

Wishram School NEWSLETTER

November 2019



One Down, Three to Go...

As the first quarter ends, Wishram School is full-steam ahead!

From the Superintendent:

Hello again, Wishram community!

It's hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of the first quarter of the 2019/2020 school year. As always, it's wonderful to have the opportunity to keep you posted on some of the tremendous things going on at Wishram School. Our CTE classes have gotten off to a great start, and we have some pretty fantastic projects being completed. We held our annual Homecoming events which included special spirit dress-up days, as well as our first trunk or treat event, and our students were able to participate in PSAT and SAT testing on campus this month. There is never a shortage of activities within our district, and we love to share brief highlights with our supportive community.

Our new CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses are currently being enjoyed by all 6th through 12th grade students. To date, students have had the opportunity to build shelving, boxes, and birdhouses at the direction of our newly hired CTE teacher, Mr. David DeVoe. It has been quite an experience watching the excitement our students display at being able to develop new skills and talents in the workshop, and we feel like this provides our students with essential skills necessary for them to take away from their K-12 experience here at Wishram.

Homecoming spirit week was exceptionally lively this year with dress-up days including pajamas, color wars, wacky clothing, costumes, and school team spirit day. Each day was eagerly anticipated by students and staff at Wishram School, and we had many individuals participate. The week culminated with a pep assembly for the big football game. The Lyle-Wishram-Klickitat Cougars were able to pull down the win against Tekoa/Rosalia, and Alaura McCullough and Blake Kostrach were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. During this busy week, we also held a trunk-or-treat event on Halloween to provide the community with a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience. There were lots of spooky costumes and many decorated cars. Thank you to everyone for your donations and assistance in making this trunk-or-treat a successful event for everyone!

On an academic note, some 10th-grade students, and all 11th and 12th-grade students had the opportunity to participate in our PSAT and SAT day at Wishram School. In times past, our students have had to commute to take this examination at a neighboring district, but due to new state legislation, we have the ability to hold testing at our own school site. This required faculty members like Ms. Ashley Blodgett and Mrs. Kadee Hilton to become certified to provide these examinations, but they were happy

to oblige to provide our students with this unique and beneficial experience.

Overall, things at Wishram School are off to an exemplary start this school year. Students are gaining essential content and skill mastery, and we've never been able to offer more programming than we are currently. Each day, we continue to provide an educational experience that is built upon high expectations, consistency, and character-building, and that makes up the Wishram difference. The best is yet to come.

*-Mike Roberts
Superintendent/Principal
Wishram School District #94*


Athletics & Operations

Hello Wishram friends and family,

Seems like the time is flying by this school year. We have already completed the 1st quarter and made it through the first big holiday (Halloween), and are on our way to the next big holiday (Thanksgiving). Before we know it, it will be Christmas break. Are we all ready for this? Just a reminder that our Cultural Exchange is coming up soon and if you've never attended, you're missing out on great food and Native American drumming & dancing. As always, if you'd like to attend just call the school and reserve a spot.

The first round of projects from our new CTE program left our school over the last 2 weeks. There were shelves and birdhouses wandering around the school for a couple of days and I was amazed to see these completed projects along with the pride on our students' faces for a project well done. It is so awesome to go out of the school's back door and once again hear the sounds of sanders, saws, and the dust collection equipment hard at work. The kids seem to be ecstatic to go to shop class every day.

It's getting close to that time of year when school closures due to weather can become a reality. We, here at Wishram School have many different ways to keep our friends and families informed of school closures from a messenger system that I will send out once the decision has been made to close or delay along with also using FlashAlert which will not only send you a PUSH Notification, but will automatically send the information to all

local TV and radio stations. To download the FlashAlert App , just go to your Play Store or Apple store and download the App on to your phone. We also put delays and/or closure information on the Wishram School Facebook and the Wishram School Website. www.wishramschool.org.

Athletics:

All fall sports are completed except for HS football. We still have one league game at home on the 7th and everything works out we will be hosting a first-round postseason game on the 15th or 16th of November. Come out on November 7th and support your Lyle/Wishram Cougars. The game starts at 6:00 pm.

