# 509-J Schools in Action

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# Keeping students engaged during the summer months

Summer break is upon us and it's time to explore options to keep your kids active and engaged when they're not in the classroom. Summer vacation can be a great time to help kids learn and grow both mentally and physically. Make sure your child is prepared for their return to school by getting them off the couch and away from computers. Here are some fun community activities available in Jefferson County.

#### For kindergarten and 1st grade students

The Jefferson County School District is offering a free summer acceleration program for students entering kindergarten in September. First-graders can also participate by invitation (contact your child's school for more information). The program is designed to give children a head start for the school year with skill enhancing lessons in reading, math, and language development.

Registration forms for the summer acceleration program can be found under the "Parents" tab on the Jefferson County School District website. Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program must complete both sides of the registration form and return it to their school, or mail it, before June 30,

#### **Accelerated Learning Program**

August 17th through August 28th Monday through Friday

Kindergarten classes 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

First-grade classes 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at all three locations, including Madras Primary, Metolius Elementary, and Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

For more information, call (541) 475-6192, or go to the JCSD website at http://jcsd.k12.or.us/parents/ summer-camps-kindergarten-and-1stgrade.

### For students K-8

The Kids Club of Jefferson County offers a variety of fun activities to fill those summer days. From instructive workshops to physical recreation, the Kids Club is a good resource for keeping children thinking and moving.

Summer Membership Costs Full Day: \$240 per child Half Day: \$120 per child

For more information, contact the Kids Club at (541) 475-7028.

### For all students and families

Keep your child physically active and beat the summer heat at the Madras Aquatic Center. MAC offers a recreational swim Monday through Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from June 11th through September 8th.

Youth

In-District: \$3.00 Out of District: \$4.50

Adults

In-District: \$4.00 Out of District: \$5.50

Members Free

For more information on activities, membership, swim lessons, or costs, contact The Madras Aquatic Center at (541) 475-4253.



# Summer Food Service

The Jefferson County School District will be offering free, nutritious meals to children between the ages of 1 and 18 throughout the summer. These summer meals will be offered at the following addresses, dates, and times listed below.

Westside School Cafeteria 410 SW 4th St., Madras Lunch 12:00-12:30 PM Meal 3:00-3:30 June 15 – August 21, 2015 Monday - Friday

Metolius Elementary School 420 Butte Ave., Metolius Breakfast 9:00-9:15 Lunch 11:00-11:45 June 15 - August 28, 2015 Monday - Friday Breakfast served: August 17-28,

Warm Springs Youth Center Main Building

1114 Wasco St., Warm Springs Breakfast 8:30-9:00 Lunch 12:00-12:30 June 15 - August 21, 2015 Monday - Friday

Iefferson County Middle School Cafeteria

1180 SE Kemper Way, Madras Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Lunch 11:00-11:45 July 7 - July 23, 2015 August 3 – August 21, 2015 Monday - Thursday

Closed: Week of July 24-28, 2015

Madras Primary Cafeteria 215 SE 10th St., Madras Breakfast 9:00-9:15 Lunch 11:00-11:45 August 17 - August 28, 2015 Monday - Friday

Warm Springs K-8 Academy Cafeteria

50 Chukar Rd., Warm Springs Breakfast 9:00-9:15 Lunch 11:00-11:45 August 17 – August 28, 2015 Monday - Friday

For more information, contact the School District at (541) 475-6192.





