

Wishram School NEWSLETTER

May 2019



Facilities/Athletic Director

Hello Wishram Community:

Finally, we were blessed with some beautiful weather. I don't know about the rest of you, but I've been waiting for at least 5 months for some 60+ degree weather. Now the chores have begun and the weeds have started to grow.

Facilities:

Update to our North Wall and our Career and Technical Education building (CTE) expansion. The administration team and school board has chosen to hire EL Architects out of Vancouver WA to provide architectural design, bid support and contract administration services. We will also be working with Erickson Structural Consulting Engineers for the structural engineering scope and Harper Houf Peterson Righellis for the civil engineering scope. We are currently working on an agreed upon contract between all parties. It's exciting to be finally working out all the details in replacing the North Wall of our school along with expanding our CTE building. I was hoping we'd be getting these projects off the ground

by this summer, but with all the Red Tape, it will probably be the summer of 2020 before the major work begins.

We are looking for a great candidate to fill our new CTE position. You do not necessarily have to be CTE certified, but you do have to be willing to get your CTE certification. Wishram School desperately needs someone who can bring shop/welding/small engine repair/CAD, Etc to our little school. If you feel you are the correct candidate for this position, please do not hesitate to apply for this position

School Closures or Delays:

Please make sure you pay attention to either one of our local news stations, (KATU, ABC, NBC, CBS) or local radio stations. We also put any delays or closures on our website, www.wishramschool.org, and our Facebook page. You also have the ability to download the FlashAlert Messenger App on your smart phones for updates on school closures and delays.

Wishram Pride Day has been scheduled for May 31st this year. See flyer in this newsletter for information.

Athletics:

Softball, Baseball and both HS and JH track are in full swing. If you get a chance, please make sure you go to one of the games or meets and support our Wishram athletes. Schedules are posted at www.wishramschool.org.

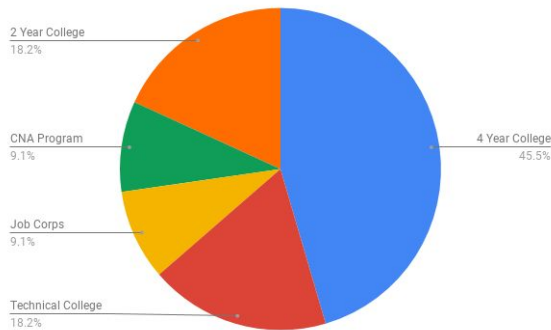
Tye Churchwell



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather! We had an exciting April with a visit from Abby Thompson of Clark College to discuss Running Start and programs offered at Clark as an option after graduation, as well as a visit from Reggie Diaz of Job Corps who gave an excellent overview of what is available to our students.

Without giving away too much, I am excited to share the following chart with you:



This chart is a breakdown of our eleven seniors' post-secondary plans. Each of them have a bright future ahead and they look forward to sharing their Senior Presentations with you. These are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14 from 1:00-3:00 PM; Wednesday, May 15 from 1:00-2:00 PM;** and finally **Thursday, May 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM.** We hope you can take the time to see what lies ahead for our 12th grade students.

As we near the end of the school year, I am assisting students who are interested in

beginning the Running Start Program fall of 2019. Please contact me if you need more information on how to get your Sophomore or Junior applied and registered to take college-level courses and possibly earn an Associate's Degree along with their High School Diploma by the end of their Senior year!

Ashley Blodgett

First/Second Grade

SPRING IS HERE! Spring is finally here with longer days, warm sunny weather, wildflowers on the hills around Wishram, trees making new leaves, and everywhere plants waking up for another growing season. It's a perfect setting for the first and second grade spring science study. Our class is studying plants this quarter. We have been looking around our school yard at the great variety of plants that we can observe and learn from. We are also growing several different plants in our classroom during these last months of school before summer break. As we learn about plants, the students will each make a science book about what we learn so they can take it home at the end of the school year and share that knowledge with their families. Our plant science books will help the children remember all the fun learning we did about plants.

Katrina Guthrie



Secondary Math

Students are currently working through their state tests in both ELA and Math. The 7th & 8th graders finished up their Math testing the week right after spring break (testing both Tuesday April 9 and Wednesday April 10). Math tests for sophomores and juniors are scheduled for Tuesday April 30 and Wednesday May 1. These tests are taken by students all around the state, and for the sophomores and juniors passing the test with a “3” or “4” means they have met their graduation requirement for math. Scores may be in before the end of the year and will be shared with students and their parents/guardians when we have those results.