JH Basketball started on October 28th and HS basketball will start on November 18th. Visit www.wishramschool.org for athletic schedules. You can also take a look at our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WishramSchoolRocks) on Mondays for weekly sports schedules.

*-Mr. Tye Churchwell
Director of Operations & Athletics*

Winter Coat Needs?

The weather is turning colder as fall becomes winter, and we want to help ensure that all of our students have appropriate outerwear. Please contact our school counselor, Ms. Ashley Blodgett, if you know a child who needs assistance in obtaining a warm coat for winter.

Middle School Volleyball Caps Successful Season

The Lyle-Wishram Lady Cubs finished the regular season with a record of 6 wins and 3 losses and placed 3rd at the League Tournament on October 23rd. Wishram athletes Katelyn Schalk (8th grade, right) and Alyssa Fletcher (6th grade, left) both played a large part in the team's success. Schalk and Fletcher were deadly from the service line all season, often reaching the 4-point max that is allowed per service rotation at the middle school level. Coach Jane Roberts relied on the service consistency of Schalk and Fletcher as major point-scorers for the team, and both girls remained in the starting lineup throughout the season. Veteran player Schalk advised newcomer Fletcher to "keep working hard", and complimented her teammate's skills on the court. Schalk also credited her success in serving to strategically placing her serves for maximum impact, even to the point of picking on the other team by serving the same spot or player over and over. Looking ahead to playing at the high school level next year, Schalk "definitely" looks forward to saying goodbye to the 4-point service cap!



From the Classroom

Zac Cooper Gets a 'Running Start' on College

Junior Zac Cooper is currently the only Wishram student enrolled in Running Start classes, provided online at Wishram School via Clark College in Vancouver, WA. Zac decided to take advantage of this opportunity as a junior, with the goal of obtaining his 2-year Associate's Degree before or alongside his high school diploma. He hopes that he will be able to transfer a large number of the credits he earns through Running Start toward a 4-year university degree after graduating, which will save him time and money. After his first month of college-level coursework, here's what he had to say about his experiences so far:

When asked about the most challenging aspects of the program so far, Zac cited the amount of work, commenting that "it's manageable, but it adds up if you procrastinate." He reflected that he had about a week to get accustomed to the format of his classes before getting "thrown in the deep end." He also noted that while



the self-directed nature of online learning has been challenging, he has learned that by managing his time, he is able to keep up. The trick, he said, is not to do the work on time, but to do it WAY before time!

In response to whether he felt that his classes at Wishram School had adequately prepared him to take on college-level work, Zac said yes - his high school classes had given him the "basics" needed to be able to function at the college level. The main differences he noted between his high school and college classes were the pacing and the time requirement - especially the time spent reading and working on assignments outside of the regular school day. For any Wishram students who may be considering taking on the challenge of Running Start in the future, Zac gave the advice that while the workload can be overwhelming, you have to push through because "getting overwhelmed just wastes more time!"

(Above: Zac Cooper poses with his "foster plant", Marc, in Mrs. Roberts' room)

Mrs. Ringer's 4th & 5th Grade Classroom Happenings

September and October have been a great start to a new school year. We have been studying in-depth about how Pluto became a dwarf planet, and the pros and cons of hydro, wind, coal, and nuclear power. We have been practicing writing the introduction, body, and conclusion to an opinion paper and how to cite articles and experts' opinions in our writing. We have been enjoying time at the end of each day that we call "Rotations" where we do art, yoga, or class book study with Mrs. Shinn's second and third-grade class. We just finished up conferences and every single one of our families showed up to find out how their kiddos are doing. It was great to see everyone! We are looking forward to a busy and eventful November and December, and all the wonderful learning that is ahead of us.



(Left: Mrs. Ringer works with 5th graders Alyssa Biggs, June Cates, and Selina Joss.)

