

Orient School Times

A Century of Learning and Beyond ♦ Established 1910

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Up Coming Events

SEPTEMBER

18 - Volleyball Northport @ Orient

25 - Volleyball Inchelium @ Orient

24 - Edith House

25 & 27 & 28 - Poetry Alive! Special community performance Friday 9/28 from 6-7 p.m. with dessert & coffee.

21 - Community Dinner & Brown Bag Bingo, bring item in a brown bag 5:30 - 8 p.m.
** The Centennial committee meets after the community dinner.

22 - Wellness Through the ARTS in Chewelah 10 a.m.

29 - Volleyball Round Robin Orient vs. Republic

OCTOBER

17- Tames Allen presents to 5th-8th grade students. A living history--Celtic women.

28 - Edgar Cruz concert at Colville H.S., 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: Students, \$2.50 Adults, \$7. See Linda in the office for tickets.

23 & 25 - Artist Nancy De Los Santos

Welcome Back!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome back the Orient School students, parents, staff, and community to the 2007-08 school year. The students have arrived from their summer vacation well rested and eager to learn and grow and our enthusiastic staff is excited to provide them with quality instruction.

On the first day of school we assembled in the gym to introduce the staff and their responsibilities and greeted our newly enrolled students. Our school rules were reviewed and the students agreed that they must be responsible, be respectful, and try their best in order to achieve their potential as students at the Orient School. A school handbook will be reviewed in each student's classroom and a copy will be sent home for parents to have as a reference. All students will receive a Bobcat Pride T-shirt when the attached parent note is signed and returned to school.

The students were enthusiastic to learn of the many activities and events planned for this coming school year. Applause from all was heard when it was announced that we were awarded the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant again this year. This grant allows our students to be served fresh, healthy foods daily at snack time. The Washington State Arts Commission Grant was also awarded to our school. Students will continue to receive instruction in Core Knowledge art and music as well as be introduced to special artists and events to enrich the student's knowledge of the arts. The President's Fitness Test will be integrated into the Physical Education program this year.



Each quarter, the physical fitness test will be given. Students will be tested on their sit-up, push-up, running, and stretching performance. The Life Skills Program along with the Food Sense Nutrition Program offered by Washington

State University will also be implemented this year. Our students will be educated in healthy life practices to enhance their minds and bodies. Monthly field trips to Stevens County Library will continue for the 5th-8th grade students. Plans are being made to visit a nursing home and to explore career options on these days as well. Throughout the school year, assemblies will be held to advance our knowledge of heroes and their virtues. Each classroom has been assigned an assembly to perform what they have learned during their social studies lessons. The Bobcat Boosters will be organizing the community dinners this year and have some great activities planned for all of us to enjoy.

As you can see, we have a busy and educationally fulfilling year ahead of us. It would be wonderful to have you participate with us in any way possible. Contact the school at 684-6873 if you'd like to join our learning community as a volunteer.

OSD Principal Mrs. Tara Holmes

Unity

*I dreamt I stood in a studio and I
watched two sculptors there.*

*The clay they used was a young child's
mind and they fashioned it with care.*

*One was a teacher - the tools she used
were books, music, and art.*

*The other, a parent, worked with a
guiding hand and a gentle loving heart.*

*Day after day, the teacher toiled with
touch that was deft and sure.*

*While the parent labored by her side
and when at last, their task was done.*

*They were proud of what they had
wrought for the things they had molded
into a child could neither be sold nor
bought.*

*And each agreed they would have
failed if each had worked alone, for
behind the teacher stood the school and
behind the parent, the home.*

Anonymous

Preschool begins on
September 10th and hours
will be 8 a.m. -11 a.m. on
Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

Core Knowledge News

Kindergarten

Mrs. Holmes Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Rathbun

The kindergartners had a great first week at school. Our main focus of the first week was to establish classroom routines. The kindergartners learned the expectations of the classroom environment: having listening ears, raising their hand, having walking feet, helping hands, and respecting others. We also began our math lessons and our first Spalding Language Arts lesson.

This week we will begin our focus on the alphabet, beginning with the letter "A". The kindergarten will also bring home books in their book bags. It is of great benefit to your child's reading development to be able to have books read to them. Please send the book back to school with your student each day, so that he or she may choose a new book. At the end of each week a teacher - parent communication report will be sent home with your child for you to review and sign and return the bottom portion. This is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions or provide information about your child to the teachers.

