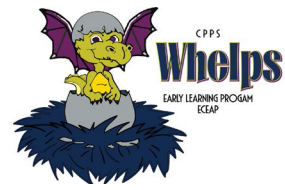




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College Place Public Schools at a Glance

Vision Statement Focusing on kids and their learning.

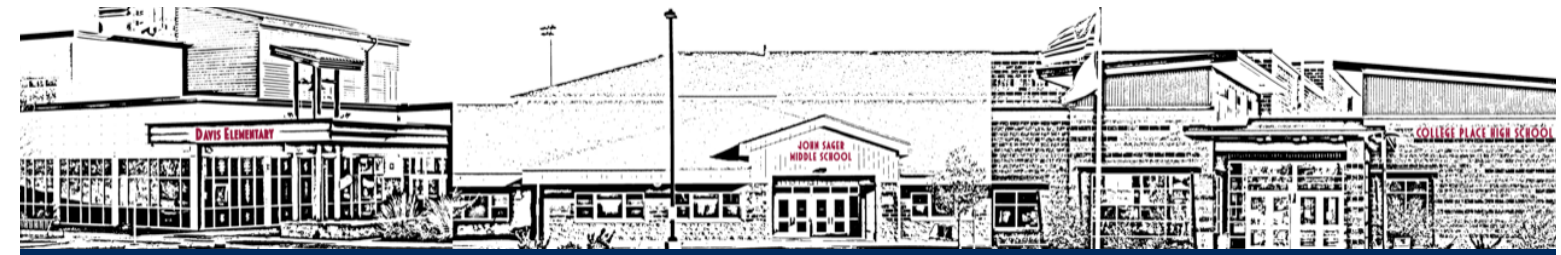
Mission Statement As a College Place graduate, I will distinguish myself by communicating, leading, learning and serving with integrity. I am driven by a lifelong commitment of respect of others, the community, and myself.

College Place Public School District Guiding Principles • All students have positive, personalized relationships where they feel connected, valued and inspired to learn and contribute.

- Responsive, learner-centered environments that engage and rigorously challenge each student.
- Students are connected to their community through real-life learning experiences, mentorships and adult advocacy.
- All students learn through relevant, project-based, and collaborative experiences.

Current Full Time Student Enrollment - 1506 Davis - 706 Sager - 350 CPHS - 450

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From Our Place to Yours

SPRING 2023



The Power of Teamwork in College Place Public Schools

Message from Superintendent Jim Fry



As I reflect on the 2022-2023 school year and the many accomplishments in College Place Public Schools, I am reminded over and over about the power of teamwork. The power of teamwork within our schools and the power of teamwork within our community is astounding. It is always incredible to see how in good times and struggles, teams are forged.

College Place High School resumed its Drivers Education program this past fall and it was through an amazing partnership with Honda of Walla Walla that our students received quality, safe, and reliable vehicles. Thank you, Honda of Walla Walla, for your generosity and your partnership with us. Having young people who can drive means they can lend support to their families, can expand their opportunities for employment, and participate in the activities that will shape them into the adults they will become.

College Place Public Schools once again teamed with Walla Walla University Church (Eden's Pantry) and the entire community to have a communitywide food drive. This annual event collected thousands of pounds of food from our community to box and prepare to give back to those in our community. This teamwork taught our students about service over self, our community about taking care of one another, and hopefully the greater society that love and compassion are still very much alive.

This year our district entered into a partnership with Walla Walla Public Schools' transportation department to care for the mechanical maintenance of our buses. In many ways it is a business partnership as we pay for many services as part of a

consortium. What isn't paid for is the teamwork that comes when one of our buses breaks down and WWPS loans us one of theirs or vice versa. This is truly the power of teamwork.

In our schools we have faced the hardship of labor shortages that many of you have seen. Hard to fill positions such as bus drivers, paraeducators, custodians, and so on have regularly sat without applicants. In the case of custodial, our small district recently found itself down two full time positions at the same time. Without a deep pool of substitutes, each member of our district custodial team stepped up to take on added duties, hours, and areas of leadership. The substitutes we do have set aside personal challenges to lean in. I have never seen such unselfish teamwork. Even when faced with emergency flooding, the team came together again to see how they could help one another and our schools. I am humbled by their example of selflessness and teamwork.

Each day our staff, teachers, paraeducators, administrators, and students face the challenges that come day to day. Like the rest of us, at times they are tired, downtrodden, and overwhelmed. But, it never fails that when those times come, I see a teammate step in and step up to lend a hand, a hug, or the gift of wisdom or time. As I reflect on the thousands of examples from this school year, I thank our staff for their selfless teamwork, our students for their growth as teammates, and our community for our partnership to make the 2022-2023 a very successful one in College Place Public Schools.

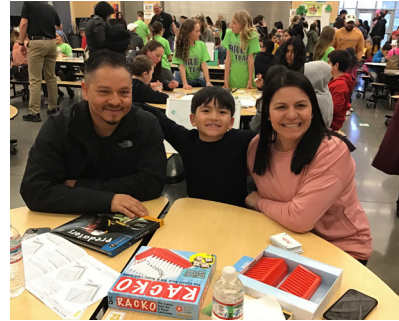
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Davis Elementary Family Game Night a Fun Night of Playing Around

by Principal Mark Ferraro

Shouts of “Uno”, Jenga blocks tumbling, and Tenzi dice rolling could be heard throughout the Davis Commons and Gym on March 30th as we hosted our Davis Family Night. Families flocked to Davis to play games together, share a sweet treat, and take home a book. Many lucky students were able to take home a brand new board game to share with their family courtesy of the 21st Century Program. We had a great turnout with over 500 students, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends in attendance. A big thank you to our awesome Davis staff members and 5th grade Fire Team members who gave their time to help run this event. Parent involvement and engagement are very important to us in College Place Public Schools and we always welcome your feedback. Please contact Mark Ferraro (mferraro@cpps.org) or Kari Weed (kweed@cpps.org) if you have questions or suggestions for our family engagement policies. We are Davis!