Food Service

November Breakfast & Lunch Menu:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L-Beef Taco Pie, re-fried beans, salad, fruit, milk	2
3	4 B-Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk L- Mac&Cheese, garlic stick, veggie salad, fruit, milk	5 B- Scrambled Eggs, toast, fruit, milk L- Spanish Beef&Rice , veggie, salad, fruit, milk	6B-English Muffin, fruit, milk L- Pizza Burger, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	7 B-Waffles, fruit, milk L- Grilled Cheese, soup, veggie, salad, fruit, milk *Noon Release	8 B-Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L-Ham&Cheese Sand, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	12 B- French toast sticks, fruit, milk L- Cheeseburgers, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	13 B- Bagel, fruit, milk L- Chicken Noodles, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	14 B-Pancakes, Fruit, milk L- Tacos, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	15 B- Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L- Chef Salad, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	16
17	18B-Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk L- Spaghetti, breadstick, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	19 B- Colby Omelet, fruit, milk L- Chicken Gravy & Rice, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	20B-English Muffin, fruit, milk L- Ham&Cheese Sand, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	21B-Waffles, fruit, milk L- Sloppy Joes., veggie, salad, fruit, milk	22B-Cereal, toast, fruit, milk L-Taco Salad, roll, veggie, fruit, milk	23
24	25B- Pancakes, fruit, milk L- Tuna Sand, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	26B-Cereal, fruit, milk L- Turkey, mashed taters, gravy, garlic bread, veggie, salad, fruit, milk	27 NO SCHOOL	28. HAPPY TURKEY DAY!	29 NO SCHOOL	30

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Upcoming Events

Veterans' Day Assembly

Wishram School will observe Veterans' Day with an all-school assembly on Wednesday, November 6th at 10am. All are welcome!

Final Home Football Game - Senior Night

The Lyle-Wishram-Klickitat Cougars will play their last home game of the regular season against Pomeroy on Friday, November 8th at 7pm.

Veterans' Day

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

Noon Release

Wishram School will release all students at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 20th for staff professional development.

Cultural Exchange

Wishram School's annual Thanksgiving Cultural Exchange will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at noon. Please contact the school if you wish to reserve a seat at the table for this event!

Wishram School

19th Annual Cultural Exchange



NOVEMBER 26, 2019
FROM 12:00 TO 2:30 PM



HOPE TO SEE YOU ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 26TH.



We could use your help:

Are you interested in volunteering or making a food donation for the Cultural Exchange?

Give us a call at Wishram School (509)748-2551.
Possible jobs- serving food, decorating, and cleaning

Possible food donations:

Item
Frozen Turkeys
Real Butter
Fresh Cranberries
Powdered Lemonade
Salad
Mayonnaise
Ice
Lemons
Cherry Tomatoes
Sure-Jel
All-Purpose Flour
Coffee
Half-and-half Creamer
Parmesan Cheese
Ranch Dressing

Please call us before making a purchase. There are strict state and federal laws regarding food.

November School Board Meeting

The Wishram School District #94 Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, November 26th, at 5:15pm in the Wishram School Gymnasium.

Thanksgiving Break

There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 27th through Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Gobble, gobble!

Disclosures

CEP

Wishram School is currently operating under the CEP (Community Eligibility Program), which was created through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, and allows qualifying high-poverty local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools to offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to all students without requiring families to complete an annual household application.

Local and Federal Non-Discrimination Statement/Policy

Wishram 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 employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Wishram School Superintendent, PO Box 8, Wishram, WA 98673, (509) 748-2551. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Surveillance Equipment

Our surveillance equipment will be taking pictures of all the school grounds all of the time, north, south, east and west, as will the camera in the front hallway. Wishram School videotapes teachers periodically as a tool to improve our teaching. We look at how we teach and how our students respond. These videos are for in-school use only. If you do not want your children to be a part of this process, **please call Mr.**

Churchwell at the school at 509-748-2551.

Live Tip! Anonymous tip line for school safety: 1-866-LIVE-TIP Ext. 940 (1-866-548-3847, ext 940)

Report anonymously 24 hours a day/365 days a year:

- School violence—weapons, bomb threats
- School damage—vandalism, theft
- Physical/sexual abuse or harassment
- Drug/alcohol issues
- Fights/gang activity
- Discrimination

A recorded message will prompt the caller to either speak with a live operator or leave a recorded message. Messages are transcribed and emailed to the district contact. In case of emergency, district administrators are contacted immediately.