



Parent / Student Bulletin

October 2021

Orin Smith Families,

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this very different school year off to a great start. We are already in October and Orin Smith Elementary students are learning great things. It has been wonderful having students attending in-person and we are working hard to provide a safe and engaging learning environment for our students. We know there are ongoing challenges to get your children to and from school with our staggered schedules and it's not always easy. Thank you so much for being part of our school's learning journey.

As we continue to roll out the school year, we are constantly looking for ways to celebrate students and their positive choices. Last month we celebrated monthly Cougar Card awards. Students whose Cougar Card is drawn receive a slice of cake from Shop 'N Kart and a chance to win a \$20.00 gift certificate from Shop'n Kart. Last Friday we streamed our first Character Trait Assembly for the year to celebrate students chosen for the September Character Trait: Kindness. Students selected received a pencil, gift certificate from Jeremy's Farm to Table for a brownie sundae and a Character Trait certificate. Terrific Kid awards will start this month for third graders and Rotary Club provides certificates, pencils and prizes.

We are so thankful for all of you partnering with us to support the wonderful children you are sending into our care for the school day. We appreciate your involvement in your child's education and welcome contacts to discuss your child's successes and needs.

Rachel Dorsey, Principal

PARENTS! School begins at 8:50 AM. It is important that your student is on-time every day! First bell rings at 8:40 AM - students should be on their way to class at that time.



Student morning drop-off REMINDER:

Please remember that outdoor supervision is not available for your children before 8:15 AM each morning.

Students need to be accepted and attending the morning math program in order to be dropped off before 8:15 AM. If you are interested in this program, please contact our office at 360.807.7225 and you will be added to the waitlist.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/15
10/20
10/29
11/1-11/5

11/3
11/5
11/11
11/12
11/17
11/19
11/24
11/25-11/26
12/1
12/3

Early Release - 1:20 PM
Terrific Kid
Cougar Card Winner Cake Celebration*
Conference Week
Early Release - 1:20 PM
Terrific Kid
October Character Award
Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day Video Assembly
Terrific Kid
Cougar Card Winner Cake Celebration*
Early Release - 12:05 PM
NO SCHOOL
Terrific Kid
Early Release - 1:20 PM
November Character Award

* A special thanks to Shop 'N' Kart for their generous donation of sheet cakes and to Jeremy's Farm To Table for free brownie sundae coupons for our monthly Cougar Card and Character Awards! *



Welcome to our new librarian, Mrs. Crosby!

(And - hello again to her sidekick, Mrs. Smith)



Mrs. Smith is starting her second year in the library. She has three adult children, two grandchildren, a dog, and a cat. She just finished the **FunJungle** series and recommends you check it out if you like mysteries.



Looking for something new to read?



The Last Musketeer trilogy by Stuart Gibbs

Thrilling time travel adventures by the same author as the Spy School and FunJungle series.

Recommended by 4th grader, Kale Cole.



Kitty series by Paula Harrison

Girl by day. Cat by night. Six books about Kitty, who has catlike superpowers.

Recommended by third grade teacher, Mrs. Sande.

Hello Cougars!

My name is Mrs. Crosby and I am super excited to be in the library this year! I have been an intervention teacher in Chehalis for the last NINE years, in kindergarten through third grade. I graduated from the University of Washington and Pacific University and have taught in Eugene, OR, Fairfax County, VA, Olympia, and Seattle. I have two boys, Timothy (14) and Joey (11), and two cats. I can't wait to share authors, illustrators, and books with all of you! I am currently re-reading the **Harry Potter** series, and am on #5-**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**.

A few reminders:

- Have a designated spot you keep your library books so you can always find them.
- Remember to keep your books away from water, food + pets.
- Read EVERY DAY!



October Lifetime Fitness Focus

Orin Smith Elementary

Lifetime Fitness Hygiene Unit

Brush UP on Hygiene (20 minute video)

Grades 3-5

Classes will view the video Brush Up on Hygiene. Students will be entertained as they learn about cleanliness and good hygiene with host, Dr. Tidy. The video provides a humorous presentation packed with practical, age-appropriate hygiene tips and delivers the message that keeping your body clean is an important part of staying healthy and feeling good about yourself.

