

School Board Meeting



Board Workshop Meeting

April 10, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

April 24, 2017 & May 22, 2017

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

Upcoming Drama Club Performance!

The CHS Drama Club is looking forward to a busy early May. We are traveling to Portland on May 4, where we are attending a play at Portland Center Stage. It will be so exciting to see a performance at a professional theatre! Then on the evenings of May 12 and 13, we will be performing our own spring play in the CHS auditorium. There will be more information about this event in the May newsletter, but mark your calendars now because we would love for you to attend!

ECEAP Preschool

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 on a wait list for the Columbia School District ECEAP class. Please visit <http://www.esd123.org/eceap> or stop by the elementary school office for an application.



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New Notification System

The Pony Express, once considered amongst the most rapid mail delivery systems across the county at a rate of 10 miles per hour, lasted a mere nineteen months before being replaced by the lightning speed of the telegraph. Today electronic media driven by the light speed of the internet is replacing much of the routine use of the US mail. Powered by the internet, the school district will begin using School Messenger for notification of attendance beginning April 10th.


The automated system will speed up the time it takes to notify parents and guardians of emergency alerts, unexcused student absences, reminders of school programs, notification of lunch balances, school delays and/or school closures. (The new alert system certainly would have helped these past few months with all of the interrupted school days that Jack Frost created!)

Deeper, March 17th the district conducted a test of this system with the goal of reaching parents and guardians of students. In less than 30 minutes, the automated caller made 1100+ automated calls to primary and secondary numbers! The test allowed district personnel to identify some inactive and inaccurate phone numbers. Mass email notifications will be another communication option made available at the start of the next school year. Finally, our system is only as good as the phone numbers and emails that exist in Skyward. Over spring break, we encourage parents to log onto the Skyward Parent Portal (<http://family.columbia400.wa-k12.net/>) to check for accuracy of all of the information. As a first step, upon the return from spring break the automated calling system will begin calling parents about unexcused absences.

Sincerely,

Lou Gates, Superintendent &
Andrew Kramer, Technology Director

Blood Drive

Columbia High School's  American Red Cross Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on May 4th. If you are interested in donating blood please contact Mrs. Larios at tina.larios@csd400.org or Mrs. Kelly at sheena.kelly@csd400.org to schedule a donation time.

Burbank Public Library News

It is April at the Burbank Library and lots of things are blooming and growing, including the library building! Things are moving along quickly now and we anticipate being back in our building by late summer or early fall. Check out our progress at <https://burbanklibrarywworld.wixsite.com/info/construction>. In the meantime, hop into our temporary building located on the front lawn of the library property. While our space is smaller, we remain committed to helping you fulfill your reading, information, and technology needs. We are back to regular hours, which are M-Th, 11:00 to 7:00, Fridays, 12:00 to 5:00 and Saturdays 9:00 to 2:00. We hope to see you soon!

We will be highlighting our local poets and other famous poets at our annual poetry slam and poetry contest award program. This year the program will be held at the Columbia High School Commons on April 26 from 6pm-7:30pm, with winners announced at 6:30. Come and participate by reading your original poem or a favorite poem...or simply listen and enjoy.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. the Burbank Library holds a Baby and Toddler story time. Along with a great story to be shared, your child will experience singing and movement, a craft and a snack. Check it out!

On April 26 we will have a special story time to celebrate Children's Book Day. The story will feature puppetry, a craft and a yummy treat. Each participating child will get a free book to take home.

GEAR UP News

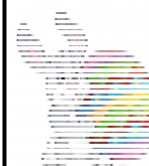
GEAR UP is very excited to participate in Washington's College Signing Celebrations! This event offers an opportunity to highlight graduating seniors and inspire other young people to commit to making postsecondary plans. Our goal is to promote excitement and awareness around the importance of making plans beyond high school, whether that be enrolling in a 2 or 4 year public/private college or university, enlisting in the armed forces, or registering for a certification or trade program. Columbia High School will be hosting a College Signing Celebration on April 28, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium and want to invite all senior parents to attend and see your students make a commitment to continue their post-secondary education.

If you have any questions please call Florinda Carrasco, GEAR UP Site Manager, at (509) 545-8573 Ext: 1406. Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting ceremony to encourage Columbia High students in making college a part of their future.

