

Cheetah Chatter

December, 2017



César E. Chávez
Elementary School

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School office hours 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

http://www.chavez.4j.lane.edu/Chavez_Website/Home_Page.html
http://www.chavez.4j.lane.edu/Chavez_Website/Calendar%26_Events.html

Dear Families,

With the holiday season just starting our hopes are that families are warm, fed and all of their needs met. We will have a packet of resources coming out next Monday. In the meantime, if you have any questions please call the school office. *We are always here to help.*

Site Council - *Do you want to make a difference in your child's school? Do you want to support the school in making the most of their instructional program? Then you should consider joining Site Council.* We are seeking parent representatives for Site Council. The duties of a 21st Century Schools Council shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
- (b) The improvement of the school's instructional program;
- (c) The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs under this chapter at the school; and the administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified district employees.

Meetings will be 4:00-5:00 every first Tuesday of the month. Please contact Steve Korin if you are interested at korin_st@4j.lane.edu

PARENT NIGHT

November 29th 5:30 – 7:00

Dinner, childcare and Spanish translation provided

How to Slow Down the Hamster Wheel of a Stressful Life!

Presented by Paul Bolle, a licensed marriage and family therapist intern



Paul Bolle, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Intern will share his expertise with us.

Many of us feel stressed daily, pressured by circumstances we don't expect to see change anytime soon. This talk focuses on what happens to families when stress starts to overwhelm parents, and what parents can do to feel more in control of their lives. In discussion, parents have the opportunity to voice how they both cope and struggle, and learn ways to ease tension and increase joy.

Please RSVP by calling the office at (541) 790-5300 to let us know if you plan on attending.

December events

- 1 Food drive delivery - Classrooms will walk with their buddy classrooms and deliver food to the food pantry.
- 6 Walk and roll to school spirit day
- 18 - Jan 2 Winter Break - Students return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd

Walk + Roll to School Spirit Day!

Wednesday December 6, is our Winter Walk & Roll Day! We're encouraging all students to walk, bike, carpool or ride the bus to school. If you live a long way from school, try parking a ten minute walk from school and walking the rest of the way. Older students can walk on their own; younger students will need to walk or bike with an adult. The class with the most "walkers and rollers" (including bus riders and carpoolers) will win a hot cocoa party!

Our goal is to reduce traffic and pollution around our school and to promote physical activity for our students. Students who ride the bus are doing their part by participating in the biggest carpool of all! Teaching your



Winter Is Coming: Snow Day Decisions and Notifications *Plan ahead, sign up now for school closure alert texts*

When winter weather arrives, schools may be closed or delayed or buses may use snow routes. These decisions are made districtwide and are the same for every 4J school.

How the decision is made:

Typically, weather-related school schedule decisions are made in the early morning, before school, when current weather conditions can be assessed. We believe students and families are best served when we are open. Our main concern and the reason for any school closure is the safety of our students and staff.

How to find out if there is a change:

If the district decides to make a change to the school schedule or bus routes, it is communicated as quickly as possible in several ways, all well before 6:30 a.m. If schools and buses are on their regular schedule, there will NOT be an announcement.

- Sign up for text-message alerts via Twitter @4Jweather — text FOLLOW 4JWEATHER to 40404
- Like Eugene School District 4J on our Facebook page, facebook.com/4Jschools
- Check the 4J website, www.4j.lane.edu
- Tune in to local news media

What does the announcement mean?

School Closure: There is no school for students, although some staff will be at work. The district will make a decision by noon about whether any after-school student activities or community use of buildings may take place.

Two-Hour Delay: School will start two hours late and end at the normal dismissal time for a regular school day. If it would normally have been a **[[late-start or early-release]]** day, **[[ALTERNATE: If a delayed start occurs on a WEEKDAY SPECIFIC TO YOUR SCHOOL,]]** the **[[late-start or early-release]]** schedule will be canceled and the schedule for delayed opening on a normal day will be followed. For **[[School Name]]** School, the day will start at **[[TIME]]** and end at **[[TIME]]**. Buses will drive cautiously, adjusting to conditions, so pickup and return may be delayed.

Snow Routes: Some school bus routes have alternate "snow routes" that may be used when snow and ice make road conditions hazardous at higher and steeper elevations. This helps limit the need for school closures in harsh weather. When school buses operate on these snow routes, some students will have a different bus stop location and time than on the regular route. More information is at www.4j.lane.edu/transportation/snowroutes.

Parent Choice: When school is in session during wintry weather, families are encouraged to consider the road conditions in their areas, make their own decisions based on safety, and notify the school if their student will be staying home. Parents' decisions about student absences for hazardous weather safety reasons will be honored.

For more information, please see www.4j.lane.edu/weather.

