

# January-February 2012

## R.E. BENNETT FAMILY BULLETIN

### SPRING CONFERENCES

The Chehalis School District will be offering spring parent-teacher conferences March 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding scheduling a conference will be coming home in February. There will be an early release at 12:10 pm each conference day. Lunch will be served.

### CLASS PICTURES

Group pictures will be taken at R.E. Bennett School on **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Ordering information will be sent home with your student.

### IMPORTANT

Our School Messenger service is a useful tool and is being used to give parents information and to remind them about upcoming events instead of sending multiple flyers home. *It will always leave you a message.* Please listen to the message first and then call the school office if you have specific questions.



R.E. Bennett School (360) 807-7220  
Website: [www.chehalis.k12.wa.us/reb](http://www.chehalis.k12.wa.us/reb)

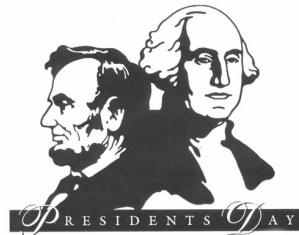
Fax: (360) 748-7256



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KING DAY  
MONDAY,  
JANUARY 16  
NO SCHOOL



PRESIDENTS' DAY  
MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
NO SCHOOL



### BOARD APPRECIATION

The month of January is *School Board Recognition Month*. The Chehalis School District has five dedicated board members who generously give of their time to ensure quality education for the students in our district. Our school board members are: Joe Clark, Vicki Daniels, Brian Roberts, Colleen State, and Brennan Bailey. Your children benefit greatly from the sound leadership and direction these people provide for our district.

### LUNCH INFORMATION

As you are already aware, the electronic lunch system involves students having a meal account to which money is deposited for lunch. When making a deposit to your student's account, if at all possible, **please send a check instead of cash.** This allows for more rapid processing. Notices will be sent home if your student's meal account has a negative balance. When that happens, he/she will receive an emergency lunch (cheese sandwich & milk) until such time as the account is paid in full. It is very helpful if parents do their own tracking so that money can be sent in advance. If you are uncertain about what the balance is, the office staff will gladly assist you. You may also request to be signed up for Family Access so that you can track it and make deposits online. Contact Judy Pulley at 807-7200 Ext. 8203 for assistance. We know that family situations can change, so keep in mind that it is *never too late to apply for the federal lunch program.* Applications are available in the office. ***Parents are always welcome to have lunch with their students. Please bring exact change to pay for your lunch (\$3.15).***

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance reporting requirements for schools in Washington state require that we **are notified by a student's parent each day that the student will not be in attendance at school.** As a result here are some simple guidelines to assist you:

- ◆ If you know in advance that your child will be missing school, please send a note listing the absence dates, and include in your note an explanation of why your child will be gone.
- ◆ If your child is ill, or gone for any other reason on a given day or days, please:

Call the RE Bennett office each day your child is not in attendance (807-7220);

AND

Send a note with your child on the day of return to school listing the exact date(s) of the absence and an explanation of why he/she was gone. This note must also have a parent signature.

Absences are considered *unexcused* if the above requirements are not met. If you receive a memo on bright green paper with an attendance report attached, please write a note at the bottom of the attendance report excusing any days that are unexcused.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation!

# Our Super Readers!



Makayla Mencke

Tatyana McQueen

Tristen DeSpain

Lincoln Smith

Elizabeth Patana



## INITIATIVE

Christian Bischoff, Ava Bush, Lori Christian, Quintin Conwell, Blair Cunningham, Bo Davis, Josh Eberly, Xavier Flores, Kaylee Hack, Jaydn Hawley, Drayson Hilkemeier, Miley Iverson, Brit Lusk, Antheny Mendez-Leal, Katie Pierson, Max Puris, Corby Taggart, Lauren Tornow, McKenzie Ulrich, Uriah Welch, Ryan Witham



## PRIDE

Kaina Abe, Octavia Bacon, Alora Barratt, Victor Gomez, Lilly Goss, Isaac Henninger, Tehani Henry, Ashley Hert-Meeks, Trenten Hewitt, Taryn Houk, Cassidy Lakey, Trey Lyon, Analeese McAllister, Makayla Mencke, Kennedy Miller, Mariesa Mumford, Samantha Pennypacker, Drew Reynolds, Cole Romine, Grace Sells, Krissy Spillman, Lexi Weis, Maxim Zagorodniy

The R.E. Bennett library received grants from both the **Twin Cities Wrestling Club** and our own **PTA** this year totaling \$2,000! These grants will purchase approximately 135 hardcover books to expand our library collection for the benefit all students! In addition, the **Box Tops for Education** program will add nearly \$1,000 to the library's budget this year. Though each Box Top is only worth a dime, it adds up quickly, so keep saving them and sending them to school. We are so grateful for our community's support!

