

# Chehalis Middle School

## March/April 2024

**Chris Simpson, Principal**

**Heidi Fagerness, Assistant Principal**

Thank you so much to all the families who participated in our Spring Parent Conferences. We appreciate families making the time to meet with teachers and engage in discussions about student progress.

It's hard to believe that Spring Break is quickly approaching, which means our 3rd quarter will come to an end on Friday, March 29th. The 4th quarter will start as soon as we return from Spring Break on Monday, April 8th. 3rd quarter grade report will be available on Skyward Family Access on Monday, April 8th.

CMS has been hopping with a social, sports, concerts, events like "See Something Say Something" or Career March Madness and making sure to recognize our amazing Classified Staff in March. Fourth quarter is going to bring even more fun!

~ Mr. Simpson

Spring has arrived and we find ourselves in a season of celebration and anticipation here at CMS. Our students have accomplished so many things this year, both inside and outside the classroom. We also have so much to look forward to with exciting events on the horizon.

Our extracurricular activities are in full swing, with our music programs captivating audiences at well-attended concerts and festivals, and our athletes finding joy and success in their chosen sports. It's heartwarming to see our students thriving and excelling in their passions. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in their education. As we approach the end of the school year, we want to ensure that you have important dates marked on your calendars:

- **State Testing:** Beginning on April 22nd and continuing throughout the month of May, our school will administer state-mandated assessments in Math and English Language Arts for all students. Additionally, our 8th graders will undertake science assessments. Consistent attendance during the testing window is vital for student success, so please plan accordingly.
- **8th Grade Parent Night at WF West:** On March 27th at 5pm, we invite all 8th graders and their families to join us for an orientation session at WF West. This will be an excellent opportunity to prepare yourself to be a Bearcat.
- **8th Grade Celebration:** Mark your calendars for June 11th. This event is organized by parents and promises to be a memorable occasion.
- **ASB 23-24 Elections:** In April, we will hold elections for the Associated Student Body (ASB) for the upcoming academic year. Applications will be available soon, so encourage your child to consider taking on a leadership role in our school community.

~Mrs. Fagerness

# April 1 - 5 SPRING BREAK!

## STATE TESTING BEGINS APRIL 22ND & FINISHES AT THE END OF MAY!

Please remind your student to

- Charge their chromebook everyday
- Bring their chromebook to school everyday
- Bring headphones everyday

## ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics Club is starting on Tuesday, April 9th after Spring Break. Anyone interested in joining the Robotics Club please join Mr. Haller on the 9th in room 206. The first meeting will be informational and will go from 2:30 to 3:00.

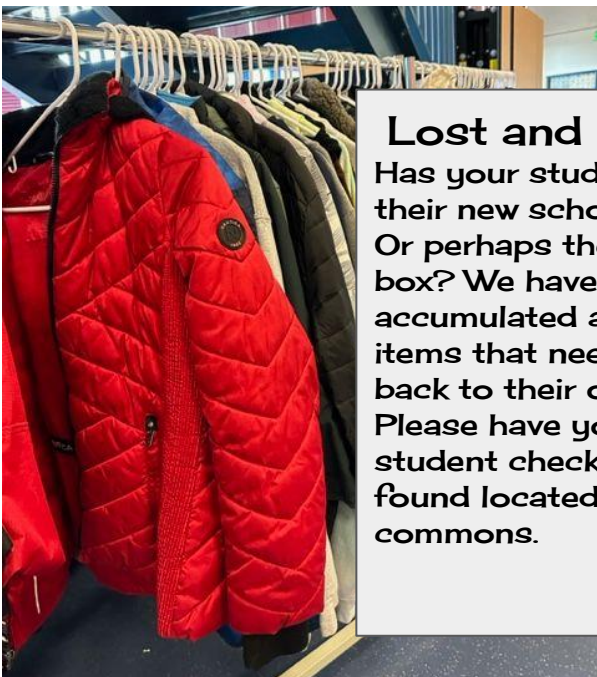
## Last Call for 2023/2024 Yearbook orders!

