



Juniper School Newsletter

April 2017

From Our Principal

"I am my own superhero." I saw this posted on a classroom wall and paused thinking about the qualities for which superheroes are admired: extraordinary abilities, courage, strong moral code, high pain tolerance, motivation and sense of responsibility, perseverance, intelligence, and honesty to name a few. As adults, we are continuous role models for children. As adults on a school campus, we have opportunities throughout the day to show students what it looks and sounds like to be responsible for ourselves and develop into being our best selves. Families trust their precious children to us, counting on us. We do not take lightly our responsibility to train abilities, courage, perseverance, intelligence, honesty, motivation...

It seems to me superheroes are not born superheroes. Some defining event, or a series of events, comes into play leading to the development of traits for which the superhero is known. As educators we are in a unique position to play a role in the development of traits that will propel students into being their own superheroes. Seeing the potential in a student and helping that child see and pursue a talent is something educators do well and stay up late planning. Guiding a child through a difficult challenge and providing support until there is independence in that area is one of the great accomplishments for students and educators. Maybe not today, this month, or this year - but with perseverance and drive, a goal will be reached and the confidence attained by our students is worth all of the effort. As Batman said, "You have your thoughts and dreams ahead of you. You are someone. You mean something."

At Juniper, we have the good fortune to experience this growth with children from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our Kindergarten Round-Up occurs Wednesday, April 19th, and our 8th grade students will be graduating and promoting on to high school on Wednesday, May 31. For all of our students from TK to 8th grade a message from Superman, "You are much stronger than you think you are. Trust me."

Calendar of Events

April

- 4 – School Board Meeting – Juniper – 5:30 p.m.
- 6 – Kindergarten & 1st Grade to Cascade Theater
- 7 – 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th & 7th Grades to Cascade Theater
- 7 – 4th Grade to Sacramento
- 7 – 8th Grade to Southern Oregon
- 10 – 14 Spring Break
- 17 – No School – Teacher In-Service
- 19 – Kindergarten Round Up – 10:00 a.m.
- 19 - State Testing Begins – Grades 3 - 8

Pennies for Patients Update: Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause. The school total was around \$650 and has been donated to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society to help children will blood cancers in Northern California. We are proud of our students, families and staff for their contributions.

State Testing:

Our important state tests begin on Wednesday, April 19th for third through eighth grade students. Parents, please help your child do their best with a good night's sleep, breakfast and encouragement. It is extremely important that your child is in attendance and at school on time. Our teachers and students have worked hard all year and we want them to show all that they have learned and mastered this year. This is the time to shine!

Kindergarten Round Up:

We would like to announce that our yearly Kindergarten Round Up will be on April 19th starting at 10:00 a.m. This will be an opportunity for you to enroll your child, meet their kindergarten teacher and the principal and enjoy a nice lunch. We hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Francisca Allen who was named as our Elk's Students of the Month for sixth grade.

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PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS NOW

We have started the presale of our yearbooks. The cost for our 64 page, all color yearbook is \$25.00 each.

We order a set amount of yearbooks each year, and once these have been sold, we cannot order more. We have a limited supply of yearbooks still available. Please make sure to order early.

After School Program: If you are interested in having your student attend the after school program, please contact Ebba Watson at 339-0888 for more information.

Juniper Spirit Wear: Show your school spirit with a Juniper T-Shirt. Our newly designed shirts are now available for sale in the school office. We have shirts in a variety of sizes for \$10 each.

Attention all 5th – 8th Grade Parents:

In order for your student to be able to take his/her Chromebook home, parents must complete the Parent 1:1 Project Pledge **every year**. You are now able to complete this process online. Please go to:

- juniper.reddingschools.net
- On the left hand side of the webpage, you will see the 2016-2017 Chromebook Agreement
- Review the details and complete the online signature page.

Attendance Reminder:

If your child will be missing school for any reason, please call the school office at 225-0045 before 9:00 a.m. to report the absence. Thank you.

Highlights from our “Caught You Being Good!” - The following students were recognized by our staff as going above and beyond to be kind and helpful:

Brandon Holeman – Playing basketball with younger students. What a role model!

Rebecca Phillips – Helped another student who was hurt.

Charity Machado – Always goes out of her way to help students in need.

Character Counts Recognition:

Dee Logan; Averi Douglass Ramirez; Connor Frye; Jayden Benjamin; Chloe Amaral; Ana Myers; Jacob West; Xavi Beltran-Cervantes; Brenin Schuler; Espy Rodriguez; Serena Thao; Sophia Recupero; Sierra Oneill; Angel Espino; Shay Head; Xander Dillman; Tristan Pierce-Sinclair; Michael Hartwell; Logan Westwater; Lucas Johnson; Luke Underwood; Rhyon Bowen; Tyler Morris; Brooklynn McClain; Demario Clark; Jacob Ringer; Logan Westwater; Charity Machado; Cynthia Logan; Isaac Evans; Nico Mallamo; Issabella Garcia-Washington; Keyvaun Cole; Megan Sharp; Antonio Alvarez; Oscar Rodriguez Castro; Hijinio Rodriguez; Carter Oliver; Rebecca Phillips; Mason Rakisits; Alondra Beltran; Jayden Benjamin; Rachel Oehrlein; Antonio Alvarez; Dallas Carter; CJ Buckskin-Briceno; Shawn Danley; Quincee Layton Wilson; Bladen Stankey; Oscar Rodriguez; Francisca Allen; Jade Smiraglia

Thank you for making Juniper School friendly and fabulous!