



Schools in Action

Students Flourish Here



Jefferson County School District 509J's groundbreaking ceremony celebrated the start of the Madras High School Soccer Complex construction. This project was made possible by voters supporting the November 2021 Bond. JCSD 509J Board Members, Superintendent Jay Mathisen, Principal Tony Summers, and MHS Soccer players tossed the first dirt before construction begins. The district will conduct a number of facility upgrades, including:

- New field lights,
- Expanded concrete pathways
- Upgraded gates for security; and
- A new, 2,000 square-foot field house with concession space, restrooms, athlete locker rooms, and a shared coaches office.

The estimated completion date for the project is Fall 2023.

Enrollment is open for Mariposa Dual Language School. This is a research-based two-way immersion program model. Students learn two languages, English and Spanish. Half of their day is taught in Spanish and the other half is taught in English.

The school is expanding for the 23-24 school year. The current kindergartners will move on to first grade while incoming kinder families can apply for the school's lottery to try and get their student in. Scan the QR code to apply for the school!



We Care For Each Other

JCSD 509J is spotlighting Cody Kollen [Top Picture] for the work he does every day as an ELA teacher at Madras High School. He has taught in our District for 21 years! Here is what his nominee said about him in part,

"Cody builds strong relationships with his students allowing them space to flourish within his class. It is obvious when you enter his room that his students respect him and that he respects them. He holds high academic standards and focuses on real world application of skills in his English classes."



JCSD 509J is spotlighting Beverly Gallimore [Bottom Left] for the work she does every day as the Head Cook at Warm Springs K8 Academy. She has worked in our District for 17 years, becoming the Head Cook at WSK8 when the school first opened. Here is what her nominee said about her in part,

"Beverly is an outstanding Head Cook. She masters all of the paper work required and has the most organized store room and freezer. She goes above and beyond for her students. She cooks with all her heart and the students know they will get fed an awesome meal."



Better Every Day



On 4/10, our school board spent time during their regularly scheduled meeting to spotlight the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) team from Buff Elementary! The team won the regional tournament in March.

Securing that win sent them to the state tournament in Salem. Congratulations to the four boys and their coaches, Jana Roth and Ryan Dempsey! Roth is the Buff Elementary Librarian and Dempsey is our District Librarian.

- Lucas Cramer - 4th Grade
- Caleb Cramer - 3rd Grade
- Jase Feigner - 3rd Grade
- Ezekiel Meissel - 3rd Grade

The boys had a strong showing in Salem!



The week before Spring Break was College & Career Week at JCMS. The week wrapped up with the College & Career Day. More than 20 professionals from around Central Oregon presented to students at JCMS to talk about their careers and experiences. Pictured above are firefighters/paramedics from Jefferson County Fire/EMS. They spoke to students about what they do and what it is like to work for Jefferson County Fire District.

Thank you to all the speakers, businesses, and organizations who took time out of their busy schedules to speak to our students about career paths!