After each concept is presented, the video will be paused and Mr G and Ms W will lead a short question and answer session to reinforce the concept.

Concepts:

Proper hand washing - The Top

Five Times to Wash Your Hands

Oral hygiene - "Germ Cam" eye

view of enamel, plaque, cavities

and bad breath - Brush your

teeth at least twice a day

What are germs and how do

they spread? - How to cover

your mouth and nose when

sneezing/coughing

Body Hygiene

- ★ Why do students need a daily regimen for their skin and hair?
- ★ What causes body odor?
- ★ What makes gym socks so stinky?
- ★ Do I really have to wear clean clothes everyday?

Upcoming College Days:

10/20	Oregon State University	Orange + Black
	University of Oregon	Yellow + Green
10/27	Stanford University	Cardinal + White
11/10	Harvard University	Crimson
11/17	Gonzaga University	Red, Navy + White
12/1	Pacific Lutheran University	Black + Gold
12/8	University of Puget Sound	Maroon + White
12/15	University of Wash	Purple + Gold
	Washington State Univ	Crimson + Gray

Wear any college colors on WEDNESDAYS to show your school spirit!

Speaking of colleges...

Which local university is known for its beautiful cherry blossom trees in the spring? If you know where they are - do you know how old they are?

Look it up for a fun fact!



Need help for your household?

NEED HELP?
DIAL 2-1-1

- UTILITY ASSISTANCE
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- ... MUCH MORE

We are super techy!

Scan the following QR code to access our full Orin C. Smith Elementary Student Handbook:



Information from our School Safety Officer:



Meet Officer Thornburg!

Below he shares a little bit about a book that he was recently introduced to at a training that he found very insightful.

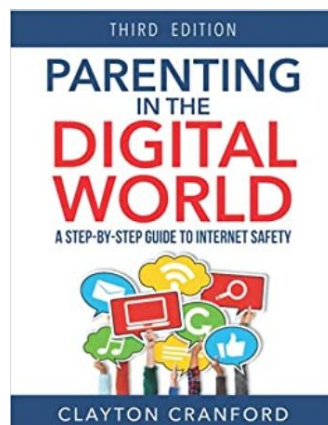


- ★ WFW Graduate
- ★ Retired Washington State Patrol
- ★ Chehalis School District Security and Safety Officer

What do I like about "Parenting in the Digital World"? It shares information on many social media platforms (phones, tablets, gaming, etc.) and is very user friendly with step by step instructions on how to manage them. The book also educates parents and brings awareness to the potential problems with Social Media.

- Todd Thornburg

Worth
checking
out!



Does your child need a phone?

Here are some good questions to ask yourself:

- Are they a pre-teen?
- Do you drop them off at school/sports events and pick them up?
- If this is the case, why do they need a phone?

Or, how about this: Do they need a smartphone? What about giving them a "flip" phone with no Internet access? Or the ability to only call parents + a few emergency contacts?

If your child is ready for a phone or already has one - here is a little information about a safety app called BARK: Parental Controls for both Android + Iphone!

Bark provides families with the tools they need to raise kids in the digital world.

Parents can monitor content, manage screen time, and filter websites.

Bark covers text messaging, YouTube, email, and social media platforms and apps. You'll get automatic alerts to signs of cyberbullying, digression, online predators, adult content, and more. By only showing parents potential problems, Bark's approach saves parents valuable time and helps build trust between parent and child.

Keep your kids safe!

Classroom News...



Room 202 has left the Building!

Once a week, every week, for the entire school year Mrs. Sande's 3rd graders are participating in a nature walk. Just like last year, Room 202 has claimed the little patch of woods behind the middle school as their very own classroom. Each week the students spend about 45 minutes in the woods armed with nature journals, pencils, and hand lenses. The focus is a little different with each visit and is usually based on the students' interests and discoveries from the prior week. Some of the topics explored so far have been insects, spiders and oak trees, but along the way frogs, gingko trees, garter snakes, a praying mantis or two, a friendly neighborhood cat, and snowberries have all joined in the fun. The outdoor classroom is a perfect place to build skills such as paying attention to details, asking questions, predicting and making connections, and simply learning to be naturalists.

