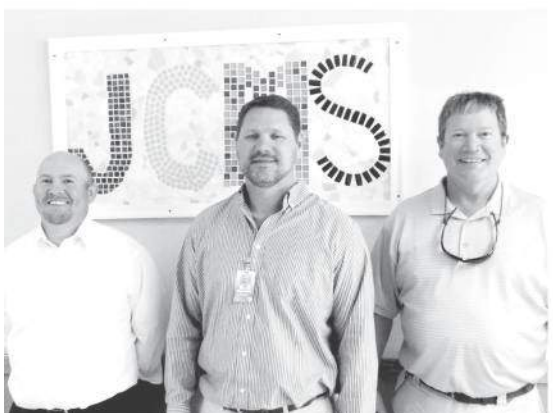
Dawn Hendrix sometimes calls on Rosie the Riveter to help students recognize their potential. Hendrix is teaching a new academic writing class at JCMS to better prepare students for high school, college and careers.



Ms. Bilanovic's JCMS science students take on the "Marshmallow Challenge" building tall structures with uncooked pasta and marshmallows. (From left) Sixth graders Crystal Correa, Rosario Perez, Isaih Ruelas and Jerman Mongue share their accomplishment.

"I believe students should be treated with respect and equality and I treat them as I want to be treated."

— Phyllis Ruhl, JCSD 509J bus driver celebrating her 18th year driving for the District.



Principal Simon White (center) welcomes new Vice Principal Brent Walsh (left) and Athletic Director Evan Brown (right) to the JCMS team.

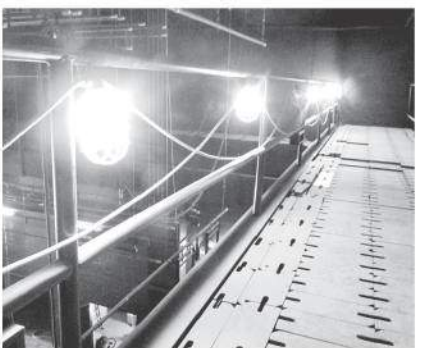


(From left) Logan Phifer, grade 6 and Reed Surber, grade 7, share a book during reading time at JCMS.



District Transportation team members Phyllis Ruhl and Mark Underwood help the District get off to a good start by helping students figure out the new bus schedules.

Construction Zone at MHS



(clockwise from top left): MHS Alumni and Skanska team member Jacob Struck puts final touches on the new MHS stadium. The new track at the MHS stadium. Madras Performing Arts Center to be complete in the coming months.

JCSD Transportation Team Shines

The District bus schedule was a bit complicated at the beginning of the school year with changes in bus schedules, but Tim Whittaker, District operations supervisor, and the JCSD 509J transportation team kept kids moving about safely and efficiently.

"Our transportation crew did an amazing job of taking care of students during the transition," said JCSD 509J Superintendent Rick Molitor. "Their kindness, patience and concern for each and every student is impressive. I think we sometimes forget to recognize what an important role our drivers play in creating a safe and happy learning environment for our children."

JCSD Alumni: Where are they now?

Do you know a JCSD 509J alumni who has moved on to college and/or career success? We are looking to feature our graduates in future "Schools in Action" updates. If you know of a former student, drop a note and photo to Superintendent Rick Molitor: rmolitor@509j.net.

Keeping kids safe

After careful internal and external review of the District's policies and procedures regarding the prevention of sexual misconduct, the JCSD 509J team found that all required systems are in place. That said, District leadership is concerned about the incidents that have occurred over the past year. As a result, District leadership has proactively initiated a safety program with NewDawn Security, a predator prevention specialty group that helps train school staff and parents. NewDawn also assigns security specialists to each school building and provides an anonymous reporting system to help identify behavior that has the potential to lead to abuse or misconduct.

"We recognize that the standard precautions aren't always enough and we want to make it crystal clear that we have zero-tolerance for predatory behavior in our schools," said JCSD 509J Superintendent Rick Molitor. "We need parents to help be part of the solution so our training will reach beyond our teachers and staff and we're hoping to make a difference at home as well as school."

For more information, contact Superintendent Rick Molitor at (541) 475-6192 or rmolitor@509j.net.



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Calendar

October

- 10/9 Non-student Day
- 10/10 No School: Teacher Work Day
- 10/13 School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/15 Two Hour Early Release
- 10/27 School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/29 Two Hour Early Release