Kindergarten Daily Schedule:

8:00-8:30 Arrive at school/Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Pledge/Announcements/Beginning Circle

8:45-9:00 Story/Calendar Meeting

9:00-9:30 Saxon Math

9:30-9:50 Recess

9:50-10:00 Snack/Story

10:00-10:30 Spalding Language Arts

10:30-11:05 Literature/Morning Activity

11:10-11:35 Lunch

11:35-12:05 Recess

12:05-12:30 AR Reading time

12:30-3:00 Core Knowledge (Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Sayings and Phrases)

1st & 2nd Mrs. Holmes

The students in the first and second grade are small in number and mighty in potential. Their eagerness to learn and their willingness to achieve fill the classroom with enthusiasm everyday. Classroom and school routines have been introduced, practiced, and refined in order to make our day of learning more efficient. Formal and informal assessments are continually conducted to ensure that each child succeeds at school.

Every week invigorating and challenging curriculum will be presented to the first and second grade students. The Spalding Method of instruction will be used to teach reading, writing and spelling. Daily Saxon math lessons will be taught along with morning calendar activities. Core Knowledge literature lessons will include learning familiar sayings, poems, and fairy tales from near and far. In history, the ice age, hunter and nomadic lifestyles, and famous explorers will be examined. During geography lessons, the students will discover the continents and oceans of the world as well cardinal directions. Science lessons will center on the Earth and continue with learning about the human body and its systems. Primary and secondary colors along with drawing landscapes will be presented at art time. Listening to Core Knowledge musical selections and singing songs will keep us bopping during music. Physical Education will consist of physical fitness skills and learning co-operative games from around the world.

As parents of a first and second grade student, you can be a partner in their learning progress by checking over their homework, talking about what they are learning each day, and reading to them nightly. Your support and assistance with your child's education is greatly appreciated.

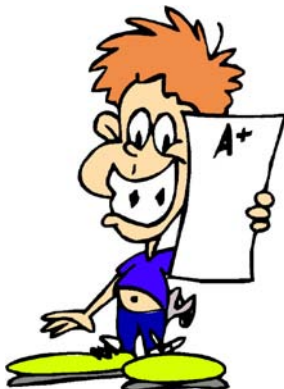
Mrs. Tara Holmes

3rd & 4th Ms. Heather Alexander

The third and fourth grade class is a small class, but we are already close. We look forward to a year of exciting learning opportunities and getting to know each other. We will be starting the year reviewing world geography, as well as the classification of animals. This means that we will learn the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. We will also learn about the five types of vertebrates. We are learning about narrative writing and the elements of narratives in reading. We are completing graphic organizers to help us organize our thoughts. In language arts, we will review the 70 phonograms and work on constructing sentences for the next couple of months, as well as learning about grammar. We started Saxon math on the second day of school and we've been working hard on our math homework.



Pennie East separating hydrogen from oxygen in Mrs. Cruden's class.



5th & 6th Mr. Bjorn Ostby

Wow! The scorching days of summer seem to be behind us and an exciting new school year is upon us here at Orient School. The fifth and sixth graders have an especially exciting year planned. Throughout the next school year we will become math experts with the help of our Saxon Math program. Our Core Knowledge curriculum will open our eyes to wonders of the world, important eras such as the Ancient Greeks and Romans, the French Revolution, The Industrial Revolution, and Independence Movements from Latin America. Mrs. Cruden also has some very exciting topics for the students to learn about.

The first geography subject we will be learning about is deserts. It's fitting that we will be learning about these arid regions that reach scorching high temperatures during the day and near freezing temperatures during the night. That seems to be the trend for our area this time of year.

If your student comes home and seems to be especially skilled in getting his/her way this can be blamed on our language arts subject. We are learning about writing persuasive essays and speeches. Students are learning to make their point, or thesis, very clear to their audience and backing up their opinion with evidence.

As you can see, we will have plenty to keep ourselves busy and we have a lot to learn this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school. The number is (509)684-6873.



7th & 8th Mrs. Gretchen Cruden

The seventh and eighth grade class is gearing up for a great year. We have started off getting to know each other better and learning how to work in strong cooperation through a series of mock history exercises that will hopefully restore the students to their rightful homelands. Confused? Ask any junior high student to explain to you "The Forum" and in be awe of their public speaking skills!

We have also jumped right into Saxon math with both feet and have taken off running. A reminder to all parents; please be sure to set aside a quiet place and time for students to complete their math homework, as this is certainly one subject in which having any gaps of knowledge will affect future learning. It is also a good idea to look over their work to help support the importance of their education.