Just some shots of Room 307 students conducting scientific observations of local ecosystems and recording their data for later use. This is in preparation for our field trip to Port Blakely Tree Farm.



Room 301



In Mrs. Wildenberg's room, we loved attending our field trip to Port Blakely Tree Farm where students came back with wet tales of being wildlife detectives. In math, we have successfully mastered place value and students are eagerly working on estimating which will move into addition and multiplication of multi-digit numbers. Make sure to have students read 30 minutes each night to help promote their love of reading. Lots more exciting learning will be taking place in room 301 such as learning how to divide and also how to use and understand figurative language.

Classroom News Continued...



Ms. Jeans and Mrs. Hubbert's class participated in an activity called, "The Best Part of Me." We read the book by Wendy Ewald and the students picked a part of their body they thought was the best part of them and then they wrote a short paragraph explaining why. You can find the pictures and words displayed in the 5th grade hall.

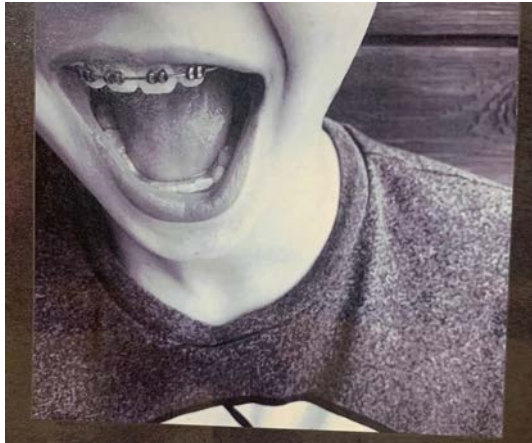
The Best Part of me



The best part of me is my eyes because without my eyes I can't see I love my eyes because my eyes glow a light brown in the sunlight Without my eyes I would not be able to read a book My eyes make me feel happy. My eyes are healthy because I take care of them.
by Mari



The best part of me is my hands because without my hands I would not be able to catch the ball in softball. I also wouldn't be able to draw or paint. I Love my hands because with them I can ride my dirtbike. Without my hands I wouldn't really be able to eat either. I can do a lot of things with my hands.
Kinley



The Best of ME By: Leo Gorman
The best part of me is my mouth because if I didn't have my mouth I couldn't eat my favorite food which is ice cream. I need my mouth because without it I couldn't talk to my friends and family. My final reason is ;I didn't have my mouth I couldn't drink my favorite beverages which are Dr. Pepper and sprite. Those are all the reasons my mouth is the best part of me.

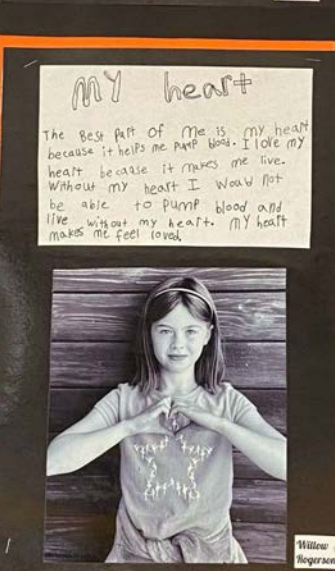
My head
The best part of me is my head because I like to style my hair. I love my head because I have a pretty smile and I have big eyes. Without my head I would not be able to see, hear, and taste, and smell. My head makes me feel happy and beautiful. My head is stylish because I like to style it.



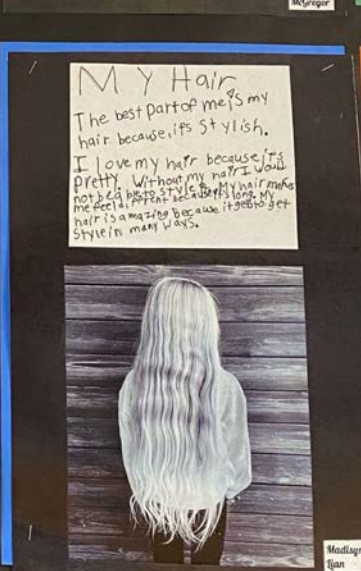
My hands
The best part of me is my hands because it helps with soccer and football. I love my hands because I can use them to write and draw. I would not be able to eat or drink without my hands and I like to play. My hands are important because they help me do things I can't do with my feet. I love my hands because they help me do things I can't do with my feet. I love my hands because they help me do things I can't do with my feet.
Alex Cervantes



