

Wishram School NEWSLETTER

October 2019



And We're Off!

The 2019-2020 School Year Has Begun at Wishram School

From the Superintendent:

Hello everyone, and welcome back to another school year at Wishram School District #94! Even though the school year is barely a month old, we have many great things to share with you. First, we were fortunate enough to have Governor Jay Inslee stop by and visit with our certificated and administrative staff on September 18, 2019. Our annual Open House was held on September 4, 2019, and our CTE programming is up and running for the 2019/2020 school year. There is never a shortage of exciting news to share about our wonderful school district, and we are honored to serve our students, staff, and community every day.

The Governor and First Lady of Washington State made an unprecedented impromptu visit to Wishram School District #94 last month. The Governor was interested in seeing how small schools like ours operate, and he and the First Lady were very impressed with everything we are able to offer our students. The First Lady commented on her personal Facebook page regarding her visit, saying that our staff was both “inspirational” and our success as a district “a testament to the hard work and dedication of Wishram Staff.” The Governor provided a brief Q & A session in which staff was able to voice some concerns of the inequities of school funding, and other issues pertaining to small schools. The visit was a success, and provided us with the opportunity to show how Wishram sets itself apart from schools across the state regarding achievement, culture, and character. (Photos courtesy of the Office of the Governor)

Our annual Open House event was held last month, and it was well attended by parents/guardians, students, and community members. Root beer floats were provided, and this was a fantastic opportunity for families to come visit with the individuals who will be working with their students this school year. We look forward to these events as we try to employ more avenues for a connection to our families and the greater Wishram community.

At long last, CTE (Career and Technical Education) is available for secondary students at Wishram School! After the long-awaited arrival of our school counselor in 2018/2019, the opportunity presented itself to create a CTE program to further assist all of our students in obtaining essential skills that are vital to the ever-changing job market. Mr. Dave DeVoe comes to us with a wealth of experience in Washington and Idaho as a CTE instructor. Thus far we have courses in Architecture and Construction, Cabinet and Mill Work, and Computer Skills, with the opportunity to add more programming in the near future!



In closing, I have to say that the future is bright and the possibilities are endless here at Wishram School District #94. We are extremely fortunate to have the ability to work with some of the finest students, staff, parents, and community members in the entire state of Washington. It is a pleasure to serve as your Superintendent/Principal, and as always, the best is yet to come. Go Wishram!

-Mike Roberts

Superintendent/Principal

Wishram School District #94

Athletics & Operations

Hello Wishram Friends and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and great health. We've had an amazing start to another school year. Over the summer, we've worked very hard with the architects and engineers in the designing phase of rebuilding the entire north wall of Wishram School and expanding our current Career and Technical (CTE) facility about 400 sq. ft. If everything works out, we still plan to go out to bid on both of these projects in February. Then, the contractors should be able to start work in May. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give me a call or stop by the school.

The Wishram School Career and Technical Education (CTE) program is up and running again. It is so exciting seeing Wishram Students once again using their brains and their hands in the process of building items. The students are constantly talking about the things they are going to build in their shop classes. Every single student in K-12th grade is now learning the basics of woodworking and using all basic hand tools. Some of the different classes Wishram students are now enrolled in are: Architectural Construction and Cabinet/MillWork. I just want to tell the Wishram Community one more time, Thank You!!! Thank you for passing the levy which not only provided us with a much-needed counselor but also allowed us to get our CTE program back up and running. None of this would have been possible without your support in the form of a 'Yes' vote.

It's getting close to that time of year when school closures due to weather can become a reality. We, here at Wishram School have many different ways to keep our friends and families informed of school closures from a messenger system that I will send out once the decision has been made to close or delay using FlashAlert, which will not only send you a Push Notification but will automatically send the information to all local TV and radio stations. To download the FlashAlert, just go to your Play Store or Apple store and download the App on to your phone. We also put delays and/or closure information on the Wishram School Facebook and the Wishram School Website: www.wishramschool.org.

Football and Volleyball are in full swing. As always, we have a great turnout for sports. Please come out and support your Wishram athletes. The schedule of remaining home games can be found below, and complete sports schedules can be found on the Wishram School Website. Thank you for all of your support!

-Mr. Tye Churchwell

Director of Operations & Athletics

Remaining Home Contests: Middle School Football

Tues. 10/1 vs. Dufur, 4pm

Tues. 10/24 vs. South Wasco, 4pm

Tues. 10/29 vs. Arlin/Ione, 4pm

Remaining Home Contests: Middle School Volleyball

Weds. 10/3 vs. Trout Lake, 5:30pm

Weds. 10/16 vs. Centerville

Remaining Home Contests: High School Football

Fri. 10/11 vs. Yakama Tribal, 7pm (Homecoming!) Fri. 11/1 vs. Tekoa/Rosalia, 7pm

Fri. 11/7 vs. Pomeroy, 7pm (Senior Night!)

