

A message from Superintendent Rothlin



Dear Chehalis Patrons:

The Chehalis schools projects continue to proceed nicely. The architects have completed “design development” and presented it to the board of directors. The projects have been subjected to “value engineering” during which a number of cost saving suggestions were generated. The projects are on schedule and on budget according to the latest cost estimates from the design team. The district is preparing to submit information to the City for initial permit review. The architects are entering the “construction document” phase wherein they will begin to develop detailed drawings and specifications for bidding purposes.

Construction bids are due in November 2016, with activity on the grounds scheduled for December 2016/January 2017 with the new schools opening in fall of 2018.

From the Robotics team participating in an international competition, to the annual BioTech Day, to tours of the high school that included demonstrations of the Scanning Electron Microscope and the Molecular Genetics Cell Culture Lab, the District’s STEM Program has had a great year! And, now, the District has received a \$5.5 million dollar grant to build a STEM wing onto W.F. West High School. With this exciting development, the District recently proceeded with a call for bids for an architect to help manage this project. Watch for more information coming soon!

Sincerely,

Ed Rothlin, Superintendent



Summer Activities

Elementary Summer Reading Club

Grades K-5 at Olympic Elementary School
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 12pm
June 21 – July 28

Olympic Math Camp

Incoming grades 4-5 at Olympic Elementary
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 12noon
Session 1: June 21 – July 7
Session 2: July 12 – July 28

Summer Math Academy - FREE!

Chehalis Middle School

Module 1–Mathematics in Nature

July 5 – 7, 9am – 11:30am

Field trip to Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

July 8, 9am-1pm

Module 2–Mathematics of Drones

July 11 – 13, 9am – 11:30am

Field trip to Seattle Museum of Flight

July 14, 8am – 2pm

Module 3: Mathematics of Earthquakes

July 18 – 20, 9am – 11:30am

Field trip to Pacific NW Seismology Lab (UW-Seattle)

July 21, 7am – 3:30 pm

Module 4:

Mathematics of Stadium Architecture

July 26-28, 9am – 11:30am

Field trip to Tacoma Rainiers game

August 2, 9:30am – 4pm

Bridge to Algebra at WFW

Free for current 8th graders taking Pre-Algebra with Ms. Fox, Mrs. Obtinario, or Mr. Bullock worth .5 high school elective credit to help prepare for Algebra 1.

July 5 – August 5, Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Summer Algebra 1B at WFW

(need to find out if it’s M-Th or M-F)
July 5 – July 28, 9am – 2:00pm

Summer STEM Camp at WFW

August 1-5: Two student sessions per day
8:15am – 12:15pm or 12:45pm – 4:45pm
Field trips Tuesday and Thursday to Centralia College and TBD. See website:
sites.google.com/a/chehalisschools.org/wfweststem/home



Chehalis Students take AP Tests

The Chehalis School District is proud to announce that 135 of its AP (Advanced Placement) students participated in AP testing this year. Many students took tests in multiple subject areas.

Advanced Placement tests provide high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit with qualifying test scores. Students may take the tests after completing highly rigorous AP classes, which expose students to a depth and breadth of curriculum that is similar to what they will encounter in college.

According to Sue Ardington, Social Studies teacher at W.F. West High School, "Advanced Placement courses and the College Board exams in May are designed to develop skills and strategies that prepare students for college level work. The courses are linked to college persistence and academic success. Students across the nation and around the globe take the AP exams on the same dates and times."

AP courses and exams may be included in resumes and letters of recommendation for scholarship, and they distinguish students as scholars who have pursued rigorous college preparatory courses in high school. Some colleges

and universities add additional GPA points to the high school transcript for students who have completed AP courses.

"For students who are ready to handle advanced work, AP classes are an excellent choice, whether they take the test or not," said Patty Howard, English teacher, W.F. West.

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– Sue Ardington, Social Studies teacher at W.F. West High School

"Students who complete these classes, whether they test or not, leave with strong communication skills and a level of knowledge that exceeds the level gained in our standard programs."

Advanced placement course offerings at W.F. West for this school year include: AP Calculus, AP Psychology, AP World History, AP US History, AP Literature and Composition.



R.E. Bennett Students get a Taste of College

All R.E. Bennett students visited St. Martin's College in March. It was a wonderful time to expose them to a little taste of what college would be like and the kids really enjoyed it!

The Caribbean Breeze Steel Band played at Safeco Field for Seattle Mariner fans on Friday, May 13.