My eyes
The best part of me is my eyes because they help me see. I love my eyes because they help me see the things I love. Without my eyes I would not be able to see the things I love. My eyes are important because they help me see the things I love. I love my eyes because they help me see the things I love.
Frankella Castro



MY HANDS
The best part of me is my hands because my hands help me pick up things. I love my hands because they help me pick up things. Without my hands I would not be able to pick up things. My hands are important because they help me pick up things. I love my hands because they help me pick up things.
Sonya McGregory



4th Grade Music:

Students have been busy creating and performing in music class! All 3rd and 4th graders learned the song "I Love the Mountains", and 4th graders had the opportunity to share what they love by writing their own original lyrics! To celebrate our students coming back together full time, we created a music note mural. There were over 400 music notes created to complete the project. Great work, Cougars!

Gilhams's class	Blomdahl's class	Donahue's class	Lince's class	Rogersons's class	Wild's class
Yellow Group: I love Roblox I love the school I love sports I love pizza I love chicken nuggets and BBQ ribs <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Blue group: I love butterflies I love fireflies I love bright sunshine I love moon light I love the beach when the fireworks blow <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom	Green Group: I love the camping I love quadriding I love family I love to play with dogs I love the sunset when the sun goes down <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Yellow group: I love sports I love art I love music I love food I love school because my classes are fun <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X4	Orange Group: I love the biting ants I love to play in the snow I love Pokemon I love to play sports I love my family and my pets <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Green group: I love candy I love turtles I love kittens I love kittens I love Arizona and the tarantulas <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X4	Yellow Group: I love the donuts I love the waterfalls I love the sunset I love the elephants I love the axolotls when the lights are off <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Blue group: I love hamsters I love their fuzzy fur I love the music songs I love the breeze I love the movie theater and all the popcorn <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X4	Yellow Group: I love bees I love Star Wars I love angels I love video games I love to play with play dough all day long <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Blue group: I love kitties I love pizza I love to go to school I love the sunset I love fishing all day long <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X4	Blue Group: I love the bongos I love the open sky I love the music I love the hot sand I love my new books on the shelf <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X2 Green group: I love doing flips I love to watch TV I love gymnastics I love my kitten I love a dog's howl while I draw and horses roll <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> <i>Boom-dee-a-da</i> Boom X4



September Cougar Card Cake Celebration Winners:

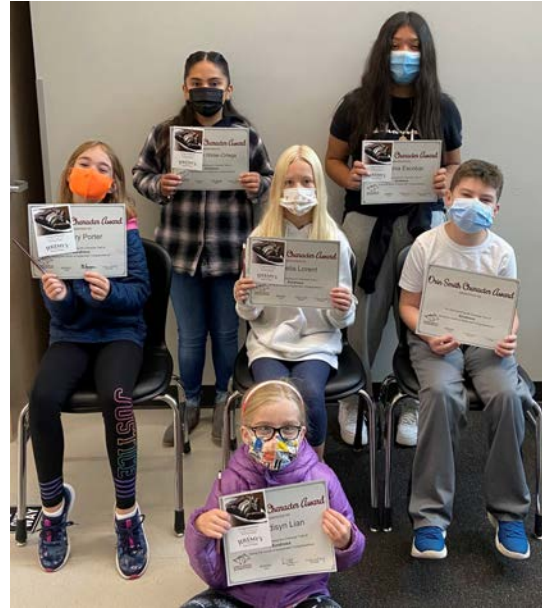
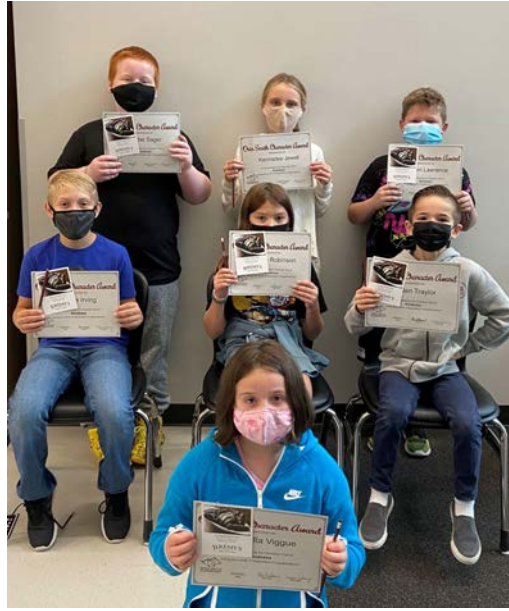
3rd Grade: Arilyn Dunn, Iyan Romero, Courtney Elmore-Paige, Ava Coulter, Cassidy Snyder, Summer Moran, Jaxxon Bell, Holly Mayes, Owen Nelson

