

Dear Patrons,

As the hot and smoky skies from summer turn to the cool and crisp autumn skies, last Monday we welcomed students and parents to a new school year with open houses at our elementary and middle schools along with a Booster-sponsored Welcome Back Night and a warm Link Crew welcome to our freshmen into Columbia High. Two weeks ago, we prepared to open school without hiring any new teachers, a first in many years. However, just last week, we added two teachers to our elementary school. To fill an unexpected growth at the second grade, we hired as a new second grade teacher, Katie Blakeslee who most recently taught in Anchorage, AK. We also added a fifth grade teacher, Joshua Reardon, who graduated from Columbia High 17 years ago. With the addition of these fine new teachers, each of our elementary classrooms have three teachers except at the fourth grade. In addition, we added several new support staff to our kitchen staff, office staff, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and maintenance-custodians.

Reflecting back, a water pipe in an outside classroom wall froze, broke and flooded science classrooms last December. This break, coupled with window issues, led to repairing some of the classrooms and storage spaces this summer. Just last week, our maintenance and custodial staff, joined by a contractor, completed most of the tasks. We thank our maintenance and custodial staff for adding luster to our grounds and buildings as they prepared our campus for this new school year. In short, the busy but productive summer closed for our impressive maintenance and custodial crew just in time for another exciting and eventful school year for students, staff and our community.

Sincerely,

Lou Gates, Superintendent



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS and FOOD SERVICE SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!!

Columbia School District is currently accepting applications for substitute bus drivers *and* substitute food service workers. The District will be offering training classes for those who meet the bus driving qualifications. If you are interested, please contact Holly Brickey at 509-380-0145. Applications available through www.csd400.org.

Free Preschool Opportunity

ESD 123's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a "whole child," comprehensive, family-focused preschool program that provides FREE services and support to eligible children and their families. The goal of ECEAP is to help ensure all Washington children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. We are currently enrolling children for the Columbia School District ECEAP class. Please visit <http://www.esd123.org/eceap> or stop by the elementary school office for an application. The ECEAP program offers:

- Full-day preschool instruction [September – May]
- Developmental screenings and referrals
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Health and dental screenings
- Home Visits
- Parent Leadership Opportunities
- Family Events
- Kindergarten Readiness Activities
- Transportation provided in some service areas

The staff and students of Columbia School District wish to thank everyone who donated school supplies through the Burbank Public Library School Supply Drive. Your generosity put smiles on lots of faces and is much appreciated!

FFA News

The Columbia-Burbank FFA would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the chapter members at the Benton Franklin County Fair and purchasing their animals:

- Sunmart for purchasing Zane Rowland's sheep
- REA for purchasing Heather Headley's swine
- RDO for purchasing Tyler Headley's swine
- Desert Pump for purchasing McKenna Harvill's roosters

Without generous businesses such as these the members hard work would go unrewarded. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you next year at the fair. We would like to encourage community members to continue to support the businesses that continue to support our community and its youth.

Thanks again,
Holly Cahow



AAU Basketball

Registration for the 2017-2018 AAU basketball season is now open. Registration forms are available at the Elementary and Middle School offices and are due by September 20, 2017. For more information, please contact Brad O'Brien at 380-1440.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

High school yearbooks are \$45 each if purchased before Winter Break, then they will be \$50 each. You can purchase yours in the high school library.

Burbank Public Library News

- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month @ the Burbank Library. We will make public library applications available at the school libraries; if under 18, the applications do require a parent or guardian signature. Remember, you can come in anytime we are open and register for a FREE card as well. Sign up and get a free book (choices are limited).
- Our Homework Zone program kicks off on Tuesday, September 19th. The homework assistance program is open to children grades 1 through 8 and runs from 3 PM to 4 PM. Children need to be registered to attend; this helps us to make sure we can contact you in case of any emergencies and provide you with information you need to know about our program.
- We will also be observing **Talk like a Pirate Day** on September 19th. Stop in and find out how you can learn some pirate lingo and snag some pirate booty. We look fore t' seein' ye.

The Burbank Public Library would like to thank those of you who took part in this summer's reading program. A big thank you to Mr. Miller and his wonderful staff for allowing us to use the CSD high school to host a couple of our events and to Chief Wickstrom and his firefighters for hosting the Great American Eclipse Event. We are lucky to be part of a community that helps each other out!

We also want to thank our community members for their patience in awaiting the library reopening. We are all so anxious to get in the new building and show you all it has to offer. We hope to share news of our Grand Opening soon!



CHEER CLINIC

Columbia High School Cheer Team will be hosting a Football Cheerleading Clinic for

all interested in grades Pre-School through 5th. The clinic will take place September 27th and 28th from 3:00-5:00 at the Columbia Burbank High School Gym.

- Cost will be \$25.00 and includes a T-Shirt and Pom Poms.
- Registration forms are due with payment by Friday September 15th to the Elementary office. Checks may be made payable to "CHS CHEER" late registrations will be accepted with permission ONLY.

CHS cheerleaders will walk down to the Elementary school on the clinic days to safely walk the students to the high school. Children will need to be picked up from the high school at 5:00. The routine and cheer taught at the clinic will be performed during half time of the CHS Varsity football game against Connell on September 29th (Kick off is at 7 pm). We know your child will have an awesome, exciting time with the CHS Cheerleaders and will enjoy performing for the crowd that evening.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email.

Sincerely,

Marisa DeFord-Pesina
Cheerleading Coach

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School Board Meeting Schedule



Next Meeting: September 11, 2017

Administration Building Board Room
7:00 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

September 25, 2017
October 9 & 23, 2017



1 mile/5k/10k Fun Run/Walk Parade & Open House

Please join Walla Walla Fire District 5 for the 4th Annual Station to Station 1mi/5k/10k Fun Run & Walk on October 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM (check in 7:30 AM).

Entry fee is \$12 and T-shirts are available for \$15. Deadline to order T-shirts is 9/15/17. All proceeds from registrations benefit Smiles for Justin (special education). Registration forms are located at Fire Station 51, all Columbia school offices, and the Burbank Public Library, or register online at www.imathlete.com.

Parade at 11 AM and Open House to follow at Station 51.



CHILD FIND

The Columbia School District offers screenings for all children ages 0-5 to determine their level of development. These screenings are free of charge and are conducted by Chelsea Taylor, our Early Childhood Interventionist. Screenings will be held on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**, from 12 pm-3 pm and 5 pm-7 pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Taylor to discuss your child's development, please contact Grace Helm at 545-8571, ext. 1215.

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