

February 2024

Key Communicators

Newsletter

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Chimacum Friend,

We are grateful to our Chimacum voters for passing Prop 1- our 2024 Capital Projects Levy. These funds will support safe, efficient, and outstanding learning spaces for our district's kids and families for the next four years.

Vibrant schools are a reflection of the vibrant communities they serve, and ensuring we have excellent facilities is critical!

Great things are happening here.

Warmly,



Dr. Scott Mauk, Superintendent



Get Involved

Upcoming Dates

➤ Champions for Chimacum

Tour of the school and lunch

February 28, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

@Chimacum Primary School

March 20, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

@Chimacum Jr./Sr. High School

Please RSVP with Upuli Murray

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Social and Emotional Learning

Since the Covid Pandemic started, an international focus has emerged about social and emotional learning. In essence, *stressed people don't learn*.

While consensus has developed around the emotional needs of students and families, educators have long-known that students perform better and find more success when they have an emotional connection to school- they feel belonging, efficacy, autonomy, and encouragement.



Not unlike other districts, Chimacum has put a tremendous amount of energy and resources into student wellbeing - grappling with the effects of trauma, poverty, and the pandemic. Specifically, we have bolstered our counseling services to provide more opportunities for students to find help they need and for staff to develop their skills in response to student trauma.

We have seen tremendous impacts for our students this school year. The attendance rate is up to over 90%, while chronic absenteeism is down nearly 20% to 35% ("chronic" is defined as 10% or more school days). We are seeing far fewer discipline referrals and a substantial reduction in student violence.

These gains have resulted in improving academics. We are seeing students growing in core academic areas through our ongoing assessments and interventions. Our teachers and staff are challenging our students to stretch and achieve, and they are stepping up because they feel safe and connected. When you visit you can sense the uplift that our students and families feel and bring!



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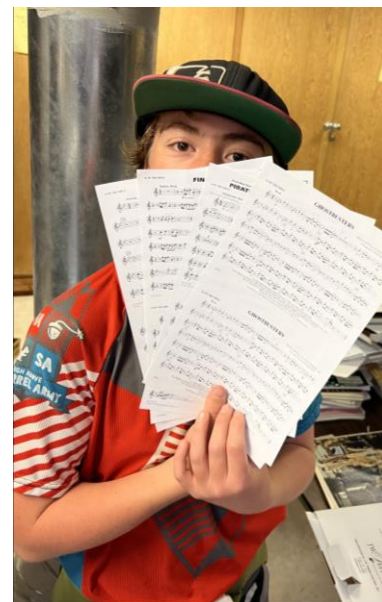


Music Education – Cultivating Community and Creativity

Music education in the Chimacum School District holds a profound significance for our preschool through 12th grade students. Music education instills invaluable skills and attributes that build on and support our great classroom experiences!



At its heart, our Chimacum music program cultivates collaboration and teamwork. Whether in an elementary choir, a band, or the Cowboy Marching Band, students learn the importance of working together toward a common goal, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. Just being in sync requires tremendous persistence, discipline, and



patience! Our Junior and Senior High School students consistently compete at the state level for individual honors in music.

CES and CJSHS Music Teacher Gavin Knowles says, “I love how music education brings a sense of community to the kids. From second grade through seniors, they come together to help and support each other in learning and experiences. Chimacum music education also allows a home for students to find themselves in artistic expression and develop skills to have lifelong hobbies and passions.”



For Chimacum students, the Cowboy Marching Band embodies the values of dedication, teamwork, and excellence. It is a result of our Chimacum commitment to providing comprehensive education that goes beyond textbooks, nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared for broad horizons!

All this to say that music is fun! Whether our students are playing at a football or basketball game, a pep rally, a parade, a holiday concert, or at a public event, they *get* to make music together! What could possibly bring more joy?



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