There are only 40 more books available. This year's book includes 4 bonus pages too! With 8 basketball teams and 8 volleyball teams, the yearbook staff requested additional pages be added to our publication. This was granted, and without an increased cost to parents. The yearbook staff worked hard right up to the last minute before Spring Break to meet their final deadline. You will not want to miss out on this fantastic collection of memories of the year. You can order your copy in the CMS office or using this QR code, but once all the books are spoken for, no more can be ordered.



## LOST AND FOUND

**Lost and Found**  
Has your student lost their new school coat? Or perhaps their lunch box? We have accumulated a few items that need to go back to their owner. Please have your student check lost and found located in the commons.



# CMS Counselors

A - L Mr. Kyle State

M - Z Mrs. Alicia Hill

Mrs. Autumn Ledgerwood



## 6th and 7th Graders:

We are looking forward to visiting classrooms when we return from Spring Break to present information about elective requests for next year. Parents, please take some time to review the information with your student and encourage them to turn in their elective requests.

## 8th Graders:

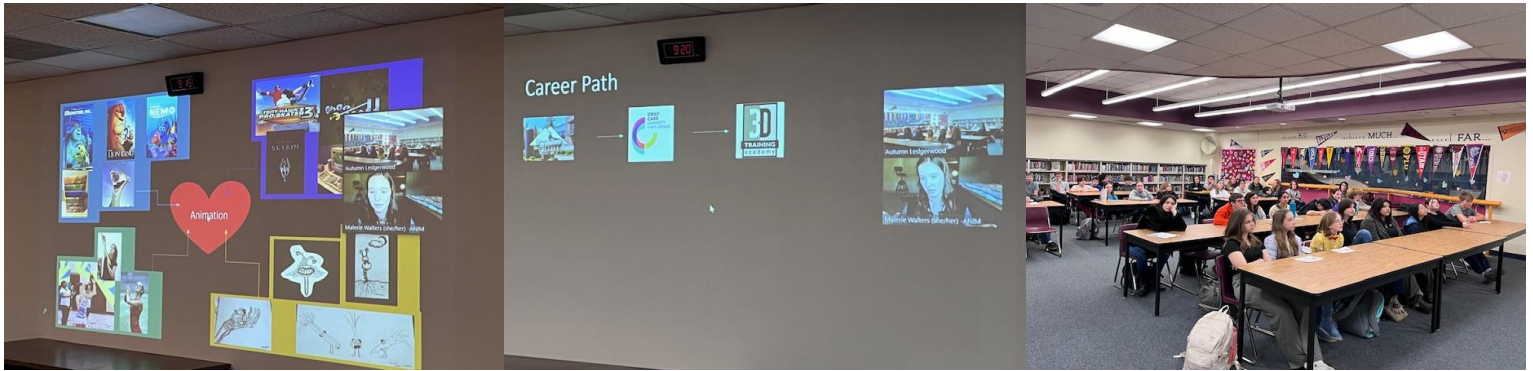
WFW Counselors visited our 8th grade classes to share information about high school registration and to help get our Wildcats ready to become Bearcats. We have enjoyed helping our students through the registration process and we look forward to seeing them blossom at the high school next year. If you have any questions or still need help with high school registration, please let us know.

Remind your students to reach out to us if they need support with academics or social emotional needs. We are here and happy to help. The Den is available for a quick break when needed or students may request an appointment from their chromebook using this icon on the Clever screen.





# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



A group of over forty 7th and 8th grade students signed up for a unique opportunity via Zoom to learn about a career in animation. They were joined by Malerie Walters, a professional animator at Walt Disney Animation Studios with 10 years of experience in the Animation industry. Her credits include The Peanuts Movie, Ice Age: Collision Course, Ferdinand, Spies in Disguise, Ralph Breaks the Internet, Frozen II, Raya and the Last Dragon, Encanto, Strange World, and Wish. She was also featured in a documentary called Into the Unknown: The making of Frozen 2. As an animator, Malerie is responsible for bringing character performances to life on screen. Her job is a blend of creativity, technical skill, and collaboration. Thank you Malerie for sharing so much valuable information with our students!



