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MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE



“All children can be successful.”

Construction and modernization is still underway throughout the Secondary and Elementary Buildings. While there has been a great deal of progress made on the completion of the West Wing, High School Gym, and Middle School Gym, there is still work to be done on the East Wing, District Building, and Elementary Gym.

The temporary High School Office is located on the backside of the Middle School Gym, in what will soon be the Secondary School Music Room.

We hope to be back in District Building sometime in September, pending completion and inspections for occupancy.

The East Wing of the Secondary Building and the Elementary Gym are scheduled for completion in November; however, if all goes well with construction and building inspections for occupancy, we could see completion in October.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR – NEW STAFF

We are off to a great start and looking forward to another exciting and successful school year! With the ongoing Modernization Project and an upward trend in enrollment, particularly at the elementary level, our staff and students have shown amazing flexibility and patience. We are in the process of assessing class sizes at each elementary grade level to determine which grades require additional teachers and classrooms as we move forward.

In addition to our returning teaching staff, Toutle Lake School District welcomed several new teachers to start the 2017-18 school year.

The Elementary School welcomes Chelsea Hoff as the new 1st Grade Teacher to replace Michelle Stankey, who will be teaching in the 3rd grade this year as well as Kami Collette as the new 2nd Grade Teacher to replace Don Merzoian, who will be the new K-5th Music Teacher. Because of the large size of the 2nd grade class, Toutle has added a third classroom and we welcome Roni Peterson as the new 2nd Grade Teacher. Sally Johnson has moved from her 3rd grade teaching position to the new Title 1/LAP Coordinator replacing Vicki Erbes, who retired at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

The Secondary School welcomes Shelley Grant as the new Computer/Technology Teacher and FBLA Advisor, replacing John Landucci; Jamie Barron as the new Middle School Science Teacher, following the retirement of Vince Lee; and Rexanna Chrisler as the new Middle School Special Education Teacher replacing Chad Russom, who also retired at end of the 2016-17 school year.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Districts in Washington State are required to conduct conferences with the parent/guardian of any student who has five (5) or more *excused* absences in a month, or ten (10) or more *excused* absences in the current year. A conference is not required if (1) prior written notice was given or a doctor's note was provided and (2) an academic plan was put into place to keep the student on track.

The importance of daily attendance cannot be overemphasized. Students that attend school on a regular basis are far less likely to fall behind and eventually drop out of school. When students miss daily lessons and instruction, they increase the chances of missing out on key concepts and skills that eventually become serious obstacles to their academic success.

With mandated state testing, if possible, we urge parents and guardians to avoid scheduling appointments and family vacations during scheduled test times. While makeup testing is available, students seldom score as well when taking makeups as opposed to taking a test on schedule with their regular teacher and classmates. We will make every effort to inform parents when their students will be taking the Smarter Balanced tests.

Remember, we are here to support you at home and at school, and by emphasizing the importance of daily attendance to our students, they are less likely to miss time unnecessarily—they need to be in school! However, if your child is sick, they should stay home. Learning is sequential; each lesson in school builds on the foundation of what your student learned the day before. An absence is a missed opportunity to learn something students will need in order to understand more difficult material later.

Thank you for your support and please remember to contact the High School Office at 360-274-6132 or the Elementary School Office at 36-274-6142 if your child will be absent from school.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

High school graduation requirements have changed throughout the state of Washington. At Toutle Lake High School, starting with the class of 2021 (this year's freshman class) students will be required to complete 24 credits to graduate. Of these 24 credits, students will be required to have one more Arts credit, bringing the Arts requirement to two credits, and two credits of World Language. However, students can substitute one of the Arts credits and both World Language credits as part of a Personalized Pathway Requirement, which include locally determined courses that lead to a specific post-high school career outcome chosen by the student, based on the student's interest and High School and Beyond Plan. In addition, students will be required to pass multiple Smarter Balanced Assessments. For more information check out the following website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/>

Although it is important for all of our students to get off to a good start this school year, it is especially important for our current freshman class. This class will face tougher requirements than most classes before them. In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with freshman to go over their High School and Beyond Plan. Please take some time to discuss post high school plans with your students. Our staff at Toutle Lake High School will do everything that we can do to help our students succeed and graduate. Go Ducks!!!

Sincerely,
Chris Byrd

PARKING

Modernization will continue to impact parking throughout September and October. The West Parking Lot will continue as a staging area for construction, and will be closed to vehicles; however, the parking lot located next to the Softball Field will be open.

