

WASHTUCNA SCHOOL DISTRICT AROUND THE BASES

SUPERINTENDENT SPEAR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



CULTURE AND CLIMATE

The Washtucna staff met on August 17th at Twin Lakes, Idaho for their 1st annual Back-to-School Kickoff. The new administration focused on building Relationships with the staff and Team Bonding. The staff focused on defining the schools Mission - Vision - Goals - Values. By defining these areas, it starts the process of creating our Culture and knowing our WHY. The staff also discussed and set the School and Team Goals for the 2020-2021 school year. The staff took time together to reflect upon the day's activities prior to moving into the social setting of the day. The day concluded with a Team Corn Hole competition and a staff BBQ. We all would like to personally say Thank You to Sandy and Harry Amend (Mr. Amend's Parents) for opening their home in Twin Lakes Village to the Washtucna Staff. Mrs. Pavone and Mr. Amend walked away as the 1st Annual Washtucna Cornhole Champions. Congratulations!

FACILITIES

Washtucna's Rural School Modernization Grant, recieved last November has officially begun. The project will focus on asbestos removal, new windows throughout the building, roof restoration, upgrades to the HVAC system and Energy Efficient bathroom fixtures.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Washtucna Staff has been participating in several Professional Development classes this summer. ReImagine WA ED 1.0, led by Jeff Utech, has provided insight into Virtual / Remote learning. ReImagine WA ED 1.0 is directed towards Blended Learning, Student Engagement and enhancing educators skills in developing remote learning lessons and advancing student skills and abilities to learn virtually. The skills will support student learning and 21st Century Education.

CHARACTER STRONG!

Several Washtucna staff members participated in the Purposeful People (K-5) and Character Strong (6-12) Professional Development last Thursday. Both programs will support Washtucna's Cultural Development and Character Traits with students and staff! The two programs will drive our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) within our schools this year.

STUDENTS & STAFF

Washtucna welcomes Jacob Ott to the Washtucna Team. Jacob will be teaching secondary science starting in the 2020-2021 school year. Welcome to Washtucna Jacob!

WASHTUCNA TIGERCATS, A CULTURE - ONE STEP AT A TIME

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TEAMWORK WILL MAKE THE DREAM WORK!

BY #TALKTUCNA

As we begin the new school year, our top priority is to maintain a healthy environment for our students, staff and families. If everyone does their part, both on-campus and at home, hopefully we can avoid any issues and our doors can remain open for in-person teaching and learning.

Staff, students and visitors arriving on campus will attest to or be tested for signs of illness. Currently, we have two options; Test at home or

when you arrive on campus. We have purchased an electronic attestation program (Qualtrics) and the goal is to have it operating within the next two weeks. This will allow parents and staff to test at home and send it in to the school. Currently we have a paper copy for students, staff and visitors to use prior to arriving on campus.

Students and staff that arrive with a completed attestation form will report immediately to their 1st

class. Students that arrive without the form will be placed in the cafeteria, seated 6 feet apart, and a school employee will complete the attestation prior to entering class.

The at home effort includes:

- Staying home and staying safe
- Wearing masks when out in public
- Avoiding social gatherings
- 6 foot social distancing
- Staying home when ill

Together we can do this as a TEAM



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PREPARE FOR IT
TODAY."
- MALCOLM X

RIDE #TEAM TUCNA TO SCHOOL!

BY #TALKTUCNA

As we enter a new school year, getting our students to and from school is always a priority. We're excited to have students back on busses and our transportation department has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year.

As we get ready to start the new year many of you will be riding a school bus to and from school. We would like to review a few of the expectations once more as we get ready to start the year.

Avoid being too early to your assigned pick-up location in the

morning. When you do arrive, please make sure that you are wearing your mask, that you maintain a 6 foot social distance from others and that your attestation has been completed for the day.

Students will have assigned seats on the bus that we expect all students to adhere to. Students will load from the back to the front. Masks will be required at all times. Siblings will be seated together while on the bus.

Students will exit the bus from the front to the back. Bus windows will stay open to allow fresh air to move throughout the bus. Busses will be cleaned routinely throughout the day.

We do encourage parents to transport your child if at all possible.



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