



Upcoming Events

*July 5—August 3
Summer School*

*July 18 at 6:00pm
School Board Meeting
23-24 Budget Hearing/
Adoption
Library*

*August 23 at 6:00pm
School Board Meeting
Camp Parsons*

*August 24 at 3:00pm
Meet the Teacher*

*August 28
First Day of School*

*September 4
No School—Labor Day*

*September 21
Back to School Event
4:30-5:30pm Dinner
5:30-7pm Open House*



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Patricia Beathard

From the Principal/Superintendent, Patricia Beathard

Thanks to our students, staff, parents, and community for helping to make the 2022-2023 school year a success. Coming together as a school family helps us to be successful.

Some highlights of 2022 – 2023 include:

- ♦ Lots of learning and impressive student academic progress
- ♦ Fun student clubs and activities, including Run Club, Movie Making Club, and After School 4H
- ♦ Outdoor education for all students at Camp Parsons funded with a competitive grant

Really big news! After several years of waiting,

our school district received notice that we were awarded a 2.9 million dollar Small Rural Schools Modernization grant that should pay for the following: roof, asbestos removal, new flooring, and updated electrical

system including a generator that will run our building during power outages. Much thanks to staff and board members involved in this process. The work will likely take place in the summer of 2024.



SAYING GOOD-BYE

School staff waved good-bye to another great school year and the students on the last day.

BUS SAFETY

We have come to the end of another great school year! Our bus drivers, Mr. Simmons and Ms. Springer, would like to thank our parents for working with us to ensure their students arrive to school safely. We wish you all the best! Have a safe and fun summer! See you in the new school year.

Help keep children safe by teaching simple safety rules:

- Be early for the bus.
- Walk to and from the bus.

- Be alert and stand back from the curb.
- Keep hands and feet to self.
- Stay in your seat.
- Use your indoor voice.
- Always obey the driver.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the street.

Parents and community members can help with bus safety, too! Remember to **STOP** when the bus is stopped with **RED** flashing lights.



Register with FlashAlert
<https://www.flashalert.net/id/BrinnonSD>
to get updates for the Brinnon School on weather closures, bus route changes and more!





Run Club Returns to the Brinnon School by Mike Reynolds

The Brinnon Run Club returned for the 2022-2023 school year with 27 students participating. As a club, the students ran a total of 361 miles, participated in 4 fun runs, and had a great time doing running related activities during school and the 4-H after school program (ASP). To keep track of the miles run, the run club utilized the "eZscan app" that used QR codes and lanyards to log each lap or other distance.

While all the students did a great job, some of the highlights include:

- ◆ 14 students were heavily involved and ran almost every day. Total miles for individual runners ranged from about 11 miles to about 80 miles.



- ◆ The fun runs were the "Donut Dash", a local run near the Hamma Hamma Road, the "Rhody

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Class by Mrs. Lisa Johnston

The Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten class has had a wonderful year. We have learned how to get along with others as well as made remarkable progress in all academic areas. Field trips this year included the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock where youth librarian Scott Bahlmann read stories and sang songs with us. After that we explored the new playground at H.J. Carroll Park. We also visited the Brinnon Post Office where we learned what happens to letters when we mail them. Angela Broderson and Postmaster Sean Huggins were very welcoming and informative.



We also participated in outdoor education at Camp Parsons. Camp director Joshua Cunningham arranged for staff members to lead us in hiking and beach combing. The students had fun exploring and discovering. Our last field trip of the year was to Whitney

Gardens. We have been studying plants in science and this was a fun wrap up to our unit. Ellie Sather and the staff let us wander and even gave us a strawberry plant to take home! Thanks to all of these wonderful people who added a little wonder and fun to our school year.

Run" and the "Strawberry Short K". It was great to have about 8 runners each time with many parents participating or coming along to watch their runner.



- ◆ One of the Brinnon runners won first place in his age division (9 and under) and received a trophy and special donut.

- ◆ Several of the runners completed the full 5k (3.1 miles) without stopping.
- During the run club season, the runners received

awards "a foot" to put on their lanyard as they completed different milestones.



Most of the running occurred during the 4-H after school program. The runners would put on their running shoes, warm up, then run 2 to 8 laps (.25 miles each lap) depending upon their level of endurance. On some days we would have running games that involved scavenger hunts, water balloons or relay races.



WORDS FROM OUR WRC

by Natalie Coffey and
Lucero Figueroa

We are still very active within the school and the community. Summer school has had great attendance and enjoyable educational activities for all ages! We are working hard to keep the students on track, even getting them ahead of the game! We love being part of this community and this lovely school environment. The students have been improving all year long and we love to see how eager these kiddos are to learn, even throughout the summer. Can't wait for the new school year!

We would also like to welcome to the team Lucia Carafas and RJ Sen!

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Did You Know?

The Brinnon School participates in the FFVP!

What is FFVP? We let us tell you. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to children on all full days of school. The goal of the FFVP is to introduce children to fresh fruits and vegetables, to include new and different varieties, and to increase overall acceptance and consumption of fresh, unprocessed produce among children.

With the USDA FFVP, Brinnon School District aims to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices. To achieve this goal, we will expand the variety of fruits and veg-

etables for children, increase their overall fruit and vegetable consumption, and hopefully make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

Ideally, the more students are exposed to fruit and vegetables, the more they will begin to

choose them over less nutritious snack foods.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program offers an opportunity to introduce fruits and vegetables to students accompanied by nutrition education, nurturing not only students' bodies but also healthy habits for a lifetime.



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2023-2024 WRC TEAM:

Lucia Carafas, Natalie Coffey,
Lucero Figueroa, RJ Sen, &
Nicki Wiley.

8th Grade Class of 2023

We had seven 8th graders at the end of the school year for 2023. Congratulations to our high school bound students—Jocelyn Pruitt, Annika Morris, Aydan Boyer, Leif Lehner, Jadyn Alvarado, Nirvana Brown, and Carter Jensen (not pictured).



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