Remaining Home Contests: High School Volleyball

Tues. 10/1 vs. Trout Lake, V/6pm JV/7:30pm
Mon. 10/7 vs. S. Wasco (JV), 5pm & Dufur (V), 6pm
Thurs. 10/24 vs. Bickleton, V/6pm JV/7:30pm

Thurs. 10/4 vs. Yak. Tribal, V/6pm JV/7:30pm
Tues. 10/15 vs. Klick/Glen, V/6pm, JV/7:30pm

From the Classroom

Mr. Weaver, 6-12 Social Studies



We have started the year strong in the Social Studies department. This year with addition of 6th grade to the middle school level I get the opportunity to teach World History. We have started at the beginning of mankind and will move forward studying many ancient civilizations including the Greeks, Romans, early China and others. The 8th grade is studying early American History up to the Civil War era. 9th grade studies Civics the first semester and Pacific Northwest History the second semester. 11th grade studies American History focusing on the 20th century, and of course our Seniors are learning Current World Problems. We have started strong and I am looking forward to having a great year working with our students.

Mrs. Roberts, 6-12 English/Language Arts

It's another great year for reading, writing, and thinking in the ELA department! This year we are fortunate not only to continue offering our Bridge to College English class to upperclassmen who are preparing to take on college-level English (either after graduation or via online Running Start through Clark College offered here at Wishram School), but we have added a Bridge to College English Prep course for 10th and 11th graders as well. This course uses a similarly-structured curriculum as the BtCE course, and will help prepare students for success on the statewide standardized assessments as well as for the increased rigor of the BtCE course that they will encounter next year. For more information on the Bridge to College courses and curriculum, I encourage you to visit bridgetocollegecourses.org. The 6/7 and 8/9 ELA classes are both following a curriculum centered around novel studies. Currently, the 6/7 class is reading *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, while the 8/9 class is reading S.E. Hinton's classic *The Outsiders*. With our expanded schedule in the secondary due to the addition to Mr. DeVoe's CTE courses, I am able to offer two ELA elective classes this year: ELA Explorations, an 8th grade reading and writing workshop, and Inquiry/Project-Based Learning, a semester-long course for 11th and 12th graders where students have the opportunity to complete a project based on their learning interests. It continues to be my pleasure and privilege to work with the bright, talented, funny, and kind students of Wishram - thank you, parents/guardians, for sharing them with us!



Food Service

On October 29th and 30th our school will be undergoing an Administrative Review with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This will include a review of the school Lunch and Breakfast program. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider*.

October Breakfast & Lunch Menu:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1B- Scrambled Eggs, toast, fruit, milk L- Beef Taco Pie, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	2B- Bagel, fruit, milk L- Pizza Burger, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	3B- Waffles, fruit, milk L- Chicken nuggets, breadstick, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	4B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Spanish beef & Rice, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	5
6	7B- French Toast Sticks, fruit, milk L- Mac-N-Cheese, breadstick, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	8B- Pancakes, fruit, milk L- Tacos, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	9B- English Muffin, fruit, milk L- Chicken Noodles, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	10B- Yogurt & Granola, fruit, milk L- Sloppy Joe's, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	11B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Grilled Cheese, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	12
13	14B- Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk L- Spaghetti, breadstick, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	15B- Scrambled Eggs, fruit, milk L- Chicken Gravy & Rice, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	16B- Bagel, fruit, milk L- Tuna Sands, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	17B- Waffles, fruit, milk L- Cheeseburgers, tots, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	18B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Taco Salad, roll, veggie, fruit, milk	19
20	21B- French Toast Sticks, fruit, milk L- Chicken A La King, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	22B- Pancakes, fruit, milk L- Chilli, cornbread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	23B- English Muffin, fruit, milk L- Beef Stroganoff, Roll, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	24B- Yogurt & Granola, fruit, milk L- Mexi-Mac, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	25B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Meat Loaf, mashed taters, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	26
27	28B- Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk L- Tuna Noodles, roll, veggie salad, fruit, milk	29B- Colby Omelet, toast, fruit, milk L- Bean & Cheese Burrito, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	30B- Bagel, fruit, milk L- Chicken Noodles, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	31B- Waffles, fruit, milk L- Chicken nuggets, breadstick, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	1B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Beef Taco Pie, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk	

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Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat 2019

This year The Wishram School District will be trying something new for Halloween. We will be asking the community for help and support to try and make our first annual Trunk or Treat a successful event. We will still be asking for donations of candy and giving out signs, as well as asking community members to show up and to be a part of the event with their own vehicle decorated in some spooky decor. Who will be voted for scariest/best costumes/cars? For more information or if interested in participating please contact Wishram School @ 509 748 2551 or jason.cooper@wishramschool.org.



October School Board Meeting

The Wishram School District #94 Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 5:15pm in the Wishram School Gymnasium.

Great American Shake-Out

On Thursday, October 17th, at 10:17 am, Wishram School will participate in the Great American Shake-Out, an earthquake preparedness & awareness drill that is practiced nation-wide.

Noon Release

Wishram School will release all students at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 16th for staff professional development.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, October 24th from 1:00-8:00 pm.

Disclosures

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.

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.