

## Jefferson County School District 509J

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# Schools in Action

## Students Flourish Here

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Bridges [Above] - Students in Julie Marino's art class got a chance to work on soldering stained glass together. The objective was for the students to connect the pieces into a shape of a feather. They used a soldering iron to connect them by using flux, lead and tin. Julie got some help on this lesson from a volunteer, Sharon Miller! Thank you to Sharon for volunteering her time to teach the students art!



MHS [Left] - Sue Young's photography class will get out of the class room and into the community to take pictures of their surroundings. On this day, students were working on Worms eye view photography. This is where the object is captured from a very low angle with the camera pointing towards the top. Young is an MHS alum too. **Graduating in 1987!** 

### We Care For Each Other



Madras Elementary [Above] Educational Assistant Angela
Blake was April's Classified
Employee Spotlight. This is her
12th year with the district. She
works with students K-5 who
need help with either academic
or physical needs.

"I look forward to coming back to work even if I've had a bad day," Blake said. "I love coming to work, I love Madras Elementary and I actually love kids." Metolius Elementary [Below] - PE Teacher Kermit Kumle was named 509J's April Certified Employee Spotlight!

Kermit has worked for the school district since 1995. He's worked at Metolius for a bulk of that time. He spent many years working as a 5th grade teacher before recently making the switch to PE.

"My favorite piece of what I do is interacting with so many kids now and having such great relationships with so many of the children."





WSK8 [Above] - At our May board meeting, the school board took some time to celebrate an influential Warm Springs community member. Urbana "Toto" Ross played a huge role in helping fund and build Warm Springs K-8 Academy. At the meeting, Arlene Boileau, Toto's mother, presented a plaque along with Mary Ross, Toto's sister, and Howard Arnett, a CTWS attorney. The plaque will hang up in WSK8 to memorialize Toto and to remind students who in their community helped make the new school possible. Pictured above are Reina Estimo, Arlene, and **Board Chair Laurie Danzuka.** 



JCMS [Above] - Students worked on philosophical chairs in Ms. Deseray Duncan's AVID class. Students read an article about a topic. They gathered evidence and chose a position. They shared evidence and reasoning, learning how to engage in productive, thoughtful, and kind discussion about a topic.



Buff Elementary [Above] - Students got a chance to learn about Earth Day! Counselor Tracey Sklenar and ELL teacher Charity Gillian got seeds for the students to plant! Tracey walked them through the planting process and talked about the importance of reusing and recycling as well!