

Leadership Corner

A Message from Ken Parshall
Superintendent



I'd like to thank the JCSD 509J community for helping to make my first year as superintendent a good one. I'm proud of our team and students for their work to improve student achievement. I want to wish you all a safe and happy summer break. I would also like to encourage parents to keep kids active and engaged in physical activities and learning this summer so we can start next year strong! Reading to and with your kids is one of the most important and powerful things you can do to support learning and it's also a great way to spend quality time together. This newsletter features some other local summer activities and services we hope you will explore too! Thanks again for your partnership in helping our kids thrive.

— Ken Parshall, JCSD
Superintendent

MHS graduation rate increase gets statewide attention



Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) recently aired a radio segment highlighting the 20 point jump in MHS's graduation rate over the past few years. The story featured MHS Co-Principal HD Weddel and Bridges High School Principal Brian Crook as well as two hard-working Bridges High School students.

"Madras High School's graduation rate rose 18 points last year to 78 percent, inching it just above the state average. That's a point of pride for parents, teachers and administrators like Weddel and Crook," said OPB Education Reporter Rob Manning in the story published on OPB's website.

To read and hear the OPB segment, visit opb.org/news/article/madras-oregon-high-school-graduation-rate-improvements/.



Photo courtesy of JCKC

Jefferson County Kids Club has summer programs!

If you know any kids looking for fun this summer, Jefferson County Kids Club has a bunch of great summer camps to keep them busy and safe during the break!

Survivor skills • Paddle boarding
Discover nature • Aviation

To learn more about JCKC's activities, call (541) 475-7028 or visit jckidsclub.com

Madras High School Summer Bridge Program

Students who will be starting the 9th grade at MHS in September are invited to be part of a two-week summer program to help them get a jump start! The Madras High School Summer Bridge Program starts on Monday August 13 and runs through Friday, August 24th from 8:30 – 12:30 daily (Monday through Friday). During these two weeks, incoming freshmen will have a chance to see what high school is all about while meeting staff and other students. Students will work on reading, writing, and math while learning basic skills that will help them adjust to life in high school. And, students who participate in the Summer Bridge Program will earn a .5 elective credit towards their graduation requirements if they attend regularly. Breakfast, lunch and transportation both to and from school will also be provided. For more information, call MHS at (541) 475-7265.

Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club has summer programs!

The Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club (Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County extended site) offers great programs all year, but now it's time for summer fun! Club programs target specific age groups and focus on healthy habits (basic nutrition and exercise) and prevention programs (mentoring, anti-bullying, tobacco, alcohol and drugs, etc.). The Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club partners with various tribal departments throughout the year. Students ages 5 – 18 are welcome. For more information, call (541) 553-1161 or visit warmsprings-nsn.gov/program/boys-girls-club/.



JCSD welcomes new principals

Chris Wyland new principal for Madras Elementary

WSK8 Assistant Principal Chris Wyland will be the new principal at Madras Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year. Wyland served as assistant principal at WSK8 for the past four years, coming to JCSD 509J from the Umatilla School District where he worked for nine years.

"I'm excited to create relationships with Madras Elementary students, families, staff, and community members and to form a future vision for the school," said Wyland. "I look forward to learning about the goals and ambitions of families, staff, and community members to continue the improvement of student learning and the school experience."

Current Madras Elementary Principal, Deborah Hunt, is leaving Jefferson County to be closer to family in the Portland area.



WSK8 welcomes Greg Cole as new principal

Warm Springs K8 academy students and staff welcome new Principal Greg Cole to the community. Cole comes to JCSD 509J from Salem-Keizer where served as principal for Hammond and Wright elementary schools and Houck Middle School.

Free summer meals program!

Find out about JCSD 509J's nutritious summer meals program! Kids 18 and under eat free! No registration required! For more information, visit jcsd.k12.or.us/community/summer-food-service-information.



Poem of the Month

Anonymous student, Bridges High School Roots Campus, Warm Springs

*Just because I don't talk,
Doesn't mean I won't,
Doesn't mean I dislike you,
I just don't chose to talk.
Just because I'm shy,
Doesn't mean I'm weird,
Doesn't mean I'm hiding in a shell,
Doesn't mean I'm not like you,
I just like to be by myself.*

*Just because I wear black,
Doesn't mean I'm Goth or Emo,
Doesn't mean I hate everything,
Doesn't mean I think about death,
I'm just trying to find myself.*