# ★ Family Night Activities ★

**READ-IN ON NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>!**



Wear red on Valentine's Day!



**Jared Dailey & his dad are totally absorbed in their books—must be good!**



**The entire Knutson clan came!**

We had a great turnout for our first family night event this year! Families came together to read with each other, and students were able to take AR tests on the books that they read. Five students from the W.F. West Honor Society were here to help us out! Thank you especially to Mrs. Cheryl Giffey and Mrs. Kate Watson for making the evening a success!

## **MATH NIGHT ON JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>!**

Family Math night was also well attended-110 people came! Mr. Doug Maynard from the Learning Outlet challenged our students with a wide assortment of Math & Critical Thinking strategy games for all ages! Once again, Honor Society students from W.F. West were here to volunteer.



Viggo Sand and his dad Keith are obviously enjoying themselves—wonder who is winning?

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The Fuller family was there, having some wholesome family fun!

Jacob  
AJ  
Mom  
Dad



## **BOOKFINDER!**

Families can do their own searching for AR titles, and can even find out which books have available AR quizzes.

GO TO: [arbookfinder.com](http://arbookfinder.com)



During a recent month 61 volunteers worked for a total of 263 hours at R.E. Bennett!!

### Chehalis School District Annual Schools' Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members, and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website: <http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/>. Search for Chehalis School District and click on the school of choice.

### Chehalis School District Community Newsletter

The school district's community newsletter, "The Learning Network," can now be accessed online through the district's website at <http://www.chehalis.k12.wa.us>. Printed copies of the annual schools' report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 360-807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at <http://www.chehalis.k12.wa.us> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

### Non-Discrimination Statement

Chehalis School District is an equal opportunity education system and employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, or qualified individuals with disabilities including the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance or appeal procedures may be directed to the School District's Title IX Officer, Mary Lou Bissett, Assistant Superintendent, Chehalis School District, 310 SW 16<sup>th</sup> St., Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200, option 1, or the Section 504 Officer, Kathy Bradshaw, Director of Student Support Programs, 1265 SW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, WA, (360) 807-7245.



Uriah Welch and Beau Crews are completely fascinated by their study of an owl pellet! Science is awesome!



Mrs. Vermillion's students are participating in a Reader's Theatre activity using the story of Rapunzel....a slightly revised story from the original fairy tale Rapunzel!

Pavie Atkinson, John Biorn, Jacob Blomdahl, Hailey Conwell, Kristian Copstead, Lila Foley, Cooper Friesen, Salma Gomez-Cruz, Kylie Knutsen, Jairo Lima-Perez, Dakota LIninger, Ahleena Lopez, Beau McPherson, Logan Moore, Brad Olson, Carlena Olson, Caine Parker, Max Puris, Evan Tornow, Adal Vargas, Mason Walters



Arianna Beckford, Amiera Brown, Drea Brumfield, Julia Comisky, Kaylie Doven, Anabel Hernandez, Kirsten Houk, Isabelle Jennings, Rian Jones, Abby Kay, Aram Matagi, Daren McDrummond, Genesis Miramontes, Dannyel Peglar, Samantha Pennypacker, Yohanna Perez, Lexi R. Roberts, Jessamae Sill-Quiroz, Kambriah Simper, Brandy Smith, Josh Twardowski



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 10    | Pacific Science Center assembly @ 12:10 pm                        |
| January 10-11 | Sahara Pizza family nights  |
| January 16    | <b>Martin Luther King Day-no school</b>                           |
| January 27    | <b>Early release 12:10 pm (staff inservice)</b>                   |
| February 7-8  | Sahara Pizza family nights  |
| February 10   | Daddy Daughter Dance (sponsored by the PTA)                       |
| February 17   | <b>Class Picture Day</b>  |
| February 20   | <b>Presidents Day – no school</b>                                 |
| March 13      | Olympia Junior Programs field trip-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade          |
| March 14      | Olympia Junior Programs field trip-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade/multiage |
| March 22      | Spring Musical – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade                            |
| March 29      | Spring Musical – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade/multiage                   |

## MORE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Flexibility



## CARING

