

Dear Patrons,

October is School Bus Month. Our professional school bus drivers, with strong support from our fine mechanics at JDs Trucking, maintain our bus fleet in a safe and superb working condition—our annual and *surprise* State Patrol inspections have received numerous annual awards over the past several years.

A decade ago, the school bus replacement, commonly as depreciation, changed from an 18-year cycle to a 13-year cycle. Furthermore, our oldest bus, a 1998 Thomas, just came off depreciation. Thus, unless the state legislature changes the rules, the oldest buses on depreciation remains, at most, 13 years old. Deeper, in 2013 our board approved a bus purchasing formula: the number of route buses plus trip buses on depreciation (currently this is a total is ten buses). Our transportation department also keeps a few *spare buses* after they fall off the replacement schedule, providing that the maintenance cost for each of these older buses, like the 1998 Thomas bus, remains reasonable.

Over the past several years, our school board used this formula to purchase new buses, including three new buses purchased in 2013 using non-voted \$320,000 bond and paid largely from the depreciation dollars or Transportation Vehicle Funds. Subsequently, to remain on the replacement schedule the district ordered another bus in 2016 and another last spring, which will arrive any day to replace the 1998 Thomas. However, a cash payment will pay for this bus from the Transportation Vehicle Fund supported minimally from cash reserves; this *cash payment* saves additional dollars in interest and finance charges.

Finally, thank you goes to a dedicated team of drivers, mechanics, and our school board the most important goal: the safe transportation of our students.

Sincerely,

Lou Gates, Superintendent

If anyone has children's books (picture or early chapter books) that they are willing to donate, Katie Blakeslee (Columbia Elementary's newest 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher) would appreciate adding them to her AR library.

### Attention High School Students

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

#### Important Dates:

Tri-Tech Careers in Manufacturing Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. (Place to be determined)

ELA and MATH State Testing-Retest Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> in the library at 8:00 a.m.

### Book Fair

Come join us for the Wild West Book Fair at Columbia Elementary! Dates are October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> during school hours and a Family Night on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All proceeds go back into the Library!



### Class of 2019 Raffle

The Class of 2019 Parent Group is raffling a cut and wrapped pig again this year! Tickets will be on sale at home football and volleyball games with the drawing being held at half-time of the October 20<sup>th</sup> home football game against Royal. Tickets are \$1 each. To purchase tickets or if you are a Class of 2019 parent that would like to sell tickets, please contact Shawna McEachen at 509-531-5704; Kelly Fields at 509-366-2279; or Hayley Shepard at 509-521-9795.

### Class of 2020 Meeting

There will be a meeting for the families and students of the class of 2020 on Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia High commons. We will be discussing fundraising for the senior party. If you can't attend, but would like more information, please contact Julie.Debord@csd400.org. Like us on Facebook: Columbia-Burbank: Class of 2020

**CASA**, our elementary after-school program along with the High School **Honor Society** are collaborating on a service project making sleeping mats for the homeless. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we would love your expertise! If you would like more information there will be a meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in room 107 at the elementary school for anyone interested in helping with this project or you may contact Kathy Gibson at 509-547-9393.



Colleges visiting CHS this month:

EWU Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., WSU-Pullman Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Gonzaga Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Whitworth College Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

GEAR UP invites all Seniors and their parents to sign up for an app called "Remind". GEAR UP will send text messages with information about important events coming up in the high school. To get started, download the app or send a text to 81010 with the words "join 2492bk".

### Missoula Children's Theatre

Mark your calendars for this year's Missoula Children's Theatre performance, *Aladdin!* Auditions for the play will be held in the high school auditorium on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Play practice will be held the week of Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The play performances will be held on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Columbia High School auditorium at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

### Burbank Public Library News

The Burbank Public Library will be closed beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> to allow us to move into our newly renovated space. We plan to reopen to the public on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to our move, we are unable to offer Homework Zone on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding.

October 19<sup>th</sup> is the worldwide event "Read for the Record". The year's book is *Quackers* by Liz Wong. Anyone of any age can stop in and read this children's story and it will count towards the record. There will be a prize drawing for our participants 14 years and younger.

We will have a community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Fun, games, prizes and a costume contest are all being planned. More details will emerge on social media.

We are launching a new after school program called "Crazy 8 Math Club" on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 -4:00 p.m. This program is a Math Enrichment Program (fun with math, not math tutoring) and is designed for children in grades 2-5. Contact us for more information and to register.

### COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Columbia School District is committed to helping keep our students, parents, staff and community healthy throughout the flu season. That's why we have partnered with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association to provide a "flu shot clinic" for our schools and community.

**October 10, 2017**  
**Columbia Middle School**  
**2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

The Clinic is open to all students and their families (children four years of age and older) and the community. **Please note that students under the age of 18 will need a Patient Consent Form signed by a parent or guardian.** Patient Consent Forms are available on the district website at [www.csd400.org/CSD/flu.php](http://www.csd400.org/CSD/flu.php). Please complete one form for each person and bring it with you to the event. Forms will also be available at the clinic.

All participants will be asked to provide their health insurance information (card) to receive an immunization. SVNA will electronically bill the insurance plan for your flu shot. They bill almost all insurance plans, but are not able to accept Cigna or Provider One-unless the plan is tied to Apple Health. Flu shots are considered preventive care and normally are not subject to deductibles or co-pays. Students 18 years and under without current health insurance coverage will be offered a flu shot at no cost. Adults without current insurance coverage may pay the \$30.00 immunization fee with cash or check.

### Support the Class of 2018

Come have dinner at the Homecoming Football game Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and support the Senior class on their fundraising efforts for their drug and alcohol free after-grad party! On the menu is a pulled pork sandwich, side & dessert!