Sager Raiders Finishing the Year Strong

By Principal Susan Bell

I think everyone is excited to see some spring weather. The school year is nearing the finish line. This is a crucial time for parents to encourage their students to finish strong in their academic achievements.

We just finished our winter activities and it was nice to see so many of our students involved in them. Research has shown the importance of keeping students involved in activities and



Davis Elementary Nutrition Services Staff



Sager/CPHS Nutrition Services Staff

Thank you so much to our amazing Nutrition Services Staff at the Davis and Sager/High School campuses. We are very grateful to these individuals for the care they take to make healthy and appealing free meals for all students through implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, which is available to select schools and districts participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.



the feeling of belonging to our school will help improve their academics. Community and parent involvement are the key to our student success. I would like to thank the entire staff and our students for their efforts throughout this school year.

As we transition with the leadership at John Sager Middle School, we are excited to welcome Mr Chris Plucker to our middle school community as the next principal. Our students will do an excellent job of finishing the school year strong in preparation for a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. Go Raiders!

Sager Middle School “Plucks” Its New Principal from Davis

After an extensive nearly yearlong search, Sager Middle School selected the new principal to start July 1st. The committee of staff, students, and community members chose current Davis Elementary School Assistant Principal Chris Plucker as their new principal. Plucker was formally hired by the CPPS Board on March 28, 2023. Mr. Plucker has an extensive background in the Walla Walla Valley growing up in Touchet, teaching middle school English/Language Arts, Social Studies, and Leadership at Pioneer Middle School, before assuming his duties at Davis for the past six years.

Mr. Plucker is beginning the transition to the new position by meeting with staff and students to gain a clear picture before his official start on July 1. The majority of students at Sager are very familiar with Mr. Plucker and the great energy, positive attitude and high expectations he brings with him as they knew him as elementary students. “Chris brings great experience and love for middle school-aged students and the middle school system as a whole. I look forward to growing the excellence that is Sager Middle School,” Superintendent Jim Fry added.

High Marks for CPHS Band!

by CPHS Principal Robert Aguilar

This spring the College Place High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Doug Morasch, participated in the Columbia Basin Music Educators Association spring contest and took home some very distinguished scores.

Our high school received a “Superior Rating” in the March 23 contest at Kennewick High School. This is the highest possible rating high school bands can earn in the competition. After missing the contest for the past three years, and with only juniors and seniors having been to this contest before, it was a great accomplishment for our Hawk musicians.

One judge (a college band professor) said in his comments that the band’s sound could be summed up in one word—“Tasteful”
Way to go Hawks Band!



Welcome A-Board New School Board Member Jamie Williams



College Place Public Schools Board welcomed Jamie (Sporleder) Williams to Board Seat Position #1 in February to fill the open seat until the term expires December 31, 2023. Ms. Williams is a Walla Walla native and a new resident in College Place who has served in a career as a Labor and Delivery Nurse until stepping away to foster medically fragile infants. Jamie is a strong advocate for kids and with a family full of educators (Jamie’s sisters and father) has a very special place in her heart for teachers. Welcome A-Board Board Member Williams!

Successes Abound

Students at Sager Middle School and College Place High School have seen a wave of success in the latter part of the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to CPHS, the middle school band under the direction of Doug Morasch, earned a “Superior Rating” at a recent contest in Kennewick. This is the first competition since Spring of 2019 and earning the highest rating was a great accomplishment.

Twelve students in CPHS’ FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) competed at State competition in Spokane recently with nearly 2,000 students from across Washington state. Mateo Car and Johnathan Palmer placed 3rd in their respective competitions and are off to the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this June. Congrats and good luck!

Students in Sager Middle School’s Destination Imagination team, led by teacher Ted Knauff, took 4th place in State competition this year. A huge accomplishment for the team to set the bar high for years to come.

The CPHS FFA Veterinary Science Competition saw the Hawks FFA take 3rd place. In what was a first event for many of the students, they did an incredible job representing CPHS FFA. Congratulations to Ms. Puller and our FFA team members.

Coaches Shape Lives and Make Memories

by Kenneth James

I am constantly impressed and proud of our coaches here in College Place Public Schools! Coaching is such an important role in helping shape the lives of our young student athletes. Many of our students play in one, two, or even three sports seasons every year beginning at Sager in 7th grade. This creates great opportunities for many of our



As we find ourselves finally enjoying Spring, it can serve as a reminder to start making plans for this Summer. The Davis and Sager Summer Groove programs are a great way to keep your kids learning, having fun, and safe during the summer months. Registration is now open for incoming K-8 students. Please visit our website at <https://www.cpps.org/page/summer-groove> for information and to register your child today.

students to grow, develop, and learn important life lessons.

Our courts, gyms, and fields are an extension of the classroom where our coaches help develop our youth in so many ways. Through athletics our athletes are faced with many challenges and obstacles during practices and competitions. Coaches help teach athletes how to confront and overcome these challenges; a great lesson that will serve them well in life.



At CPPS we are lucky to have so many great coaches of high character, who devote extra time, energy, love, and effort into the lives of our College Place youth. Their work creates positive relationships with student-athletes that often last beyond the high school years. I constantly see our former athletes come back to watch events, visit coaches at practices, or just show up to say thank you to a coach.



Thank you coaches of CPPS for everything you do. You are creating lasting memories and impacting so many lives in the work you do. We are grateful for you!