



A message from Rick Molitor

Dear JCSD 509-J Families and Friends,

Welcome back to a new school year! It's an exciting time for us with five new administrators joining the JCSD 509J leadership team, bringing years of experience and a lot of enthusiasm for making our District the best place for kids. The Strategic Plan that many of you helped us create is still guiding our work as we focus on providing students with the skills and characteristics they need to be successful in school and life. Our Jefferson County ESD is also gearing up for another year of providing special needs and technology services to the four districts of Jefferson County.

This year, we will stay focused on what each student needs for success. At Madras High School, we'll continue to make proficiency-based teaching and learning and standards-based grading the heart of our work. What's different this year is our focus on expanding this model to all students from kindergarten through grade 12. I'm confident that our staff expertise, with your support, will help us move closer to the vision outlined in our Strategic Plan.

We also have a few important changes that you will need to know about. First, we're moving to a new school schedule with no late starts or early release days. The new schedule will convert a few school days to provide focused professional development time for our team. The second major change will be a centralized bus system. We know this is a big shift for families who have had door-to-door bus service for many years. We hope to support you through this transition as we work to reduce the amount of time our students are spending on the bus -- including early pick-ups and late drop-offs. The good news is that we have community partners like Kids Club and Madras Aquatics Center to provide you with safe and healthy before and after school activities.

Thank you for your continued support of education in Jefferson County. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments. I can be reached at (541) 475-6192 or rmolitor@509j.net.

See you soon,
Rick Molitor
JCSD Superintendent

Seeking before or after school options for kids?



Community Partners like Kids Club and Madras Aquatics Center are available for kids enrolled in 509J schools! Kids Club of Jefferson County will host an Open House to allow parents and children to tour the club, meet staff, learn about their after-school program, and register kids. WHEN: Wednesday, September 2, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, visit www.jckidsclub.com, email kidsclub@509j.net, or phone 541-475-7028.

New School Start and End Times

School	School Start	School End
JCMS	7:55	3:01
Madras Primary	7:50	2:20
MHS	8:05	3:19
Buff Intermediate	8:00	2:25
Metolius Elementary	8:00	2:25
Warm Springs K-8	8:55	3:40

Make sure you're informed!



In the event of an emergency, you'll want to be informed immediately. Our automated calling system will notify parents in a variety of ways, including phone calls, emails, and text messaging, as well as Facebook and Twitter. However, these tools are only effective when we have up-to-date information for you. Please make sure that your contact information is current with your student's school, including home phone, cell phone, and email. If you'd prefer to receive our automated calls on a certain phone or email address, you can set your preferences up here:

www.jcsd.k12.or.us/parents/509j-myconnect-calling-system

Once the page is open, you can click on the Sign Me Up! link to set up your account. You can get the information regarding your student's ID code from your school office. There are instructions at the bottom and a video tutorial to guide you through the process.

Calendar

September

- 9 First Day of School for:
 - MHS, 9th Grade Only
 - JCMS, 6th Grade Only
 - WSK8, Grades 1-8
 - Buff Intermediate, All Grades
 - Metolius Elementary, Grades 1-5
 - Madras Primary, Grades 1-2
- 10 First Day of School for:
 - MHS, Grades 10-12
 - JCMS, Grades 7-8
- 8-14 Kindergarten Introduction Days (Parents will receive schedule and information from their school)
- 15 First Full Day for All Kindergarten



Welcome to our new staff



New Administrators: (from L-R) Ken Parshall, WSK8 Principal, Billie White, Buff Intermediate Principal, HD Weddell, MHS Assistant Principal, Mark Neffendorf, MHS Principal, Adam Dietrich, Metolius Principal



New Elementary Teaching Staff



New Secondary Teaching Staff

We are excited to welcome new faces to our District! Thirty-seven new teaching staff completed our New Teacher Induction in August, five new administrators joined our leadership team, and Courtney Snead joined our 509J School Board in July.



New School Board Member
Courtney Snead

Has your bus route changed?

There have been significant changes to bus routes this Fall. Our Transportation Department has sought ways to decrease the time students are riding the bus, and have reduced the number of bus stops to this end. Group stops are now posted as well. You'll want to go to our website to check them out:

www.jcsd.k12.or.us/parents

and select "Bus Route Change Information" for more information.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

JCMS	9/8	3:00 - 4:30 pm
WSK8	9/3	4:00 - 6:00 pm
Buff Intermediate	9/8	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Madras Primary	9/8	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Metolius Elementary	9/8	4:30 - 6:00 PM