On February 12th, we had over fifty 7th and 8th grade join our Community Connections event with firefighter Kevin Reynolds.

Kevin Reynolds has been a firefighter with the Tacoma Fire Department for the past year. Prior to joining the department in Tacoma, he worked for over 14 years with the Chehalis Fire Department. He also has valuable experience in construction and industrial operations. Kevin provided great insights into his pathway to becoming a firefighter while sharing the many positive aspects as well as challenges in his career.

# SAY SOMETHING

March 4-8, WF West High School and Chehalis Middle School will be taking part in the Sandy Hook "Say Something" week.

## Gun Violence and Warning Signs

In 4 out of 5 school shootings, the attacker told people of their plans ahead of time.



of school shooters planned the attack in advance.



Guns used in about 68% of gun-related incidents at schools were taken from the home, a friend or a relative.



In almost every documented case of active shooters, **warning signs** were shown.

### Evan, Sandy Hook Promise



The film "Evan" by Sandy Hook Promise shows just how easy it can be to miss the signs of gun violence.

Find it on YouTube



## Talk To Your Kids

### Recognize the Warning Signs



## Take the Pledge



1. LOOK for WARNING SIGNS SIGNALS & THREATS
2. ACT IMMEDIATELY take it SERIOUSLY
3. say something TRUSTED ADULT

to help CREATE a SAFER, HEALTHIER school!







Chess Club played a life-sized match! It required a lot of teamwork and communication.



# C H E S S C L U B ♟



On March 15th our 8th grade class took a field trip to the Centralia College campus. While there, students were joined by Centralia College staff & student helpers for a guided tour of campus in small groups. They were able to learn more about the various programs and extracurricular events at CC. Many groups even got to meet the mascot!  
What a unique opportunity for our CMS students.



# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## 2ND QUARTER

### OUTSTANDING WILDCAT AWARD WINNERS



Aaron Woods  
Adele Guenther  
Amelia Spencer  
Anthony Gutierrez  
Ariella Crowel  
Aspen Gist  
Avery Porter  
Ayanna Harmon  
Beau Hollinger  
Bella Yip  
Brazil Luque  
Brynley Grimes  
Calista Fortman  
Carolyn Dauron  
Carter Smith  
Catherine Bender  
Christopher Johnson  
Courtney Myrup  
Drew Hill  
Emma Servey

Gage Wiens  
Gunnar Vlach  
Hailey Howlett  
Hope Shields  
Hudson Waltrip  
Isabella Lorent  
Jack "Bubba" Dalrymple  
Jackson Groberg  
James Duong  
Jayden Obermire  
Jaylyn Evans  
Jude Lambert  
Jude Welch  
Kaesen Eastman  
Kayden Owens  
Kenzie Roberts  
Landyn Leal  
Lily Bailey  
Lilybelle Thuston  
Logan Zenkner  
Madelen Gruginski

Madelyn Mora  
Madison Downey  
Max Coulter  
Milo Moody  
Oscar David  
Payton Arevalo  
Rebecca Fogde  
Rhogan Milton  
Rowen Hollinger  
Savanha DeHaven  
Savannah Schow  
Sergio Martinez  
Skylar Roose  
Sydney McConnell  
Timothy Meinking  
Tinsley Brown  
Trevor Riley  
Wyatt Hoffman  
Zeke Gonzalez  
Zoey Zachry





