



Toutle Lake School District January Newsletter

Welcome Superintendent Garrett

December 11, 2018, was my first day “on the job” as the new interim superintendent. I am excited to assume my new role, even though I have been “around the block” a few times. I have previously worked for three relatively small school districts as their superintendent, all for a total of 41 years.

I absolutely love working in small school districts, where I have found that staff, community members and the students can often function as a team; with the same goals serving one and all. Like the other school districts within which I have worked, I will not be surprised to find that the members of the Toutle Lake School District actively support the notion that “it takes an entire village to raise a child.”

As we move forward committed to working together to make positive differences in the lives of children, I am reminded of the lessons that we can learn from a flock of flying geese.

Angeles Arrien has shared the following insights regarding geese flying in a V-formation:

- 1) As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for others behind it. There is 71 percent more flying range in V-formation than in flying alone. Lesson: People like us who share a common direction and sense of purpose get there more quickly.
- 2) Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it feels drag and tries to get back into position. Lesson: It is easier to do something together than alone.
- 3) When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head. Lesson: The “leader” does not have to do all of the leading all of the time. Each of us has skills and talents that are valuable, and we should be willing to lead when needed.
- 4) The geese flying in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Lesson: Encouragement is motivating. We need to make sure our “honking” is encouraging, not discouraging.
- 5) When a goose gets sick or wounded and falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or passes on. Then they catch up or join another flock. Lesson: We may all need help from time to time. Let us stand by one another in difficult times as well as good ones.

I look forward to meeting as many of you whom I can, and may the remainder of this school year be one in which we “fly as geese.” We will arrive at our destination in an easier and quicker fashion, leading when we are needed, and encouraging and supporting one another. And the entire village, particularly the children, will reap the benefits!

Sincerely,

Bob Garrett
Interim Superintendent
Toutle Lake School District

Vaping and E-Cigarette Dangers

Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) are becoming more popular than ever with youth and young adults. It is estimated that more than 2 million middle school and high school students in the United States have used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days.

Examples of ENDS are e-cigarettes, e-cigars, JUUL, e-hookah, and other vaping devices. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes that make them very easy to hide. These devices work by heating a liquid form of nicotine to create an aerosolized liquid vapor that is then inhaled. The liquid products are made in a variety of flavors and attractive packaging that make them very appealing to youth. These liquid products contain harmful chemicals in addition to nicotine and they are damaging to the lungs.

Parents, please keep asking your kids about tobacco use, and try to avoid using tobacco products in front of you kids. Not only will this set a healthy example, but it will also decrease their exposure to harmful substances.

For more information on the dangers associated with vaping and e-cigarettes, please visit the webpage: <https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/ACH-News/General-News/The-Dangers-of-Vaping-and-E-Cigarettes>

4th Grade Food Drive



Mrs. Shawn Clark and Mrs. Kami Collette's 4th Grade students collected 8 full tables of nonperishable food items for families in our community.

Teacher Grants



The Lower Columbia School Retirees Association, with the cooperation of Fibre Federal, gives out \$5000 in classroom grants each year. They provide these grants to educators who have special projects, special rewards, internet book or reading access, special stools for active students, classroom materials, etc. They gave out 42 classroom grants last year.

In November we recognized Mrs. Rexanna Chrissler, Mr. Don Merzoian, and Mr. Todd Paget who were each awarded a classroom grant. This month, we are recognizing Mr. Ryan Taft, who received a classroom grant for \$100 that he used to buy books for his students that he distributes on their birthdays.

Winter Sports Schedules

High School Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.	1-11	Onalaska	AWAY	5:45
Wed.	1-16	MWP	HOME	5:45
Fri.	1-18	Napavine	HOME	5:45
Wed.	1-23	Adna	AWAY	5:45
Fri.	1-25	Winlock	HOME	5:45
Tue.	1-29	Toledo	AWAY	5:45
Thur.	1-31	Kalama	HOME	5:45
Tue	2/5-16	District	TBA	TBA
Fr/Sa	2/22-23	Regionals	TBA	TBA
W-Sa	2/27-3/2	State	TBA	

High School Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	1-14	Castle Rock (JV)	HOME	5:45
Tue.	1-15	MWP	AWAY	5:45
Thur.	1-17	Kalama	HOME	5:45
Tue.	1-22	Onalaska	HOME	5:45
Thur.	1-24	Rainier	AWAY	5:45
Mon.	1-28	Winlock (Var)	AWAY	6:00
Mon.	2/4-16	District	TBA	TBA
Fr/Sa	2/22-23	Regionals	TBA	TBA
W-Sa	2/27-3/2	State	TBA	

Middle School Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	1-14	Toledo	AWAY	5:00
Thur.	1-17	Adna	AWAY	5:45
Tue.	1-22	Wahkiakum	HOME	5:00
Wed.	1-23	Napavine	HOME	5:00
Mon.	1-28	MWP	AWAY	5:45
Wed.	1-30	Onalaska	HOME	5:00
Mon.	2-4	Mossyrock	HOME	5:00
Wed.	2-6	Rainier	AWAY	4:00
Wed.	2-13	Kalama	HOME	5:00



Bus Snow Routes

**Snow Routes are for AM ONLY unless otherwise announced.
For 2hr late start, just add 2hrs to pick-up time.**

(2) Blue Mt.	meet at	Frye Rd (7:26)
(2) Elwood	meet at	547 So. Silver Lake Rd (7:40)
(2) Dahlman	meet at	So. Silver Lake & Hwy Parking Lot (7:47)
(2) Sequest	meet at	No Transportation Provided
(4) Reynolds	meet at	So. Silver Lake & Hwy Parking Lot (7:47)
(6) Wiley	meet at	End of Rice Park Rd (7:43)
(6) Buker Rd	meet at	Buker Rd & George Taylor (7:30)
(7) Tower West	meet at	So. Silver Lake & Hwy Parking Lot (7:47)
(7) Tower East	meet at	Tower & S.L.H (7:35)
(7) Si Town	meet at	So. Silver Lake & Hwy Parking Lot (7:47)
(7) Cranberry	meet at	Bottom of Cranberry (7:50)
(8) Jennings Dr/Easy	meet at	Jennings Dr. & S.L.H (7:34)
(8) Morning Star	meet at	Flag Stone & Morning Star (7:44)
(9) Kid Valley Rd	meet at	Kid Vally & S.L.H (7:30)
(9) Hoffstadt Bluff	meet at	Bigfoot (7:26)
(10) End of Paine Rd	meet at	Stankey Rd (7:40)
(11) End of So. Toutle Rd	meet at	Luebke Rd & So. Toutle Rd (7:18)
(11) Luebke Road	meet at	Luebke Rd & So. Toutle Rd (7:18)