Important test dates:

- April 7th 2017- Registration Deadline for May 6th Test
- April 8th 2017 – ACT Test
- April 25th 2017 – SAT Late Registration Deadline for May 6th Test
- May 5th 2017 – ACT Registration Deadline for June 10th Test
- May 6th 2017 – SAT Subject Tests
- May 9th 2017 – SAT Registration Deadline for June 3rd Test
- May 19th 2017- ACT Late Registration Deadline for June 10th Test
- May 24th 2017- SAT Late Registration Deadline for June 3rd Test

Easter Egg Hunt



The Walla Walla Fire Dist. #5 annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Hood Park. Come join the fun!

April 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	▪ <i>School Closed – Spring Break</i> 3	▪ <i>School Closed – Spring Break</i> 4 ▪ <i>HS Baseball – Burbank at Goldendale (11am) DH</i>	▪ <i>School Closed – Spring Break</i> 5	▪ <i>School Closed – Spring Break</i> 6	▪ <i>School Closed – Spring Break</i> 7 ▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Umatilla (12pm)</i>	8
9	▪ <i>Coyote Boosters Mtg. at CHS Library (6pm)</i> ▪ <i>School Board Meeting (7pm)</i> 10	▪ <i>HS Baseball – Burbank at Zillah (3pm) DH</i> 11 ▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Zillah (3pm) DH</i>	12	▪ <i>Elementary & Middle Schools Early Release for Conferences</i> 13 ▪ <i>HS Tennis – Burbank at Ki-Be (3:30 pm)</i>	▪ <i>Elementary & Middle Schools Closed for Conferences</i> 14	▪ <i>Easter Egg Hunt at Hood Park (10am)</i> ▪ <i>HS Baseball – Burbank at Warden (11am) DH</i> ▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Warden (11am) DH</i> 15
16	▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Waitsburg (3pm) DH</i> 17 ▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Royal (3:30pm)</i> ▪ <i>Band Booster Meeting at CHS Band Room (6:30pm)</i>	18	▪ <i>Coffee Talk at Baptist Church in Arlene's Addition (8am)</i> 19 ▪ <i>MS Baseball – Burbank at Connell (4pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Connell (4pm)</i>	▪ <i>HS Tennis – Burbank at College Place (3:30 pm)</i> 20 ▪ <i>HS Baseball – Royal at Burbank (3pm) DH</i> ▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Royal at Burbank (3pm) DH</i> ▪	▪ <i>Elementary PTO Meeting at Board Room (8:30 am)</i> 21 ▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Riverview (3:30pm)</i>	▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Prosser (9:30am)</i> 22 ▪ <i>HS Tennis – Burbank at Connell (10am)</i>
23	▪ <i>School Board Meeting (7pm)</i> 24	▪ <i>HS Tennis – Royal at Burbank (3:30pm)</i> 25 ▪ <i>HS Baseball – Naches at Burbank (3pm) DH</i> ▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Naches at Burbank (3pm) DH</i> ▪ <i>MS Baseball – Burbank at Finley (4pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Finley (4pm)</i>	26	▪ <i>HS Tennis – Burbank at Connell (3:30 pm)</i> 27 ▪ <i>MS Baseball – Royal at Burbank (4pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Fast Pitch – Royal at Burbank (4pm)</i>	28	▪ <i>HS Baseball – Wahluke at Burbank (11am) DH</i> 29 ▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Wahluke at Burbank (11am) DH</i> ▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Ritzville</i>
30	▪ 1	▪ <i>HS Baseball – Burbank at Riverview (3pm)</i> 2 ▪ <i>HS Tennis - Wahluke at Burbank (3:30pm)</i> ▪ <i>HS Track – Burbank at Ki-Be (3:30 pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Baseball – Burbank at McFarland (4pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Fast Pitch – Burbank at McFarland (4pm)</i>	3	▪ <i>Honor Society Blood Drive at CHS – (call for appt.)</i> 4 ▪ <i>MS Baseball – Warden at Burbank (4pm)</i> ▪ <i>MS Fast Pitch – Warden at Burbank (4pm)</i>	▪ <i>HS Fast Pitch – Burbank at Riverview (3pm) DH</i> 5	▪ <i>Prom</i> 6



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