



Zellerbach Zebras

**JDZ Zephyr**

## A note from our Principal ~ Patricia Erdmann

Dear Families,

As I hope you realize, our staff is continuously involved in self-examination, looking for ways to improve our practice and help all children to be successful. An important process is the creation each year of our School Improvement Plan. This "SIP" is our road map: it keeps us focused on our destination and shines on the path to get us there. Our teachers have SIP teams (for Reading, Writing, Math and Science) that meet regularly to build the map and check on our progress. Ask your children's teachers which team they have joined. Special thanks go to the team chairs (Dottie Chadwick, Karen Chan, Alona Dickerson-Moller and Maureen Juenger) and to Julie Werner, PSE rep, and Missy Shepherd, parent rep.

Here are some highlights of this year's School Improvement Plan:

- Our teachers meet with each student for at least three individual reading assessments during the year. These "reading inventories" provide lots of information about each child's progress in building reading skills and help teachers know which students need extra help or an extra challenge in Reading.
- At each grade level teachers agree on two writing assignments during the year. They share results and use them to find out where they need to give students more practice in Writing. They also share their best lessons with each other so that each student benefits from several teachers' expertise.
- In Math we are working on improving children's ability to talk and write about math problems. We want to encourage thinking about numbers and how to play around with them. Conversations about numbers help students see patterns and make connections that build a strong math foundation.
- Because we want all of our students to use a common approach to science investigations, teachers have agreed to have investigations at every grade level using the same terminology for the scientific process steps. We even have a rap and a dance with all the steps in order!

Your children's teachers and I are glad to give you more details about our School Improvement Plan. We are proud of our commitment to collaborate and of the work we do together to help all children succeed.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Erdmann

Don't miss the  
PTA Meeting  
Wed., Dec. 9  
7 p.m.  
JDZ Library

# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER

- Mon., Dec. 8 C.A.R.O.L. Food Drive (all week)  
Camas School District Board Meeting 5:30 PM  
Transportation Office
- Tues., Dec. 9 General PTA Meeting in Library 7:00 PM  
Patricia Erdmann reports on Grass Valley  
construction progress
- Wed., Dec. 10 Report Cards go home  
3rd Grade (106) Field Trip, Clark PUD 9:00 AM – Noon  
Storyteller, "Jack and the Sustainable Beanstalk"  
(Music Room)  
3rd – 5th Grade – 9:35-10:25 AM  
K-2nd Grade – 10:35 – 11:15 AM
- Thurs., Dec. 18 4th Grade Book Release Party 5:30-6:30 PM
- Fri., Dec. 19 Staff-Student Volleyball Game  
UNCLAIMED LOST & FOUND ITEMS TO BE  
DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 Winter Break — Classes resume January 5

## JANUARY

- Mon., Jan. 5 Coffee and Conversation with Principal 9:00 AM  
and visitors from Helen Baller (Library)
- Fri., Jan. 9 3rd Grade Mad Science Workshop 9:30 AM
- Tues., Jan. 13 PTA General Meeting in Library 7:00 PM

**Mon., Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Mon., Jan. 26 In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL**

For more details on JDZ events, go to  
[www.camas.wednet.edu](http://www.camas.wednet.edu)



## LOST & FOUND

Please stop by and look through the Lost & found before school is out for winter break. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on December 19.

Lost & Found is located in the small gym.



Recycle your old cell phones and printer cartridges in our school lobby.



Please join us.  
Your child  
wins when  
you're  
involved.

### PTA MEETING

Wed., Dec. 9th  
7 p.m.

Childcare provided

You don't have to be a PTA member to attend



**Come join the Camas High School Basketball players and Academy coaches as they create a fun and exciting learning environment for all participants.**

**Our focus is on building basketball skills at all levels, player development and having fun. Academy T-shirts and completion certificates will be given to each participant. Special awards also be given at each session.**

- Who:** All Girls and Boys in Grades 3-8
  - When:** Sundays, January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
  - Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm
  - Where:** Skyridge Middle School Gym  
5220 NW Parker Street Camas, WA 98607
  - Cost:** \$50.00 per participant in grades 3, 4 and 5  
\$60.00 per participant in grades 6, 7 and 8
- Price includes Academy T-Shirt and completion certificate*



**On-site Registration:** Portable “D” in front of Hathaway Elementary School, 25<sup>th</sup> & E Street Washougal, WA. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring check or exact cash, we do not accept credit or debit.

**Mail Registration:** Mail form and check to East County Community Ed - P.O. Box 559 Washougal, WA 98671

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**Mail Registration Form to: East County Community Education - PO Box 559 Washougal, WA 98671 954-3837**

Home Phone: # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name if student is under age 18: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Info Only:** Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F School: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts come in youth or adult sizes (if applicable) YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL

Code #	Class Title	Fee
#2092-09	Camas Jr. Basketball Academy	\$ _____ Total \$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in this ECCE activity. I understand the Community Education program does not provide insurance. I certify that my child is physically and mentally able to participate in this activity. I, intending to be legally bound, waive and release my rights and claims for damages I may accrue against any and all sponsors of this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

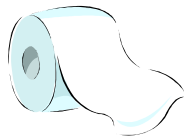
**Office Use Only:** Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

# C.A.R.O.L. / JDZ

## Food Drive Dec. 8-12

Next week JDZ students will collect food and other items for the CAROL food drive sponsored by the Camas Fire Department. Last year JDZ collected almost 2000 items to donate to families in need. WOW! There were 79 families and over 180 children who were helped by OUR generous donations! This is a wonderful way to help people in our community.

