

# 509-J Schools in Action!

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**Above left:** Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Janet Corpas shares some small group learning time with students at Buff Intermediate as part of the District's speech and language program. **Above right:** Fifth grade Buff Intermediate students Briann Ellis and Ada Hidalgo bring supplies to Ms. Linderman's class for a lesson on health systems.



Third grade students Valerie Alonso (left) and Carly Russell spend a minute with teacher Cora Flores after reading class at Buff Intermediate School.

## Buff Intermediate students reading to succeed

This year, students, teachers and staff at Buff Intermediate School are celebrating their best academic year ever. Not only did Buff move up on the state report card (from a level 2 to a level 3 school), but test scores are improving for all students across the board.

According to 3rd grade teacher Cora Flores, the District's new reading standards and materials are more engaging and the students are thriving. "We're seeing students go from reading 50 words per minute to 80-90 words per minute and we're only on unit two," said Flores. "It's definitely more labor-intensive and they are being asked to understand at a higher level, but they are willing to accept whatever challenge I give them."

Flores explained that interest levels are also improving with the new Read Well K-3 curriculum that allows teachers to adjust teaching for each student's individual learning needs.



Third grade students Ninette Garcia (left) and Dereck Salgado work on writing skills with teacher Denise Garcia.

## Co-teaching helps students improve writing skills

Buff Intermediate writing teacher Denise Garcia has been visiting 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classrooms to help teachers work one-on-one with English learner students to improve reading, speaking and listening skills.

"I like to write about animals and family," explained Ninette.

"I like to write about my family too," added Dereck.

According to teacher Garcia, the District is working with a new curriculum to help students become better writers and meet state standards.


"Instead of pulling students out of class to work on writing, we're coming to them in their classrooms and co-teaching with their regular teachers," said Garcia who also encourages students to help each other with assignments.



Fifth grade leadership students Elli Williams, Destiny Ponce and Yaya Norato-Orozco on their way to deliver notices at Buff Intermediate.

## Fifth grade leaders make a big difference

There are 28 fifth grade leadership students at Buff Intermediate and they are doing great work to help teachers, staff and fellow students. In addition to delivering notices and other supplies, they are currently building a "buddy bench" so students will have a welcoming place to go when they feel like they need a friend. Once the bench is complete, leadership students will help monitor the bench and buddy with their peers who sit there.



**Calendar**

**November**

10 No School: end of quarter/teacher work day

11 No School: Veterans Day

17 School Board Meeting  
7 p.m. / Support Services Bldg.

19 2-hour early release

24-28 No School: Thanksgiving break

**December**

8 Impact Aid Meeting & School Board Meeting  
6 p.m. / Warm Springs K-8 Community Room

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## What parents should know about child sexual abuse

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 1 in 3 girls, and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually assaulted before they turn 18. An estimated 30% of sexual assaults go unreported and 98% of those victims return to school after the assault. JCSD is partnering with New Dawn Security to prevent sexual abuse and protect students from sexual predators. But the District can't do this alone. Parents and family members play an important role in keeping kids safe.



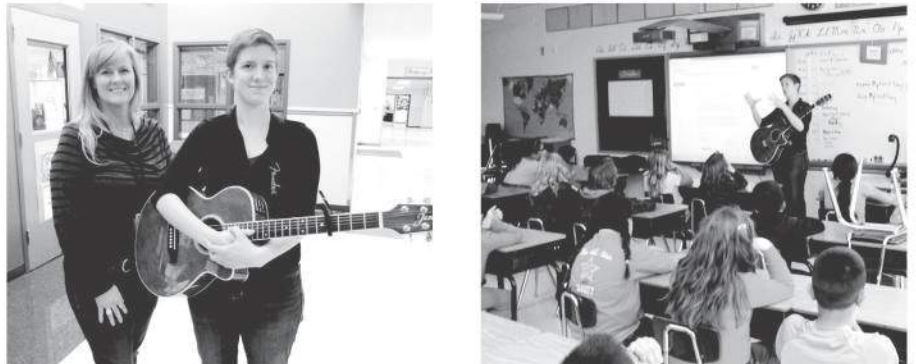
### Parents should know...

- Most offenders are known to the child; they may be family members, relatives, friends, teachers, coaches, babysitters, and others in positions of authority.
- Children most susceptible to sexual abuse have obedient, compliant and respectful personalities. They may be children from unhappy or broken homes, as these youngsters may be eager for attention and affection.
- Children who are victims of sexual abuse can display many or few behavioral symptoms. They may withdraw from family or friends, display poor school performance, experience depression, anxiety, or exhibit aggressive and self-destructive behavior. Or they may not display any outward abnormal behavior.
- Child sexual abuse often involves more than a single incident, and can go on for months or years.
- Sexual abuse includes any kind of sexual act or behavior with a child, and includes activities involving genital contact as well as non-contact events—such as showing pornographic images to children, taking pornographic photographs of a child, etc.

If you have concerns about possible sexual abuse, call the District office at (541) 475-6192 or complete an anonymous hotline form on the District website at: <http://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/district/jcsd-hotline>.

## The Oregon Trail through Music

Buff Intermediate students sang along with Ethos music teacher Meaghan Russell as part of their Oregon Trail studies. Russell came equipped with guitar, banjo and fiddle to help paint a picture of life on the Oregon Trail.



Ethos Music Teacher Meaghan Russell and Mental Health Clinician Lori Arther get ready for a lesson about music on the Oregon Trail.



Former MHS graduates Jesse Davis and Colter Barnes are now teaching in Alaska and sailing the seas.

## Where are they now?

Jesse Davis and Colter Barnes -- former Madras High School graduates from the class of 2002 -- are currently working as school teachers in Alaska. Davis teaches math and science in the city of Levelock and Colter is the principal for both a middle and high school in Wrangell. The two spent this past summer sailing from Cordova to Wrangell Alaska. Adventuring on the water is not a new hobby for these alumni. A few summers back, the two spent 60 days floating the entire length of the Yukon River in British Columbia. Way to go JCSD grads!

## Do you know JCSD alumni who have 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](mailto:rmolitor@509j.net).

## Are you getting text messages, voicemails or emails from the District?

If you are not currently getting text, voicemail or email from the District and you would like to be added to the list, call the District office at: (541) 475-6192 or email Superintendent Rick Molitor: [rmolitor@509j.net](mailto:rmolitor@509j.net).