

Dear Patrons,

After an eventful summer, we welcomed students, teachers, and staff to a new school year. Our new staff includes six new teachers along with several new support staff members. This year we also look forward to a new language arts curriculum at our elementary and high schools with our middle school to adopt language arts this year. These language arts adoptions will provide added quality for teaching and learning of language arts.

We also thank our maintenance and custodial staff for preparing our campus for the 2016-17 school year with sparkling buildings and grounds. For example, when you attend football games this fall, look at the fresh paint on the back of the Middle School gym along with a light that illuminates our Coyote mascot created a year ago as an Eagle project by Zack Foote with help from his friends and family. Also, you might hear the low rumble of the new 70 ton Middle School Carrier chiller that replaces an aging and noisy chiller from the mid-1990s. We hoped to make it one more fall season before replacing this chiller—but, not so. The new chiller arrived in just four days from the Carrier factory in South Carolina and went online just in time for the first week of school.

Finally, unlike some sister districts that had to immediately update aging phone systems after a catastrophic failure, our technology directory, Andrew Kramer, and I held our breaths that the district's old telephone system would make it through last year, and it did—exhale! This summer, e-rate (grant) dollars and other funds allowed us to add a district-wide telephone system along with new data wiring, switches, wireless access points, intercom, bells, clocks and wireless entry controls. A big thank you goes to Andrew Kramer, his assistant, Dalton Lundgren, and an army of technicians who brought the new technology and its backbone to our district this past summer that will carry us through for years to come.

Lou Gates, Superintendent

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 6th**, from 12 pm-3 pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Taylor to discuss your child's development, please contact Nakia McCarley at 545-8571, ext. 1215. If you are unable to attend this date, you may schedule an individual screening appointment with Mrs. Taylor by contacting her at 547-2136, ext. 1316.

Healthy Youth Survey

The Washington State Healthy Youth Survey 2016 will be administered at Columbia Middle School the week of October 10th and administered at Columbia High School the week of October 17th. A parent letter explaining the survey will be mailed home by September 26, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the survey you may contact Tana Bentley by telephone at 509-545-8571 or email Tana.Bentley@CSD400.org.



AAU Basketball

Registration for the 2016-2017 AAU basketball season is now open. Registration forms are available at the Elementary and Middle School offices and are due by September 20, 2016. For more information, please contact Brad O'Brien at 380-1440.

Thank You!

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!

School Board Member Resignation

During the August 22, 2016 Columbia School District School Board Meeting, Jim Choate resigned his position as a school board member. The Columbia School District Board of Directors is now actively seeking a replacement for Mr. Choate's board position until his position is up for re-election in the fall of 2017. The school board will be accepting applications for this position now through September 30, 2016. In order to be considered for this position you must reside within the boundaries of Director District #1. This district encompasses a majority of Hanson Loop on the west side of Highway 12, as well as Basin Drive and the Wallula area. If you are interested in serving on the school board and would like to find out if you are a resident of Director District #1, please contact superintendent, Dr. Lou Gates at 547-2136.

The Columbia School District extends their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Choate for his outstanding leadership and dedication in the support of the education of our students over the past year. We will greatly miss his leadership on the school board.

5k Fun Run/Walk Parade & Open House

Make plans to join in the fun at the Walla Walla Fire District's third annual Station to Station 5k Fun Run/Walk. The run will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. (check in 7:30 a.m.).



Registration forms are located at Fire Station 51, all Columbia school offices, and the Burbank Public Library. The registration fee is \$5 and T-shirts are available for \$10 (\$2 more for 2XL & up). Deadline to order T-shirts is September 15th. All proceeds benefit the Smiles for Justin fund (special education). Plan to stay for the parade at 11 a.m. and the open house at Station 51 that follows.



Now, more than ever, it is critical for all seniors to have tools, resources, and up-to-date information that can improve or help with the changing dynamics in education today. GEAR UP is committed to meeting these challenges. This year the goal of the GEAR UP program is to:

- Increase the number of students who enroll in postsecondary education.
- Increase the number of students who apply and accept admission to a postsecondary institution.
- Collaborate with Columbia High School to support and encourage students as they transition to postsecondary studies.
- Support families with information and encouragement as students navigate their senior year.
- Help student go through summer melt, complete their freshman year successfully, and provide ongoing financial aid information and support for students and their parents. Our first FASFA Parent/Student Night will be on Thursday, **September 29th** at the Columbia High School from 6:30 pm. To 8 pm. Check in and Dinner at 6:30-7:00 pm and presentation from 7-8pm.

This year the GEAR UP will have two supporting staff, one that will come on as the College Access Specialist, Ms. Ramirez and our Academic Coach, Ms. Guerra.

Important Dates:

- September 1st, 2016 - SAT Registration Deadline for October 1st, 2016 Test
- September 16th, 2016 – ACT Registration Deadline October 22nd, 2016 Test
- September 29th, 2016 – FASFA Information Parent/ Student Night

Burbank Public Library News

The Afterschool Homework Zone Program will be returning on September 13th. The Program runs weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00—4:30 p.m.. Local students can take the bus from the schools to the library and get help with homework in all subjects, study help for tests, and reading help.