In front of the District Office, the parking lot has been reconfigured to help keep traffic flowing safely during pick up and drop off. It is now a one-way drive through that flows from west to east.

The Main Parking Lot located in between the High School Gym and the District Building will still be available to students and staff; as well as, the overflow parking across the street.

DROP OFF ZONES

Thank you parents and guardians for your patience when dropping off/picking up your students. We have tried to make the drop off zones available and efficient particularly in the morning when the buses are arriving between 7:55 AM and 8:15 AM. Please continue to look out for dropped off students who are trying to make their way into the buildings.

The access in between the Secondary and Elementary Buildings is for BUSES ONLY. Please use the Main Parking Lot or the new one-way drive through in front of the District Office for drop off. The sidewalk along the east side of the District Building is designed for drop off of your older children, who can walk safely to their school building.

ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again, and the Toutle Lake Elementary is starting their annual Fan Cloth Fundraiser! Order forms will be available after September 29th.



PUBLIC NOTICES

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

All parents, in the State of Washington, of a child eight years of age shall have such child attend public schools and such child shall have the responsibility to attend full time when such school may be in session unless they qualify for an exception under the law. Such exceptions include private and home school options and other special circumstances. In an effort to encourage all students and their families to comply with the compulsory attendance law, new requirements have been added which include notification of parents of nonattendance, scheduling of conferences, and other steps to eliminate or reduce a student's absences. Exceptions are listed in the Compulsory School Attendance and Admission law, Chapter 28A.225, available at the school office or the public library.

All school district policies and administrative regulations are available for review at the district office, 5050 Spirit Lake Highway, Toutle, Washington.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Toutle Lake School District conducts *Childfind* activities for the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying students with a suspected disability who are residing within the boundaries of the district, including children who are homeless. *Childfind* activities apply to children ages birth through 21 who are not currently receiving special education and related services.

Parents having concerns about their child's health, hearing, intellectual functioning, language, learning, movement, serious behavioral needs, speech, or vision can call the district for more information and/or assistance with *Childfind* identification.

HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM

Toutle Lake School District recognizes the varying aptitudes of students and works to provide activities designed to develop the talents and interest of our students. The District plans to offer activities focused on critical thinking skills in the areas of Science, Math and Social Studies. Participating students will need to demonstrate a high aptitude in one or more of these areas. These activities will be designed to include but are not limited to the following objectives:

- Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills.
- Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence, and responsibility.
- Development of a positive attitude towards self and others.
- Development of originality and creativity.

Toutle Lake Elementary plans to offer differentiated instruction with accelerated curriculum at each grade level.

Toutle Lake HS plans to offer, though not restricted to highly capable students, Knowledge Bowl activities, along with the AP exam for eligible Calculus students. For more information please contact the elementary or high school principal at 360-274-6182.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Under the federal Department of Education and in accordance with state guidelines, parents of children in schools that receive Title I funds have the right to request specified information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. For more information, call 274-6182.

NOTICE OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

Students and school employees who are subjects of threats of violence or harm will be notified of the threats in a timely manner. Parents will be included in notifications to students who are subjects of threats of violence or harm. Timing and details of the notice will be as extensive as permitted by the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, other legal limitations, and circumstances.

The district will address threats of violence or harm in a manner consistent with the district's safety policies and comprehensive safe school plans.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT & BULLYING

Toutle Lake School District is committed to a positive, productive education and work environment free from all types of discrimination, including sexual harassment and bullying. The district shall take prompt, equitable, and remedial action with its authority on formal and informal reports, complaints and grievances alleging sexual harassment or bullying.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The district recognizes that students whose disabilities adversely impact educational performance and who require specially designed instruction have potential for improving educational performance when they receive special education and related services tailored to fit their needs.

Each eligible special education student in the district will be afforded a full educational opportunity. This goal will be met consistent with the state's goals through ensuring the provision of a free appropriate public education, complying with the state and local procedures, and improving performance goal indicators.

TITLE I, PART A

This federal program of assistance to elementary students (K-6) will provide extra help and tutoring for students who are below their grade levels in reading, math, or both. Parents are invited and encouraged to work jointly with the elementary staff and administration to plan, review, evaluate, and improve the Title I Plan and Parent Involvement Activities. For more information, call 274-6142.

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Toutle Lake School District, in order to protect the rights and privacy of parents and students and to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), designates the following categories of personally identifiable information from students records as place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized school activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, academic recognition, and other similar information.

