

Dear Patrons,

Like the old commercial where we heard, "When E. F. Hutton talks, people listen," you spoke as a community during the Thoughtexchange survey *and* our school board listened. An unduplicated count showed well over 100 friends of Columbia School District—community members, parents, staff and students—offered many *thoughts* to our school board. Upgrading from *sticky dots* (weighted opinions) on butcher paper to *virtual sticky stars* on electronic platforms, Thoughtexchange results produced comprehensive data relating, in particular, to our elementary school. In all, our community assigned 11,232 stars. Of these, the lion's share of the stars supported the addition of a gym, classrooms, and upgrades to our elementary school. The community also voiced a strong support to add elementary classrooms that will help keep fifth grade as a part of our elementary school. We anticipate that by the end of this week you will have access to a link on our district website (CSD400.org) to the results from this survey. In addition, this will link to a second website that you will find informative and attractive. To make it easy, we will include these links on the rolling scroll that you will see on our main webpage.

In response to your thoughts, on November 28th, our school board will finalize the details of a bond proposal. In general, this will include the addition of an elementary gym, the construction of two classrooms, and propose enlarging the very small staff restrooms in this school. Moreover, rather than considering a traditional 20-year obligation, this bond will run for just five years *and* at a reduced estimated rate from the bond that retires next year.

Sincerely,
Lou Gates, Superintendent

Missoula Children's Theatre

Mark your calendars for this year's Missoula Children's Theatre performance, *Princess and the Pea*. Auditions for the play will be held in the High School Auditorium on Monday, November 28th at 3:00 p.m. Play practice will be held the week of Nov. 28th through Dec. 2nd. The *Princess and the Pea* play performances will be held on Friday, December 2nd in the Columbia High School auditorium at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Coffee & Fudge Sale Fundraiser

The Columbia Middle School ASB will be conducting their annual Java Joe's Coffee and Fudge Fundraiser November 2nd-17th. Delivery will be before Christmas break, so it is a great gift idea for the holidays! If you are interested in purchasing coffee or fudge, please contact a participating middle school student, or email John Muchlinski at john.muchlinski@csd400.org. Thank you for your support of Columbia Middle School!

Mr. Muchlinski, CMS ASB Advisor.

Drama Club Presents a Dinner Theater



On Saturday, November 5th in the CHS Commons, the Drama Club will be presenting Café Murder, an interactive murder mystery dinner theater production. The price is \$10 per person, which includes the show and a salad, entrée, and dessert. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Attention Freshman Parents

The parents of the freshmen are planning a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School to discuss fundraising for the Class of 2020. By starting early, we will be well prepared for senior year! We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Julie DeBord by email at julie.debord@csd400.org



Food Distribution

The Columbia School District is partnering with 2nd Harvest to distribute free food to Burbank families in need. The food distribution will be held at Columbia Elementary School on Wednesday, November 16th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please be sure to bring bags or a box for your food items.

Attention High School Parents!

The SKYWARD parent portal has been updated with high school students writing exits and state test(s). The Milestone tab will allow you to see which writing exits have been turned in and which state tests have been completed and passed. If there are any discrepancies, please email: jimalee.custer@csd400.org and she will look further into it.

Grange Breakfast

The Burbank Grange is serving delicious, hot breakfast on Sundays in November from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Proceeds from the breakfast go toward scholarships for graduating seniors. Come enjoy a great home cooked breakfast while supporting CHS students!

Community Service

The FFA, FCCLA, and Key Club will be collecting donations of clothing, small household items, shoes, books, etc. Items may be dropped off in the donation bin in the Columbia High School Commons from now through Nov 10th. All donations will be given to Value Village.



The annual FBLA Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Burbank Grange on December 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Mark you calendars!

Honor Society Coat Drive

The CHS Honor Society is collecting new or clean, gently used coats for the upcoming winter season. The coat drive will run from now until November 30th. We are participating in the Coats for Kids School Challenge sponsored by Kadlec, KNDU-TV and the Salvation Army. Kadlec will donate \$200 if we donate over 100 heavy, warm coats. We need your help! Community members are encouraged to donate and can drop off the coats at any of the coat collection barrels located at each of the schools in the district. Start looking through your closets today to donate! Any questions, or if you would like to arrange a pick-up please contact Sheena Kelly at sheena.kelly@csd400.org, Tina Larios at tina.larios@csd400.org, or call 545-8573 to make arrangements. Thank you for your support!