4th Grade: Selena Matagi, Parker Gist, Grace Eiswald, Milo Hornby, Gavin Spencer, Mirabel Burger, Aiden Jackson, Harper Hunziker

5th Grade: Emily Robbins, Cash Marquez, Stacey Nicholas, Braun Jones, Kenzie Roberts, Carrah Roe, Kaylie Suttmiller, Brody Springer, Jethro Haselwood

kindness

CONGRATULATIONS to the Character Award Winners for the month of September!



- Grade 3: Benson Hahn, Jayden Dutton, Aryen Lombardi, Liputa Borja Leal, AJ Stroup, Ben Six, Carlos Medel Montes, Aspen Hundley, Delaney Goodrick
- Grade 4: Axden Lawrence, Kennadee Jewell, Blake Irving, Aiden Traylor, Ryder Sager, Maden Davies, Aurora Robinson, Isabella Vigue
- Grade 5: Emily Robbins, Cash Marquez, Stacey Nicholas, Braun Jones, Kenzie Roberts, Carrah Roe, Kaylie Suttmiller, Brody Springer, Jethro Haselwood



Pictured above: Jaxxon Bell in the shirt he made for International Dot Day!

Character Dress Up Day



On Friday, October 29th, Orin Smith Elementary School will hold a 'Halloween Salute' to the many characters of books. Students that are dressing up are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book they have read, or from a story they have written.

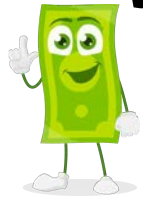
Full face masks (including fully painted faces), swords, guns, broomsticks, etc., are not allowed. We will still have a full day of learning. Please note that our school dress code does apply:

- No clothing with inappropriate logos or messages
- Clothing must cover the child's body (low cut/half shirts are not permitted)
- No weapons or look-alike weapons



SPECIAL THANKS to the Frazier family for donating Back To The Roots grow kits! Pictured left: A tiny lavender plant, tomatoes & mushrooms! What a fun treat!

PTA



INFO...

Interested in becoming a member of our fantastic PTA?

The Chehalis PTA helps to organize all kinds of fun activities for students like: Santa Shop, Fundraising, Watch D.O.G.S., Father/Daughter + Mother/Son Events - and so much more!

As a member you will also receive discounts at several places, such as: Wild Waves, Great Wolf Lodge, Silverwood, various car rental places + Office Depot!

* Meetings are temporarily being held at Olympic Library. Please follow Chehalis PTA on Facebook for location updates *



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday, December 7
Tuesday, January 4
Tuesday, February 1

GREAT NEWS! Day 1 of our fundraiser totaled \$5000! Our PTA fundraiser runs from 10/11-10/25!