Parents in the school district have rights to confidentiality under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The parent or eligible student has a right to: Inspect and review the student's educational records; request amendment of the student's educational records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records; file with the US Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by the agency to comply with the requirements of the act.

Upon request, the District discloses, without consent, education records to officials of another school district in which a student seeks to enroll. According to FERPA, schools must provide military recruiters with students' names, addresses, and telephone listings unless parents have notified the school district that they do not want their student's information released without prior written consent.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

Congress has adopted legislation requiring drug-free schools. A study by the National Commission on Drug-Free Schools found that the use of drugs remains widespread among the nation's youth. Appreciable numbers of students begin to use alcohol in the elementary grades and increasing numbers begin to use illicit drugs in middle school.

Toutle Lake School District is committed to drug-free schools. The Board has established a policy requiring that each student adhere to all the rules of conduct adopted by the district. Failure to do so shall be cause for corrective action enforced by school officials. Use and/or possession of alcohol and illicit drugs is unlawful, wrong, and harmful. A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used any narcotic drug or hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind while:

- on the school grounds during and immediately before or after school hours.
- on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group(s).
- off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event.

Disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution will be imposed on students who violate the standards of conduct. Examples of sanctions may include notification of authorities, referral for substance abuse evaluation, curtailment of participation in district sports, suspension, expulsion, and/or completion of a drug/alcohol rehabilitation or treatment program not at district expense. (Use of a drug authorized by medical prescription from a registered physician shall not be considered a violation of this rule.)

Information about a drug/alcohol counseling program may be obtained from the school counselor. Compliance with the above standards of conduct is mandatory for all students and will be enforced without exception.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Federal law requires all men reaching age 18 to register with Selective Service. The registration requirement includes all male citizens and male non-citizens who have taken up permanent residence in the US. If you're at least 17 years and 3 months old, you can complete the registration information, and when you turn 18, you'll be registered automatically. To register online go to www.sss.gov/hslink.htm. By registering with Selective Service, men keep themselves eligible for many federal and state programs and benefits; including, student loans and grants, government jobs, and vocational training under Job Training Partnership Act. Non-citizens stay eligible for citizenship.

NONRESIDENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (CHOICE)

Parents or guardians must follow a two-step process to obtain permission for their child to attend a nonresident district. First, the parent/guardian must obtain permission from Toutle Lake School District to admit the student by completing an "Application for Student Transfer to Nonresident District" and submitting it to the district superintendent's office. Second, the parent/guardian must obtain permission from their resident district to allow the student's release.

Transfer enrollments in the Toutle Lake School District are valid for one school year only, so the admission form must be completed and submitted for consideration each year.

District policy 3141 outlines the provisions that the school district makes for out-of-district students wishing to attend school at Toutle Lake.

LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Learning Assistance Program (LAP) money is used to accelerate the learning of students in grades K-12. LAP funds are used for before and after school tutoring, in class tutoring, summer school, and focused instruction of basic math and reading skills. LAP funds are based on the number of students participating in the "Free and Reduced Lunch Program" and 2010 Census information. For more information, call 274-6132.

TITLE IV PART A – SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with specific requirements, notice is being given that the Toutle Lake School District intends to submit an application for the Title IV Part A Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant. This application is made as part of a consortium of schools in ESD 112. Title IV Part A funds go towards student assistance programs by an intervention specialist, school nurses, and various safe and drug-free schools programs.

HOW IS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEASURED?

The state of Washington has established three ways to measure student achievement:

1. Performance of 3rd through 11th graders on yearly SmarterBalanced and End of Course (EOC) assessments.
2. The rate of unexcused absences for 1st through 8th graders.
3. The graduation rate of high school students.

We all realize that continued student success will require a long-term commitment from our students, staff, parents, and the community.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Facts and data related to Toutle Lake Elementary (K-6), Middle School (7-8), and High School (9-12) Secondary can be found on the internet at www.k12.wa.us. This report includes information about Toutle Lake School District SmarterBalanced and EOC results, and student demographics. If you would like a printed version of the OSPI Annual School Report Card, please stop by the district, elementary, or secondary offices.

AHERA PLAN

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which enacted rules that require all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to inspect for the presence of asbestos in building materials that may have been used in construction.

In compliance with the regulations, this inspection was accomplished and documented in a comprehensive management plan that was submitted to the State of Washington. An AHERA inspection is conducted by an individual accredited by the Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA). The inspector inspected all schoolrooms for the presence of asbestos containing materials (ACM), estimated quantities, and documented this information in a written report.