FOOD DRIVE:

The CHS Honor Society will be accepting food donations to assist local community members in need during this holiday season. The annual Food Drive will begin November 16th and run through December 16th. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at all school offices in the district. You may contact Sheena Kelly at sheena.kelly@csd400.org or Tina Larios at tina.larios@csd400.org for food pick-ups or to identify a family who may need help. Thank you for helping local families and neighbors!

HELP WANTED

Columbia School District is currently accepting applications for substitute FOOD SERVICE HELP and substitute BUS DRIVERS. If you are interested, please visit our employment website at <https://csd400.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> or call 509-547-2136 with any questions.

A message from your



Attention Parents and Seniors!

Students are beginning to prepare for the next step in their life, to graduate and for the next step, hopefully college. We would like them to have all the opportunities that are available to them. The first step is getting a FSA ID to start the process of applying for the FAFAS (Free Application Federal Student Aid). The parent and student will need a Social Security number to answer some questions to get this FSA ID. The ID will be an electronic signature for filling out the FAFSA. One parent will need to get an FSA ID as well so once the FAFSA is sent in they will be able to send the information to the parent as well. We would like to see all seniors applying for the FAFSA and see how much assistance they will get. This will help you and your student make some very important decisions about their future. We know that some students may not be thinking about going on to college now, but we would like them to have every opportunity to take advantage of what might be available to them and help them make some important choices. Life changing events happen all the time. One never knows what life throws at us, so let's be ready with a plan just in case college might be in the future. The sooner the FAFSA is filled out, the more assistance is available to you and your student. Come by the GEAR UP office and get the help you need!

Attention High School Students!

Columbia High School Yearbooks are on sale for \$45, now through December 21st. After January 1st the price will be \$50. Hurry and order yours today!

School Board Meeting



**Regular Board Meeting
November 28, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Future Board Meeting Dates:
December 19, 2016**

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



Veterans Day Concert

The 5th grade students would like to invite you to their Veteran's Day Choral Concert, which will be held in the Columbia High School Auditorium on Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to honoring our Veterans by singing several heartfelt songs as well as patriotic standards. The event is free and anyone can come! Hope to see you there!

Inclement Weather

During inclement weather there are some areas that can be difficult for our school buses to navigate. Because of this, the Columbia School District may declare snow routes from time to time for Dodd Road, Iverson Road and Wallula bus routes. If you hear we are driving emergency snow routes you will need to have your students' board and depart the bus at the Crazy Mary's parking lot or at the Wallula Post office.

Any time there is questionable weather please check our website scrolling banner at www.csd400.org for detailed information, or listen to KONA 610 AM or 105.3 FM or watch KNDU TV channel 25.

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November 2016

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Volleyball – Burbank at Naches (7pm) 1 	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary PTO Meeting at Board Room (following Jog-A-Thon assembly) 4 Early Release ~ End of First Quarter ~ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Volleyball – at Ki-Be (12:00 pm) 5 Drama Club presents a Dinner Theater called "Café Murder" at CHS Commons (7:00 pm)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coyote Boosters Mtg. HS Library (6:00pm) 7 Winter Sports Parent Meeting at CHS Commons (7pm) 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman Parent Meeting at CHS Library (7pm) 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Boys Basketball Ki-Be at Burbank (4pm & 5pm) 10 5th Grade Veterans Day Choral Concert at CHS Auditorium (7pm) 	Schools Closed 11 Veterans Day 	12
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Boys Basketball Connell at Burbank (4pm & 5pm) 14 Band Booster Meeting at CHS Band Room (6pm) HS Winter Sports Practice Begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Boys Basketball Burbank at Royal (4pm & 5pm) 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Talk at Baptist Church in Arlene's Addition (8:00 am) 16 Elementary Early Release – Conferences 2nd Harvest Food Distribution at CES (4pm – 6pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary & Middle School Conferences – Schools Closed 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary & Middle School Conferences – Schools Closed 18 	19
20	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Boys Basketball Burbank at McFarland (4pm & 5pm) 22 	23 Early Release Thanksgiving Break	24 Schools Closed 	25 Schools Closed	26
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missoula Children's Theatre Play Tryouts at CHS Auditorium (2:45pm) 28 Board Meeting (7:00 PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Wrestling Jamboree at Burbank (6pm) 29 	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS Boys Basketball Wahluke at Burbank (4pm & 5pm) 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missoula Children's Theatre Princess & the Pea at CHS Auditorium (9:15 am & 7:00 pm) 2 HS Basketball – Tri-City Prep at Burbank (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS Basketball – Burbank at DeSales (4:30pm, 6pm & 7:30pm) 3

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