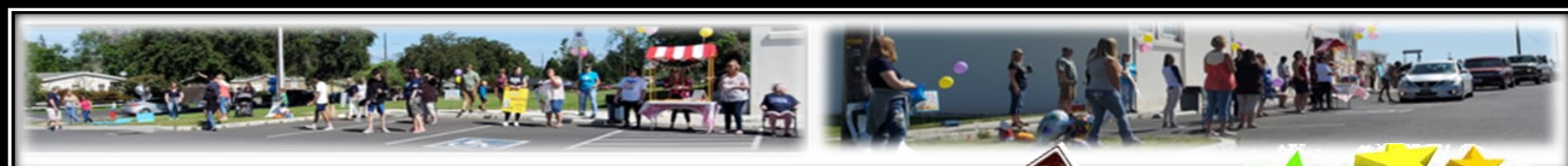


# Schools in Action!

*A glimpse into our schools as we learn, teach, accomplish, and achieve great things*

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**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!**  
COVID-19 DIDN'T STOP US...  
WE FACED SOCIAL-DISTANCING IN A FUN WAY!



**Jefferson County School District 509-J** celebrated the end of a challenging year (brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic) with some fun farewells and making memories of FY19/20. Thank you for your encouragement and support.



A Note from the Superintendent!



**Announcement:** We do plan to open school in the fall! ☺

Dear Jefferson County School District 509-I Community:

As this “interesting” year (FY19/20) came to a close, I was reminded of the creative minds and resilient spirits of our staff, students and community as we faced the challenges of social distancing while finding ways to remain connected and still honor the transitions to the next phase in education for our students – this page reflects those special memories made on the final days of our school year. I hope it added a little joy for all those involved. Thank you for your support and patience during this very trying time in education as we navigated the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic at Jefferson County School District.

I am pleased to announce, the Oregon Department of Education recently released guidance for schools to reopen next fall. The guidelines provided by ODE come with many requirements and recommendations and require a written plan for each school be presented to our local school board and submitted to ODE. Developing plans to open schools will require much work and attention to detail, but we are committed to opening schools in the fall and ensuring the safety of students and staff.

In order to help our schools develop plans for the fall, families will receive a series of surveys to complete in order to help inform our school plans. These surveys will be available on our District website <https://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/> over the next few weeks and will be sent to families through our regular communication systems called Blackboard Connect. We look forward to receiving input from family members and to communicating our plan for "On-Site" learning to reconvene on September 8, 2020. In addition to 'On-Site' learning in a traditional model, we may need to accommodate some students in a "Hybrid" model (some "On-Site" learning and some remote learning) or a "Distance-Learning" model (full time remote learning). We are planning to only provide these optional models for students and families who would like to participate in one of these options.

We are still waiting for information regarding fall sports seasons and practice from the Governor's office and the Oregon School Activities Association. School sports and activities remain an important part of the school experience for our students. We anxiously await guidance and will share this information with our community as soon as it becomes available.

Enjoy the Central Oregon Summer with your families and loved ones. I look forward to our new school year (FY20/21) with a sense of hope as we continue to face our 'new normal'.

Sincerely,  
**Ken Parshall**  
Superintendent