More news from Ms. Barnhart:

For the second time this year, Wishram students were invited to a Columbia Gorge Community Concert Association event. The first time was to enjoy the world renowned Six Appeal, an a capella group. This time we were entertained by an equally distinguished ventriloquist (Lynn Trefzger) and her puppet friends. There were even a few from the audience that got into the act. One of those was our own Aireana Warner! Ana played the part of mama bear in Goldilocks and the Three Bears skit. It had the audience roaring with laughter. After the show students got to meet Lynn and her puppet Chloe (Chloe plays the part of a 3-year old child). All in all it was a fabulous night at the theater. Wishram thanks Patti Bragg and the “Pinochle ladies” for their

generous donations that made this event possible.

Friday April 12th the 7th & 8th graders attended the Columbia Gorge STEM career day. This is an event organized by the Gorge Technology Alliance and Columbia Gorge Community College. Dozens of STEM related business come together and give short 20 minute presentations on what it is they do, what kind of an education you would need to get in order to get a job in their field, and how exciting their job is. Wishram students learned about what it takes to become a Physical Therapist, a Bio-Genetic research scientist, and an Engineer for companies like Insitu and SageTech. This is an annual event and a great opportunity for our younger students to see what kind of cool STEM related jobs there are right here in the gorge. If you have a 7th or 8th grader in your house ask them what they learned. It was a great day for all of us!

Pictures of these two events have been posted on Wishram’s Facebook page.

Betsy Barnhart

Secondary Social Studies

The 4th Quarter has started off strong. In 11th grade US History we have finished up the 1960's Civil Rights Movement and will be looking at The Vietnam War. The Seniors have begun their classroom based assessment which is a paper on a Constitutional issue. Our Freshmen Washington State History class is studying early explorers and will be moving on to the pioneers moving to the West and its impacts. Our middle school Geography class is

continuing to look at the Middle East and then will be moving on to East Asia. And lastly, the 11th grade Occupational Education class just had an Army recruiter give a presentation to talk about opportunities and benefits the Army offers.

Ken Weaver

Secondary ELA

Come what may, May will come! (So said the first superintendent I worked for, and every year he is right.) With the end of another great school year on the horizon, here's the update from the English department:

ELA 7/8 students are working to finish Anne Frank's diary. We recently adopted a new inquiry-based discussion protocol in ELA classes, and students spent their first inquiry discussion week investigating topics related to Anne Frank and her life and times, including other victims of the Holocaust, the roots of Hitler's hatred, and the basis for his following among Germans.

ELA 9/10 students are wrapping up I Am Malala, and have also been involved in inquiry-based discussion activities. In our first inquiry discussion, students selected from a list of instructor-generated questions to research, but in the second round of inquiry, students generated their own questions/topics. These ranged from religious extremism, the raid to capture Osama bin Laden, the history of individuals/groups who have stood up against oppression and totalitarianism, and more.

ELA 11 students are currently writing research essays in response to their reading of the memoir Nisei Daughter. Students were able to select their own research topics, which include life after internment for Japanese Americans, the injustice of internment, and the WWII Nisei combat unit.

Bridge to College English students are writing their final research and analysis essays on Hidden Figures before beginning the sixth and final unit of the year which examines topics of language, gender, and culture. They will be making the most of their time in class for their last month of school by finishing on a relevant, high-interest, thought-provoking unit.

Jane Roberts

School Board Meeting:

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

5:00 P.M.

School Gymnasium

Important Dates:

May 4 - Prom

May 8 - Scholastic Book Fair

May 10 - Disney Trivia Night w/Silent Auction and Indian Tacos!

May 14, 15, and 16 - Senior Presentations

May 27 - Memorial Day, No School

May 31 - Wishram Pride Day

CEP

Wishram School is currently operating under the CEP (Community Eligibility Program), which was created through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, and allows qualifying high-poverty local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools to offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to all students without requiring families to complete an annual household application.

AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 15TH

* USDA Summer Meals Hotline at 1-866-348-6479. Families will receive assistance to find the location, meal times, and contact information based on their full address, city, and/or zip code.

Local and Federal Non-Discrimination Statement/Policy

Wishram School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin,

age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Wishram School Superintendent, PO Box 8, Wishram, WA 98673, (509) 748-2551.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form,

call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Surveillance Equipment

Our surveillance equipment will be taking pictures of all the school grounds all of the time, north, south, east and west, as will the camera in the front hallway.

Wishram School videotapes teachers periodically as a tool to improve our teaching. We look at how we teach and how our students respond. These videos are for in-school use only. If you do not want your children to be a part of this process,

please call Mr. Churchwell at the school at 509-748-2551.

Live Tip!

Anonymous tip line for school safety

1-866-LIVE-TIP Ext. 940

(1-866-548-3847, ext 940)

Report anonymously 24 hours a day/365 days a year:

- School violence—weapons, bomb threats
- School damage—vandalism, theft
- Physical/sexual abuse or harassment
- Drug/alcohol issues
- Fights/gang activity
- Discrimination

A recorded message will prompt the caller to either speak with a live operator or leave a recorded message. Messages are transcribed and emailed to the district contact. In case of emergency, district administrators are contacted immediately.

