



Muir Elementary News

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Principal News from Jeff DeGallier

Happy New Year! All of us here at JME wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2018. It was great to see our students after the break and we have quickly settled back into the learning routines. I wanted to start this new year by sharing a list of books on the topic of parenting and education that have informed my practices over the last few years.

- *Mindset-The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck
- *The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey
- *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough
- *The Smartest Kids in the World* by Amanda Ripley
- *Achtung Baby* by Sara Zaske
- *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth
- *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcom Gladwell

I love reading about the art and science of teaching, and raising children to be successful adults and am constantly referring to these books in my professional practices. If you have titles you have found to be helpful to you I am always looking for suggestions! Again, Happy New Year and thank you for sending us such wonderful children!

Jeff DeGallier

Martin Luther King Day - Monday January 15th, No School

This Monday, January 15th, school is closed as we celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Classes have been learning about Mr. King and the positive impact his life and work had on our country. We hope you take the time on Monday to remember this great man and why we honor him.

Half-Days - January Elementary Conferences - School out at Noon

Elementary conferences are scheduled for January 23rd, 25th and 26th. The Lake Washington School District sets aside this time for parents and students to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. School will dismiss at Noon on January 23rd, 25th, 26th for conference week.

Please plan for the Noon dismissal for your students.



We Value Your Feedback!

Each year, the district invites parents and community members to provide feedback on general school and district questions. The survey is anonymous. Schools and the district use this information in planning for the future and in continuous improvement processes.

This year's survey is now open: tell us what you think! [Please click here to take the survey.](#) **The survey will be open through January 19.**

The district also surveys parents on specific programs and planned strategic work: that survey will open in February.



February 2018 Bond & Levies

Lake Washington School District will host four Community Open Houses on the Bond & Levies. Here are the details for those meetings:

- *Tuesday, January 16, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Redmond High School
- *Wednesday, January 17, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Lake Washington High School
- *Tuesday, January 23, from 6:30 -7:30 pm, Eastlake High School
- *Wednesday, January 24, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm Kamiakin Middle School

Monthly Attendance Trophy



Regular school attendance is important for all students. Chronic or excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused absences has been correlated with lower assessment scores and lower graduation rates.

We strive everyday at JME to be on time to and be present in class. For the past 2 years we have awarded a special trophy to the class with the highest percentage of students in class for that month.

Students get very excited when their class is announced as the winner.! A class picture is taken and the trophy is prominently displayed. All students also receive individual attendance certificates to take home. You can see the photos and percentages for all grades on the “Here’s the Scoop” bulletin board just down from the main office.

We are proud to report that our overall JME monthly attendance is in nearly 95%.

Thank you families for your continuous support in sending your child to school. Pictured on the left: December winner is Miss Lebaron's 3rd grade class. Their monthly attendance was 98.9%.



Kindergarten Registration for 2018 - 2019 is coming soon!

The first day of Kindergarten Registration will be February 1st, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the JME library. Parents can also come in during normal office hours any day after February 1, to register as well. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends who have children that will be 5 years old by August 31, 2018. Parents should bring in the following documents to help complete the registration process: child's birth certificate or passport, proof of residency to verify home address which could be a utility bill or purchase/lease agreement, and immunization information.



Upcoming Tour at Kamiakin for 5th Grade Families!

Kamiakin 5th Grade Parent/Student “Insider’s Tour” Tuesday 1/23 from 7:00 – 8:00pm is our 5th grade parent/student night. Parents and 5th grade students are invited to come tour Kamiakin, meet 6th grade teachers and learn about the best middle school in the universe!

Calendar

- Martin Luther King Day - January 15th - No School
- PTSA Missoula Theatre - The Wiz of the West - January 16th - 20th
- PTSA General Meeting January 18th - 6:30 pm
- JME Conferences: January 23rd, 25th, 26th - School dismisses at Noon
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More events can be found on the [Muir Tandem Online Calendar](#)

Quick Links

Muir: <http://muir.lwsd.org>

LWSD: www.lwsd.org

PTSA: <http://muirptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

Peachjar: [Community flyers](#)

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