### Thank you, Lions Club!

The Lions Club will be here on October 25<sup>th</sup> doing free vision/hearing screenings for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. We appreciate this generous service!

## SPORTS NEWS!

At the September 25<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting, our Board unanimously approved *pursuing* the option, through the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), to appeal moving from the 1A league level to the 2B level starting in the 2018-2019 school year. This decision came after considering that most schools in the 1A league have grown over the past several years while student numbers in Columbia High and district-wide have slowly dropped—this year Columbia High holds the WIAA distinction of being the smallest 1A-sized high school in the state. This means that our students often compete against schools that are more than twice the size of Columbia. Accordingly, the District will submit a request to the WIAA for a review of the current and projected number of students in our high school. In early January, the WIAA committee will consider our appeal and likely approve the request. Collectively, our board members wrestled with this difficult decision, but weighed in with the idea that playing high schools of a similar size to Columbia will be best for our students. If you have questions about this decision, please do not hesitate to contact our Activities Director, Jay Aune (545-8573).

### 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 a.m. (check in 7:30 a.m.).

Entry fee is \$12. 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](http://www.imathlete.com).

**Parade at 11:00 a.m. and Open House to follow at Station 51.**

See you there! For more info call fire dept. 547-8341

## School Board Meeting



**Next Meeting:**  
**October 09, 2017**  
Administration Board Room  
7:00 p.m.  
**Future Board Meeting Dates:**  
October 23, 2017  
November 27, 2017

## Painted Piano Project



Columbia Middle School is the lucky recipient of a donated piano through the Tri-City Painted Piano Project. The piano is located in our commons where students are encouraged to play it during any free time. If you are able to play the piano and would be willing to occasionally join us during our lunch time or morning recess we would love to have you fill our commons with music. You don't have to come in on a regular schedule, just call ahead and let us know you are interested. On Mondays our morning recess is from 8:35-8:55 and lunch is from 11:45-12:15. The other days of the week our morning recess is from 7:35-7:55 and lunch is from 11:20-11:55. This piano is ours to keep and can inspire our students to have a greater appreciation and involvement in music and the arts. Help us inspire our students by sharing your gift of music.

## Honor Society Coat Drive

Honor Society will be collecting winter coats for the upcoming winter during the month of October. Please drop off a new or gently used winter coat to any of the three buildings in the district. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Larios at [tina.larios@csd400.org](mailto:tina.larios@csd400.org). Thank you for your support!

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# October 2017

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| 24     | 25   | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| 1      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coyote Boosters Mtg HS Library (6:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ MS Football-Finley at Burbank (4:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ HS JV Football-Burbank at Connell (5:30 pm)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MS Volleyball –Wahluke at Burbank (4:00 &amp; 5:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ HS Volleyball-Burbank at Wahluke (5:30 &amp; 6:30 pm)</li> </ul>  | 4  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MS Football-Burbank at Warden (4:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ MS Volleyball-Burbank at Ki-Be (4:00 &amp; 5:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ HS Volleyball-Ki-Be at Burbank (5:30 &amp; 6:30 pm)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Football-Warden at Burbank (7:00 pm) Homecoming</li> <li>▪ Senior Parents' Tailgate Dinner CHS Parking Lot (5:30 pm)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WW Fire Dept 1 mile/5K/10K/ Fun Run (9:00 am)</li> <li>▪ Parade (11:00 am) Open House to follow at Station 51</li> </ul> |
| 8      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS JV Football-Burbank at Warden (5:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Board Meeting (7:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MS Football-Ki-Be at Burbank (4:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ MS Volleyball-Burbank at Connell (4:00 &amp; 5:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ HS Volleyball-Burbank at Connell (5:30 &amp; 6:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ <b>Community Flu Shot Clinic at CMS (2:00-6:00 pm)</b></li> <li>▪ Elementary PTO Meeting at Elementary (6:00 pm)</li> </ul> | 11   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Varsity Volleyball-Burbank at Warden (6:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Football-Burbank at Finley (7:00 pm)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>State Waiver Day</b></p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Volleyball Tournament at Burbank (9:00 am)</li> </ul>   |
| 15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS JV Football-Finley at Burbank (5:30 pm)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MS Football-Burbank at Finley (4:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ MS Volleyball-Ki-Be at Burbank (4:00 &amp; 5:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ HS Varsity Volleyball-Finley at Burbank (6:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coffee Talk at Baptist Church in Arlene's Addition (8:00 am)</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Varsity Volleyball-Burbank at Royal (6:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Football-Royal at Burbank (7:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ Senior Parents' Tailgate Dinner CHS Parking Lot (5:30 pm)</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fall Festival-Middle School Gym (5:00-9:00 pm)</li> </ul>  |
| 22     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Book Fair at CES</li> <li>▪ Board Meeting (7:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Volleyball-College Place at Burbank (5:30 &amp; 6:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Book Fair at CES</li> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Book Fair at CES</li> <li>▪ Book Fair Family Night at CES (5:00-7:00 pm)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Book Fair at CES</li> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS Football-Burbank at College Place (7:00 pm)</li> <li>▪ Book Fair at CES</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Burbank Public Library Halloween Party (4:30-6:00 pm)</li> </ul>   |
| 29     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HS JV Football-College Place at Burbank (5:30 pm)</li> <li>▪ Burbank Public Library Crazy 8 Math Club (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Homework Zone at Burbank Public Library (3:00-4:00 pm)</li> </ul>    | 1  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MS Boys Basketball – Burbank at Ki-Be (4:00 &amp; 5:00 pm)</li> </ul>  | 3   | 4   |

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