Permission forms will be available at the Burbank Library and will be due back to Library Staff by September 29th.

Back-To-School Lego Challenge

Based off the book *Cool Creations in 35 Pieces* by Sean Kenney, the Back-To-School-Lego Challenge is designed to challenge kids to think outside of the box! Imagination is key, and the sky is the limit for what can be made.

On September 15, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the Burbank Library is challenging our local school children to see how many cool things they can create in 15 minutes. Elementary, Middle, and High School students will compete against their peers; they will be judged on creativity of creations. Winners will receive a small Lego Kit to take home.

There are only 10 participants per age group for the challenge, so there will be a sign-up beginning September 12th.

Cool Creations Open Play

The Cool Creations Kits will be at Burbank Library September 1-15th. Patrons ages 6-18 are encouraged to come down to the Library to build, play, and explore what can be found in a kit; the kits will be available for the patrons to "check-out" for 30 minute turns from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting



Meeting: September 12, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

September 26, 2016

October 10 & 24, 2016

For a complete list of agenda items, please visit the district website at <http://www.csd400.org/CSD/board.php>

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 for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit <http://www.esd123.org/eceap>, or visit the elementary school office for an application. The ECEAP program offers:

- Full-day preschool instruction
- Developmental screenings and referrals
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Health and dental screenings
- Home Visits
- Parent Leadership Opportunities
- Family Events
- Transportation provided in some areas

Non Profit Postal Rate
US Postage Paid
Permit No. 2
Burbank, WA

PRSRT
Current Resident or Box Holder
Burbank, WA 99323

Columbia School District News

September 1, 2016

Volume 16/17 Issue 1



Columbia School District #400
755 Maple Street
Burbank, WA 99323

Administration	(509) 547-2136
Elementary School	(509) 547-9393
Middle School	(509) 545-8571
High School	(509) 545-8573
Transportation	(509) 380-0145

www.csd400.org


Columbia 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. Columbia High School offers classes in many career and technical education program areas under its open admissions policy. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX Officer, Margo Roberts or Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Zachery Carpenter at Columbia School District, Maple Street, Burbank WA 99323, (509) 547-2136.



755 Maple Street
Burbank, WA 99323

September 2016

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		30	31 ▪ Middle School Sports Practice Begins	1	2	3 ▪ HS Football – Burbank at Richland High (1:00 pm)
4	5 Labor Day Schools Closed	6 ▪ Child Find – at CSD Admin Bldg. (12pm-3pm) ▪ HS Volleyball –Ritzville at Burbank (5:30 & 6:30 pm))	7	8 ▪ HS Volleyball –Burbank at Wahluke (5:30 & 6:30 pm)	9 ▪ Elementary PTO Meeting at Board Room (8:30 am) ▪ HS Football – Burbank at Dayton (7:00 pm)	10
11	12 ▪ Coyote Boosters Mtg HS Library (6:00 pm) ▪ Board Meeting (7:00 PM)	13 ▪ HS Volleyball –Ki-Be at Burbank (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	14	15 ▪ HS Volleyball – Burbank at Connell (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	16 ▪ HS Football – Wahluke at Burbank (7:00 pm)	17
18	19 ▪ Band Booster Mtg – at CHS Band Room (6pm)	20 ▪ MS Volleyball – Warden at Burbank (4:00 & 5:00 pm) ▪ HS Volleyball – Burbank at Warden (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	21 ▪ Coffee Talk at Baptist Church in Arlene's Addition (8:00 am)	22 ▪ MS Volleyball – Burbank at Finley(4:00 & 5:00 pm) ▪ MS Football – Burbank at Royal (4:00 & 5:00 pm) ▪ HS Volleyball – Riverview at Burbank (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	23 ▪ HS Football – Ki-Be at Burbank (7:00 pm)	24 ▪ HS Volleyball Tournament at Burbank (10 AM)
25	26 ▪ Board Meeting (7:00 PM)	27 ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm) ▪ MS Volleyball – Royal at Burbank (4 & 5:00 pm) ▪ MS Football – Burbank at Connell (4pm & 5pm) ▪ HS Volleyball –Burbank at Royal (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Walla Walla Co. Sheriff Round Table at CHS Library (5:30 pm)	28	29 ▪ MS Volleyball –Burbank at McFarland (4:00 pm & 5:00 pm) ▪ HS Volleyball – College Place at Burbank (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	30 ▪ HS Football – Burbank at Connell (7:00 pm)	1 ▪ <i>WW Fire Dept 5K Fun Run (8am)</i> ▪ <i>WW Fire Parade (11am)</i> 
2	3 ▪ Coyote Boosters Mtg HS Library (6:00 pm)	4 ▪ MS Volleyball –Burbank at Wahluke (4:00 & 5:00 pm) ▪ MS Football – Burbank at McFarland (4pm & 5pm) ▪ HS Volleyball –Wahluke at Burbank (5:30 & 6:30 pm)	5	6 ▪ MS Volleyball –Ki-Be at Burbank (4:00 pm & 5:00 pm) ▪ HS Volleyball – Burbank at Ki-Be (5:30 & 6:30 pm) ▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3pm – 4:30pm)	7 ▪ HS Football – Burbank at Warden (7:00 pm)	8