This year the top donating class will receive the JDZ CAROL Food Drive trophy, a picture of themselves in the Camas Fire truck, and 15 extra minutes of one recess hosted by Mrs. Erdmann. The top THREE classes will ALL receive 15 extra minutes of one recess!!



Will your class win the coveted **C.A.R.O.L. Food Drive Trophy** this year? The top donating class will earn the trophy, an individual 5x7 student photo in the Camas Fire Truck, and one day of "extra 15 minutes" recess hosted by Mrs. Erdmann! The top three classes will **all** participate in the day of "extra 15 minutes" recess!

- Each donated item is worth one point.
- Bring your items to your classroom and your teacher will record the points. The class with the most points wins!

### Food/Item suggestions:

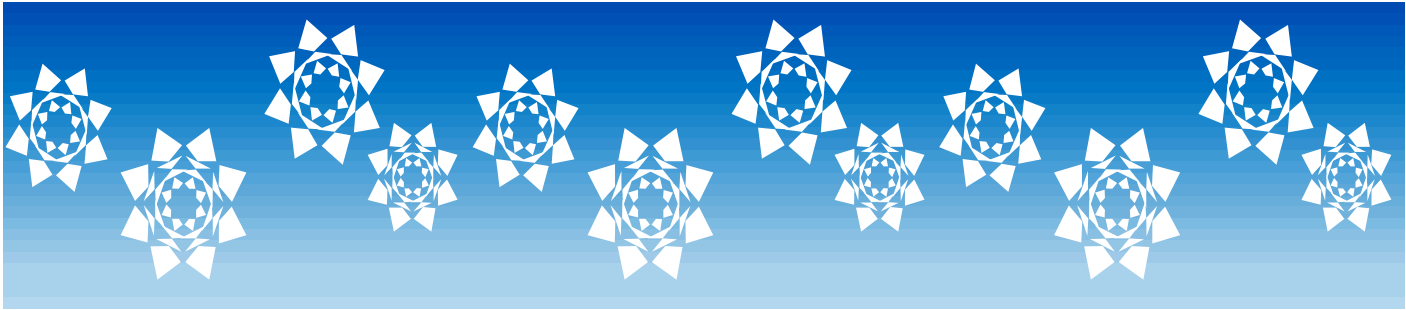
**Kindergarten:** Dessert mixes, Jell-O, pie filling, juices, canned fruit, baby food...

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Canned vegetables, peanut butter, instant potatoes, boxed dinners, Hamburger Helper, rice dishes...

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Crackers, powdered drink mixes, rice, pasta, stuffing mix, salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, powdered milk, tuna, canned meals...

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Cereal, mustard, gravy mix, canned meats, canned soups, dry soups, microwave popcorn, cookies, snack crackers...

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Laundry soap, dryer sheets, soap, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, toilet paper (whole packs only), cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc...



Dear Parents and Students:

Winter months bring with them the problem of inclement weather and poor road conditions. Hopefully, the following will answer any questions you may have regarding radio announcements and transportation for students.

In the event of poor weather conditions, the district's emergency notification system will call parents at their home number around 6:00 a.m. to announce late start or closure information. If snow routes are in effect, the message will indicate so. Additionally, the district will also continue to post the notification on the district web site ([www.camas.wednet.edu](http://www.camas.wednet.edu)) and notify media in the same manner it always has. Parents are asked to refrain from calling the district office or schools as high call volumes tend to shut down the phone system.

If no announcement is made, bus routes and pick-up times will run as usual, but please allow for delays. If a two-hour late start is announced, buses will run regular routes two hours later than the normal schedule, and there will be no AM kindergarten or preschool.

**Snow routes apply to the following students only. A routes are CHS & Middle Schools, B routes are Elementary.**

**If you usually board bus 48-A, 48-B or Kindergarten Bus F** at Stonegate Drive & N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, W Dogwood Street & 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 323 W Y Street, W Y Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Street, W Y Street and Z Street, W Y Street & X Street you will need to load and unload at Lookout Ridge and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**If you board bus 6-A, 42-A, 61-B, or Kindergarten Bus N** at NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maple Street or Jasmine Street you will need to load and unload at NW Norwood Street & 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**If you board bus 61-A, 10-A, 46-B or Kindergarten Bus L** at NW 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Dahlia Street, NW 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Conrad Ct, NW 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Gravenstein Street and NW Gravenstein Street & 30<sup>th</sup> Circle you will need to load and unload at NW 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Benita Street.

**If you board bus 30-A, 2-A, 2-B or Kindergarten Bus J** at SE Fernridge Drive & Grandridge Drive or SE Fernridge Drive and Fernridge Court you will need to load and unload at SE Deerfern Loop & Deerfern Street.

**If you board bus 11- B or Kindergarten Bus K** at NW Ilwaco Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, or 444 NW Ilwaco Street you will need to load and unload at NW McIntosh Road & Ilwaco Street.

**If you board bus 56-A, 56-B, 37-A, or Kindergarten Bus L** at NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & hood Drive or NW Hood Drive & Hood Street you will need to load and unload at NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Douglas or NW Hood Street & 20<sup>th</sup> Circle.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the transportation office at 833-5585.

Sincerely,  
Richard Essex  
Transportation Supervisor