



## Leadership Corner

### New superintendent finalists selected

The national search for a new JCSD 509J superintendent has narrowed to two finalists. A committee made up of board members, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and community members participated in the screening process, reviewing 19 applicants. Seven of those applicants were presented to the school board who selected the following finalists.



**Ted Zehr**, executive director of secondary schools for the Hillsboro School District. Zehr, who has worked in education for 31 years, currently oversees four middle schools, four high schools, an alternative school and the district's online school.



**Ken Parshall**, principal of Warm Springs K8 Academy for JCSD 509J. Parshall, who has worked in education for 31 years, has held the WSK8 principal position for the past two years, and also served as principal for Crook County High School between 2000-2003.

Following reference checks and site visits by the school board, there will be a public forum on **April 3 at 6:00 pm** at the Madras Performing Arts Center (PAC). District families, staff and community members are invited to meet the finalists and provide input to the school board. The board hopes to vote to hire the new superintendent at the board meeting on April 10th.



JCSD and Cape Flattery School District share information and ideas in support of tribal communities (from left) JCSD Superintendent Rick Molitor, Cape Flattery School District Superintendent Michelle Parkin, JCSD Board Vice Chair Laurie Danzuka, Makah Tribal Councilman Greig Arnold, and Deputy Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs Bodie Shaw.

### Warm Springs K8 Academy a model for other school districts

Earlier this month, JCSD 509J had the honor of hosting Washington's Cape Flattery School District at the Warm Springs K8 Academy. Their district is in the process of building a new school on tribal lands that are also located in a Tsunami Zone. The JCSD team was excited to share the WSK8 experience with the guests who were impressed with the building as well as the partnerships that have been created to honor the culture and historical significance of the reservation community.

### Celebrating kids at Buff Elementary

*The team at Buff Elementary School is working to celebrate kids who go the extra mile to be great students and citizens.*

#### Principal's Award

Principal Billie White presents a student from each grade level with a monthly principal's award for "doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."



January Buff Principal's Award winners (from left): Gabby Marino, Leslie Robles Sanchez, Jonah Mitchell, David Foreman, Breann Heckathorn, and Yael Piza.



February Buff Principal's Award winners (from left): Javen Struck, Marlee Simmelink, Jailah Avila, Idaly Romero, Michael Young, and Autumn Kever.

*"We are really trying to focus on integrity and help the kids understand what it means to do the right thing for the right reasons,"*

*— Billie White, Buff Elementary Principal*

#### Breakfast of Champions

Every month, teachers from each grade level nominate two students who are working extra hard to improve academics and behavior at school. The students attend a special breakfast -- donated by McDonalds of Madras -- and receive awards for their efforts.



(Right) February Breakfast of the Champions at Buff Elementary School

### Family fun at Buff Elementary

Family nights at Buff Elementary School are bringing families, teachers and staff together for fun and learning. In February, the Buff school community celebrated "Heart Night" with dinner, crafts, games and a cakewalk. The March event was a celebration of reading with Dr. Seuss Night.

"It's wonderful to feel the sense of community when families and staff come together to learn and play," said Buff Elementary Principal Billie White. "We had more than 250 people at each event."

According to White, National Honors Society students from Jefferson County Middle School help run the events.



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### JCSD community steps up to partner in education

Community members from throughout JCSD 509J are showing their support for kids as "Lunch Buddy" volunteers for Buff Elementary School. The volunteers are matched with individual students and they show up weekly to spend quality lunch time together.

"We have several adults volunteering to be Lunch Buddies at our school. They range from firefighters to farmers," said Buff Elementary Principal Billie White. "It's so important for kids to have adult role models and mentors beyond family members and teachers. It let's them know that our community values them and cares about education."

A large group of Big Brothers/Big Sisters from the high school also come over to eat lunch and play games with their student matches.

### PAC Calendar

#### April

- 3 Public Forum/ Superintendent Candidates/6 pm
- 21-22 Oliver Twist/MHS Drama/7 pm
- 25 JCMS Choir Concert/7 pm
- 27 JCMS Band Concert/7 pm



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- 3 Public Forum/ Superintendent Candidates 6 pm (PAC)
- 7 No School/ Teacher Work Day
- 10 No School/ In-service Day
- School Board Meeting/7 pm (District Office)
- 24 School Board Meeting/7 pm (District Office)