The inspection report was given to a management planner to develop a comprehensive written management plan that explains how Toutle Lake School District #130 will maintain the asbestos in the future. In addition, there will be a periodic surveillance of the facility to monitor any changes in the ACM condition.

UNDER THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT PLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED, WE BELIEVE THAT NO HEALTH HAZARD FROM ASBESTOS EXPOSURE EXISTS FOR THE STUDENTS OR STAFF OF TOUTLE LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT #130.

If you would like more information regarding this subject, the inspection report and management plan are available for review in the school offices between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may contact the LEA designated person who is identified in the first section of the Asbestos Management Plan.

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Toutle Lake School District shall provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applicants and staff in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion and training. Such equal employment opportunity shall be provided without discrimination with respect to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, 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. This holds true for all district employment and opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district superintendent.

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Affirmative Action/Title IX Officer: Scott Grabenhorst

Section 504 Coordinators: Jerry Johnson/Elementary Principal and Chris Byrd/Secondary Principal

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

The purpose of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act is to ensure that homeless students are provided equal access to the same education as all other children, ensure that a child's homelessness causes no interruption to their education, and to ensure that each child is provided with the support needed to fully participate in Toutle Lake's academic programs.

Inquiries regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act may be directed to Scott Grabenhorst - District Homeless Liaison, Jerry Johnson-Elementary Principal, Chris Byrd-Secondary Principal, or a school counselor at 360-274-6182.

Fall Sports Schedules

High School Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.	9/22	*Ilwaco	Home	7:00
Fri.	9/29	**Toledo	Home	7:00
Fri.	10/6	Winlock	Away	7:00
Fri.	10/13	Kalama	Away	7:00
Fri.	10/20	Mossyrock	Home	7:00
Fri.	10/27	Wahkiakum	Away	7:00
Fri.	11/3	TBA	TBA	TBA

*Non-League Games

**Homecoming

JV Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	10/2	Toledo	Away	6:00
Mon.	10/16	Kalama	Home	6:00
Mon.	10/23	Mossyrock	Away	6:00

Middle School Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thr.	9/21	Toledo	Away	6:00
Thr.	9/28	Winlock	Home	6:00
Thr.	10/5	Wahkiakum	Away	6:00
Thr.	10/12	Napavine	Home	6:00
Thr.	10/19	TBA	Away	6:00

High School Cross Country

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	9/23	Monte Invite	Away	TBA
Tue.	9/26	Kalama	Away	3:30
Sat.	9/30	TL Invite	Home	12:30
Tue.	10/3	Rainier, WA	Away	3:30
Sat.	10/7	Harvest Classic	Longview	8:30
Wed.	10/11	TBA	Home	3:30
Thr.	10/19	Mossyrock	Away	3:30
Sat.	10/28	District	Onalaska	TBA
Sat.	11/4	State	Pasco	10AM



High School Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thr.	9/21	Onalaska	Home	5:45
Thr.	9/28	Wahkiakum	Home	5:45
Tue.	10/3	Napavine	Away	5:45
Thr.	10/5	Toledo	Away	5:45
Tue.	10/10	Mossyrock	Home	5:45
Thr.	10/12	MWP	Home	5:45
Tue.	10/17	Rainier, WA	Home	5:45
Thr.	10/19	Pe Ell	Away	5:45
Sat.	10/21	*Adna Tourney	Away	TBA
Mon.	10/23	Adna	Away	5:45
Wed.	10/25	Kalama	Home	5:45
Sat.	10/28	District	TBA	TBA
W/S	11/1-4	District	TBA	TBA
Thr/Fri	11/9-10	State	Yakima	TBA

*Non-League Games

Middle School Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	9/20	Wahkiakum	Home	5:00
Mon.	9/25	Toledo	Home	5:00
Wed.	9/27	Winlock	Away	5:00
Mon.	10/2	Kalama	Home	5:00
Wed.	10/4	Napavine	Away	5:00
Mon.	10/9	Wahkiakum	Away	5:00
Wed.	10/11	Toledo	Away	5:00

Athletic Clearance Checklist

Students planning on turning out for a sport must have the following verified in the high school office before turning out for a sport.

- Current physical (yearly)*
- Student-Parent Concussion Info Sheet*
- Student-Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Info Sheet*
- Current Insurance*
- Parent Permission*
- Academic Eligibility*
- District Resident Status*
- ASB Card (\$50)-Athletes must purchase to be to be eligible to participate in a game/match.*