SBAC Testing Windows:

Fourth Grade -

Wednesday, October 20 (Math) 9:30-12:00

Tuesday, October 26 (Reading) 9:30-12:00

Fifth Grade -

Thursday, October 21 (Math) 9:30-12:00

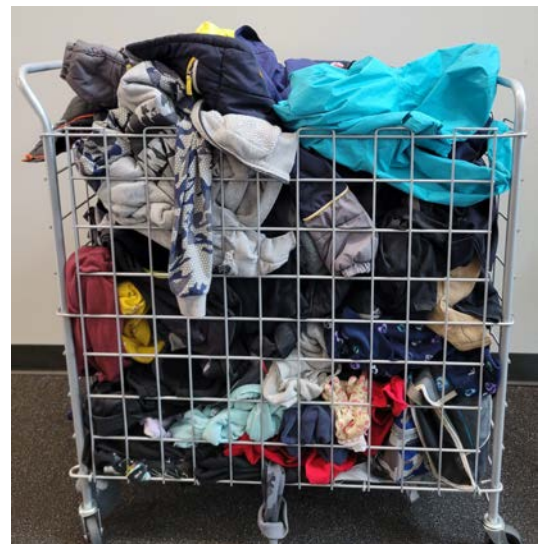
Wednesday, October 27 (Reading) 9:30-12:00

* There will be no testing for Third Grade this Fall. ALL grade levels will test in the Spring *



MISSING SOMETHING?

We have collected quite the treasure trove in Lost + Found here at Orin Smith. If you are missing an item (or 5) come take a look. Anything left in the cart will be donated November 5th!





BRING US YOUR RECEIPTS!

Box Tops earnings pay for books for our library. Our Box Tops Coordinator will scan your receipts for rewards! All you have to do is drop off your receipts in our vestibule at school. So reach out to your family members and start submitting your grocery receipts right away!

RECEIPTS MUST BE NO MORE THAN 1 WEEK OLD

Receipt suggestions: Costco, Walmart, Safeway, Target, Fred Meyer, Albertsons!



'Family Challenges' from your counselor:

Compliments Galore

Give genuine compliments to five people you notice throughout the day.

This should be a mixture of friends and strangers. Look for people picking up trash or holding the door open and thank them for their thoughtfulness. Look for some unique style or clothing. Observe how your lunch server or bus driver interacts with you.

KIND CONFERENCE CALL

FAMILY (C.A.R.E.)

Call a family member or friend that, as a family, you haven't talked to in awhile. Try it "out of the blue" and surprise them by having everyone on the line to say hello, catch up, and share why you've missed them.

If they don't pick up, leave an epic voicemail filled with some kind words from each person!



Students! If you participate in either of these activities, swing by Mrs. Beattie's office and let her know what you thought!

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Chehalis School District offers classes in many career and technical education (CTE) program areas, including Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences, Skilled and Technical Sciences, Health Sciences and STEM. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados.

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis ofrece clases en varias áreas con programas de educación vocacional y técnica (CTE), incluyendo Agricultura, Negocios y Mercadotecnia, Ciencias de la Familia y del Consumidor, Ciencias Técnicas y Calificadas, Ciencias de la Salud y STEM. La falta de dominio del idioma inglés no será una barrera para la admisión y participación en programas de educación profesional y técnica.

Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

Title IX Coordinator
Athletic Director
Jeff Johnson
310 SW 16th Street
Chehalis, WA 98532
360-807-1235

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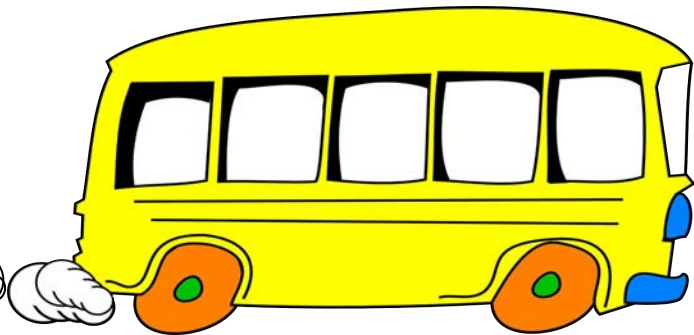
Section 504/ADA Coordinator
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Career and Technical Education Coordinator
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STUDENTS!

Complete the word
scramble and come
turn it in to Mrs.
Cole in the office.
I will be drawing
names for fun
prizes!



Back to school WORD SCRAMBLE

IRCAH _____

FGAL _____

BKOENOTO _____

CDLNARAE _____

REEARS _____

LSARTPE _____

EGLU _____

IRFLEAAMR _____

CNLEPI _____

KSED _____

OASOCBEK _____

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