### JCSD welcomes new leadership to Madras High School & Warm Springs K-8 Academy

#### Community forums scheduled for June 30th

JCSD will welcome three new leaders to the administrative team this coming fall. Mark J. Neffendorf has been appointed Madras High School's new principal with HD Weddel to join Nate Tyler as one of the high schools two vice principals. Ken Parshall will serve as the new principal for Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Two community forums will be held on Tuesday, June 30th to provide community members with an opportunity to meet the new administrators prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

#### **JCSD New Administrator Meet & Greets**

Tuesday, June 30 (morning session) 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. MHS Performing Arts Center 412 Buff Street, Madras Light Breakfast will be provided

Tuesday, June 30 (afternoon session) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. WS K-8 Community Room 50 Chukar Road, Warm Springs Light Lunch will be provided

"This is a remarkable opportunity for our District," said Jefferson County School District Superintendent Rick Molitor, "The combined experience and expertise of our new administrators, along with their strong communication and family engagement skills will help us build upon the work that's been done to date. These leaders will bring a great synergy to our staff, students and families."



Mark J. Neffendorf brings 34 years of experience in the Oregon education system, including five years at Bend Senior High School where he preceded Weddel as the principal from 2004 to 2009. Neffendorf most recently served as principal for Tigard High School near Portland where he was recognized for his work to start a mentor program that pairs students with adults to help

them plan for their futures. He also served as a champion for school spirit and academics and has led the development of International Baccalaureate and dropout prevention and recovery programs.



HD Weddel comes to Madras with 36 years of experience in education—including 10 years as an administrator. A graduate of Portland State University, Weddel began his career in education as a teacher before taking on administrative roles, including serving as the principal of Bend Senior High School from 2009 to 2014. Throughout his career, Weddel has been recognized at a local and

statewide level for his leadership in education, being named Principal of the Year by the Bend La Pine School District for the 2013-2014 school year, and winning the 2014 State of Oregon Principal of the Year Award. Weddel also has related training in small community learning and engaging at-risk students. Weddel left Bend Senior High to accept a position as chaplain for the football team of his alma mater Oregon State University in Corvallis. His work was focused on motivational coaching and character development for the players.



Ken Parshall, who began his teaching career in Crook County, most recently served as assistant superintendent for the Salem-Keizer School District. Prior to leading the District, he held the title of principal for McKay High School. With more than 17 years of experience in education, he brings a proven track record in school improvement and family/community engagement.

# Three year grant funds counseling in Jefferson County School District

Thanks to a grant from the US Department of Education, elementary school students in the Jefferson County School District will now have access to full-time counseling services.

The grant is designed to increase the availability of year-round counseling services for the students in grades K through 8. Counselors in the District will now be able to provide appropriate guidance curriculum, activities and services that link with the District's community partners.

Rosalynn Jacger has been appointed to serve as the District's counseling coordinator, leaving her current position as the principal of



Rosalynn Jaeger, JCSD 509-J's newly appointed counseling coordinator talks with students.

Buff Intermediate. In her new role for the District, Jaeger will be overseeing the District's K-8 counselors while ensuring all of the requirements of the grant are met. Jaeger requested this new position after seeing the potential benefits of the program and the unique experience it would add to her educational career.

"My heart has always gravitated to our at-risk youth and their struggles. For the past five years, I have been charged with the oversight of our district counselors so this seemed like a logical next step to support and assist all students in a different way."

Rosalynn Jaeger

Jaeger has been an educator for more than 30 years in the public school system. Throughout her career, she has worked around the state in various areas of education as an elementary and middle school teacher, administrative assistant at an alternative school, and most recently as the principal for Buff Intermediate

"I would like to work in another area of education prior to my retirement," Jaeger said.

Over the next three years, Jaeger will work to establish a series of systems for counseling in all elementary schools throughout the District. Although she will be taking on a new role, her goals remain the same: leading students and staff to reach their fullest potential.

Jaeger said she is excited to begin this new chapter in her life, but admits that the transition will be bittersweet.

"I will miss my students' hugs, smiles, energy, challenges and achievements." Jaeger said. "I will also miss my dedicated staff and the school culture. However, I realize this is an opportunity to help support students in a new way, and I am excited to see what we will accomplish in the next three years."

# Calendar

June

6/29 Board Meeting/SSB 7 p.m.

July

Board Meeting/SSB 7/13

7 p.m.

Board Meeting/SSB 7 p.m.