# Congratulations!!!

## 2nd Quarter Scholars!

### A's all around!



SOPHIA R. ALLEN  
GABRIEL A. ALVARADO  
LEVI T. AMES  
KENZIE E. ANDERSON  
ADDYSON A. ARTHURS  
LILY A. BAILEY  
BANYAN T. BALDWIN  
JACK E. BECKER  
CATHERINE L. BENDER  
MADELINE B. BRADLEY  
MIRABEL V. BURGER  
IZZABELLA M. CASTRO  
KADDIJAH CEESAY  
OLIVIA CHERRINGTON  
KENDALL D. COITEUX  
BRAXTON W. COLE  
KALE J. COLE  
LILLIAN J. CROCKER  
ARIELLA J. CROWELL  
JAYDEN DEAN  
SAVANHA G. DEHAVEN  
AMELIA C. DICKSON  
RAYGEN M. DUE  
KAESON T. EASTMAN  
ADAM G. ELDER  
COLLIN D. ELDER  
ALLISON K. FLEXHAUG  
CARLEY J. FOGLESONG  
ASHTYN R. GALLAGHER  
MALLORY R. GASKILL  
LONDON E. GERMOND  
LEO F. GORMAN  
BRYNLEY R. GRIMES  
JACKSON A. GROBERG  
MADELEN C. GRUGINSKI  
TRU A. HAMRICK  
NATALIE R. HARJO  
AYANNA M. HARMON  
KRYSTIN M. HARRIS  
LUKE HARTLEY  
JONATHAN M. HARTWELL

SANTIAGO R. HERNANDEZ  
WYATT R. HOFFMAN  
ROWEN C. HOLLINGER  
MILO W. HORNBY  
HAILEY K. HOWLETT  
HARPER L. HUNZIKER  
BLAKE R. IRVING  
ANNALISA M. JACOB  
JUNIPER A. JAMES  
RAYA J. JENSEN  
RYKER T. JENSEN  
KENNADEE G. JEWELL  
MAGALI C. JIMENEZ  
JOHN JUSSILA  
KHUSHMANPREET KAUR  
SUKHMANPREET KAUR  
SOREN J. KLOVDAHL  
KARINA Q. LEI  
MIA S. LESLIE  
DRAKE V. LINDHOLM  
CONNER W. LLOYD  
REECE W. MARQUEZ  
THALIA G. MARTINEZ  
SELENA J. MATAGI  
RYLEN J. MCCONNELL  
ROMIE P. MESNEAK  
SAVANNAH J. MIKKELSEN  
SHAYLEE R. MILES  
GEORGIA M. MILLS  
FISHER B. MINOR  
OLIVER R. MINOR  
AUSTIN L. MISNER  
BENJAMIN K. MITTGE  
MILO L. MOODY  
MADELYN R. MORA  
KATE E. MORDICK  
AUBREY D. MURPHY  
COURTNEY N. MYRUP  
KIMBER L. NIEMAN  
HADLEY S. NIEMI

BRANTLEY M. NOREN  
HECTOR J. OJEDA  
KAYDEN J. OWENS  
JULIAN H. PALACIOS RIVERA  
ISABELLA J. PANIAGUA  
BECKETT C. PORTER  
KARLY J. RASMUSSEN  
TREVOR H. RILEY  
CONSTANTINE D. ROBERTSON  
FINNLEY ROBISON  
WILLOW L. ROGERSON  
LOGAN T. ROONEY  
ERIN E. SANDBERG  
AUDREY R. SANTEE  
LAYLA M. SCHULTZ  
EMMA G. SERVEY  
HOPE SHIELDS  
BRIANA C. SMITH  
RYLEN L. SONNER  
BROOKLYN R. SPENCER  
HARVEY D. SPOGEN  
OLIVER STANTON  
REESE L. STEELE  
BRENDAN M. STEVENS  
VIOLET J. SWEHOSKY  
TRISTYN R. TAYLOR  
ISABELLE C. TEETER  
ASHA VIANNE R. TUMMETI  
KATE M. TURNER  
LINDEN C. VARICK  
GUNNAR J. VLACH  
COBY J. WALKER  
MADDOX C. WALKER  
TAMINA N. WALTON  
HUDSON O. WALTRIP  
GAGE WIENS  
YAZMIN WILDER-ORTEGA  
BROOKLYN L. WOHL  
JAMIAH WOOD  
SIERRA R. WOOD  
BELLA K. YIP