Olympic Elementary receives Music Aid Northwest Grant

Olympic Elementary School has received a \$5,500 grant to support fourth and fifth grade music programs. Olympic is one of just 20 schools in the state to receive the Music Aid Northwest Grant. Grant money will be used to purchase Orff instruments, including xylophones, glockenspiels, and hand drums, as well as the World Music Drumming program and instruments, and new music for the fifth grade choir program. Teacher Lauren Hays, who applied for the grant, hopes there may be enough left after these purchases to buy one or two new risers for the fifth grade choir.

"I am so excited to implement these resources and see how it transforms the fourth and fifth grade programs!" said Hays.

Music Aid Northwest supports music education in Washington State through fundraising events such as the sale of special "Music Matters" license plates. For more information on Music Aid Northwest, visit their website: www.musicaidnorthwest.org/

Olympic Students Shine in Annual Spelling Bee

On April 29, Olympic Elementary School held its 26th annual school-wide spelling bee, which is sponsored by the Chehalis Kiwanis Club. Ten grade level spelling bee finalists participated. Mr. Rick Gilham, a 4th grade teacher at Olympic, was the pronouncer.

Pictured from left to right, with Brett Ellingson, Olympic Elementary's Principal, and Mr. Ed Rothlin, Chehalis School District's Superintendent, are the top five winners: Breanna McHenry, 2nd place; Samuel Mittge, 1st place; Cameron Sheets, 3rd place; Olivia Brame, 4th place; and Roman Rodriquez, 5th place.



WF W Students Create Hanging Flower Baskets

For the past few years, the W.F. West High School Botany class has partnered up with Kaija's and the City of Chehalis to create the flower hanging baskets that are displayed downtown and at various businesses.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-17 school year is underway. The school office will be open until June 30, then close for summer break, reopening August 17. Registration packets will be available at the District Office during the summer break. Find more information on the Cascade website: www.chehalisschools.org/cas/



Young Authors Project

The students in Leslie Pagel's 1st grade reading group participated in a Young Authors project last month. Students wrote several stories through the school year and this activity allowed them to use the skills they had learned. Each narrative told a story about an event in the child's life and then went through several editing processes before publishing. This project culminated with students sharing their books with family and friends.



Thank You Volunteers!

School volunteers are essential to successful elementary schools. Cascade Elementary is fortunate to have many wonderful dedicated volunteers who help in the classrooms, chaperone field trips, and take part in PTA activities. In fact, Cascade is blessed to have over 100 volunteers that consistently help.

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TOP STUDENTS

Congratulations to the W.F. West Class of 2016!

The W.F. West Class of 2016 has many significant achievements of which to be proud. Here are the top students of this year's class:



NATHAN DAVIS ANGLIN

GPA: 4.00
Parents: Mike Anglin and Jennifer Miller,
Future plans: University of Washington.



JARED PAUL CHUNG

GPA: 4.00
Parents: Drs. Paul and Iris Chung
Future plans: Major in Biochemistry at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee; pursue a medical mission career in ophthalmology.



ADAM E. SCHWARZ

GPA: 4.00
Parents: Ted and Mindy Schwarz
Future plans: George Fox University to double major in Business Administration and Marketing and play basketball.



ALEXANDER KAI SCHWIESOW

GPA: 4.00
Parents: Mark and Hanya Schwiesow
Future plans: University of Washington to study aerospace engineering.



RORY KATHERINE SLATTERY

GPA: 4.00
Parents: Scott and Kristin Slattery
Future plans: Columbia University in New York, to study anthropology.



MADELINE ASHLEY JAMES

GPA: 3.99
Parents: Ron and Nicki James
Future plans: Western Washington University to major in Elementary Education.



GARRETT CHRISTOPHER YARTER

GPA: 3.99
Parents: Christopher and Kristi Yarter
Future plans: George Fox University to study Biology with a focus on Pre-Medicine and also play football.



HANNAH LYNN CUMMINGS

GPA: 3.98
Parents: Brian and Stacey Cummings
Future plans: University of Idaho to study Communication Science Disorders in order to pursue a career as a speech language pathologist.



KENDRA ANN KOSTICK

GPA: 3.955
Parents: Sabrina and Ken Kostick
Future plans: University of Portland's Registered Nursing Program to become a registered nurse.



NIKO RAY BHAGWANDIN

GPA: 3.952
Parents: Omroa and Annie Bhagwandin
Future plans: University of Washington College of Engineering.



DANE MICHAEL HANNUM

GPA: 3.952
Parents: Steve and Gretchen Hannum
Future plans: Western Washington University to major in Biology with a Pre-Medicine focus to pursue a career in Dermatology.