# FROM THE NURSE'S DESK



## Healthy Reminders:

- If your student has had a fever or diarrhea they must remain home until free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- If your student needs medication at school (This includes cough drops, inhalers, ibuprofen, etc.), please be sure we have a medication authorization on file. You can obtain that form from the office, the district website, or your child's doctor.
- At age 11 students should receive a tetanus booster, called tDap, at their annual check-up. Please note this immunization is required once they reach 7th grade. Find more information here  
<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/348-284-IndividualVaccineReqs2023-24.pdf?uid=63c1c87ef3b8a>



## CMS Sports Update



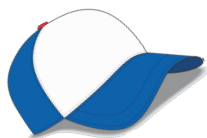
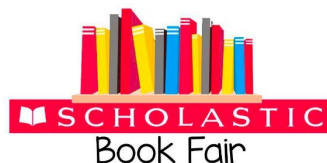
*Track Starts: April 8th*

*6th graders may turnout for practice, but are unable to compete in the meets. All sports fees paid and current physicals completed in order to practice.*

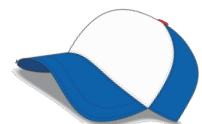
CLICK THIS LINK FOR SPORTS SCHEDULES!

<http://www.arbiterlive.com/School/33568>

Huge **THANK YOU** to all who supported the Scholastic Book fair!



Lids for Literacy Coming Soon



May 29th

Students and staff are invited to pay \$1 to wear a hat for the day. This money goes directly to our library for the purchase of new books.



## **8th Graders - Why choose AVID?**

No matter which post-secondary path high school graduates choose, students must develop certain essential skills to *design their own futures*: critical thinking, collaboration, reading, writing, and relationship building among them.

No one can predict the future, but all students can be prepared to thrive in the world that awaits them.

AVID students are taught to articulate what they don't understand and learn how to seek out the resources they need. By teaching critical thinking, inquiry, and self-advocacy, students are empowered to own their learning.

For one period a day, AVID students at W.F. West receive the additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses, and provide them with the tools they need for college and career success.

**W.F. West will be accepting applications for the A.V.I.D. elective course soon. Please talk to your counselor if you are interested.**



# 8 REASONS

## WHY THE AVID PROGRAM IS IDEAL PREPARATION FOR A UNIVERSITY

1 IT OFFERS  
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**  
TO STUDENTS WHO DESIRE TO  
CHALLENGE THEMSELVES  
IN HIGH SCHOOL.



2 IT CREATES  
INDEPENDENT AND MINDFUL  
**THINKERS.**



3 IT ENCOURAGES EFFECTIVE  
**COLLABORATION.**



4 IT CULTIVATES  
**QUALITY**  
**NOTE-TAKERS.**

5 IT EQUIPS STUDENTS WITH  
**READING AND**  
**WRITING**  
TOOLS.



6 IT PUSHES STUDENTS  
TO ACQUIRE AND SHARPEN  
**TIME MANAGEMENT**  
SKILLS.



7 IT INSPIRES  
STUDENTS TO  
**ADVOCATE**  
FOR THEMSELVES.



8 IT SUPPORTS STUDENTS AS THEY CHOOSE AND  
**APPLY FOR COLLEGES**  
AND UNIVERSITIES.



## Chehalis School District Annual School Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website:

<http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/> search for Chehalis School and click on the school of choice.

Printed copies of the annual school report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at: <http://chehalisschools.org> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

### Title I Notification

Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

- Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.
- Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.
- If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Chehalis 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. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

**Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer:** Tommy Elder - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7235

[telder@chehalisschools.org](mailto:telder@chehalisschools.org)

**Section 504/ADA Officer:** Katie Howell- 310 SW 16th Street., Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245

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**Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator** Debby Gregory - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7235

[dgregory@chehalisschools.org](mailto:dgregory@chehalisschools.org)

### Habla Espanol?

El distrito escolar de Chehalis ofrece servicios de traducción al Espanol a nuestros padres y familias.

Por favor comuniquese con Ines Perez al 360-807- 7230, o al correo electrónico a [iperez@chehalisschools.org](mailto:iperez@chehalisschools.org)