Have a great job? What to share the excitement of your career with others? Our classroom will be the perfect arena for just such an adventure this school year as we focus on future jobs students may have and the real skills they will need to attain these jobs.

Please give me a call at the school, as I would love to have you as a guest speaker.

On a final note, of you notice any baking soda and vinegar missing from your kitchen, you just might know whom to blame! We are currently studying the wonderful world of chemistry and who can help themselves but to try and not turn this solid and liquid into a gas for fun! Atoms, protons, electron shells, reactions, acids-we are covering all of the bases in this hands-on, goggles on, unit of science.



Hayden Dahl separating hydrogen from oxygen in Mrs. Cruden's class.

4-H CLUB & NEWS

If you are interested in joining as a 4-H member or to help with different projects, as a co-leader, please call Chris Kerr at 684-1370.
Our next meeting is MONDAY October 1st after school in the lunchroom.



Left: Second grader Hayven Geary's 1 1/2 year old cat, Thumbelina, won Grand Champion, Judge's Choice, and Best of Show at the North-east Washington Fair held August 23-28th in Colville. This is Hayven's first year in 4H.

Teacher's Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00.

The newly formed Response to Intervention Team will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:00.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART & MUSIC

Once again thanks to the Washington State Arts Commission grant, music will be part of the Core Knowledge curriculum again this year! Denise Horner will be returning in October to teach Music on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to A, B, C, there will be do, re, mi! On Tuesdays, grades one through four will be exploring the different types of instruments and their sounds and how the four families: (brass, strings, woodwind and percussion) combined to form an orchestra!

To be enjoyed, Music needs to be experienced! One of the best ways to explore music is to learn to play an instrument. The 3rd/4th grade class will learn to play recorders as part of their music experience this year. The recorder is a very old instrument played in medieval Europe, a predecessor of the modern flute.



On Thursdays, the 5th through 8th graders will have music. Building on what they learned last year, they will continue to learn how to read and write music, meet new composers and continue

the story of how music intertwines with the study of history and world cultures.

Just think of how many ways is music used in our lives! Singing! Listening to music on the radio or on your own. Dancing! Just think of all the different types of dancing there are! Tap, ballet, jazz and special dances from all over the world! From opera to jazz, we will explore the world of music!

AND BONUS! This year we will have an AFTER school music program! As part our program, private or group lessons will be available! Just stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and bring your instrument! Bring any music you have. We will have a piano, trumpet, flute, guitar, snare drum and other percussion instruments available to play. Voice lessons will also be available! Anyone interested in a school choir?

DO YOU HAVE. . . any musical instruments or sheet music you would like to donate to the school? We have a start on a musical library and the more you donate, the more we can offer.

THE AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINS AT 3:00 p.m. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND. PLEASE JOIN US AND EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST. BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS.

Spotlight on Alumni

Leslie Fredrickson is ending her freshman year of law school at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She was one of the 30 students out of 280 applicants accepted to help edit and research for the University of Minnesota's Law Review. This is quite an honorable position and we are all very proud of her.

Orient School District #65

Child Find Notice

The Orient School provides many programs for the children in our school district at no cost to you. The school offers special programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, Title/LAP and special education academic programs, and preschool classes to children three years and older.

Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability that could adversely affect their educational development are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth through 21 years of age with suspected disabilities, including highly mobile children with disabilities (such as migrant and homeless children). Children suspected of having a disability and in need of special education (even though they are advancing from grade to grade) who are residing within the boundaries of the Local Education Authority and not currently receiving special education services, are identified, located and evaluated through Child Find.

Appointments or further information can be obtained by contacting the school office at 509-684-6873.

WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS

ALL are Invited to this family event!

Saturday, September 22 10 am – 11 p.m. behind Sporty's Restaurant, the new location of Greenwood Institute d'Art at 107 N. 3rd Street in Chewelah.

THE FAT TONES Blues band WILL PERFORM Rockin' Blues FROM 5 - 9 PM

THE PLANETARY REFUGEES Reggae/Rock 2- 4 PM

The BLUE DOOR THEATRE Improvisational acting/comedy 1 - 2 PM

JAEDA WITH THE TANGLED ROOTS DANCE TROUPE Hip/hop with a posi-

tive message 9 – 11 PM

WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS will have dancing, live music, and is an outdoor ONE DAY event, The Planetary Refugees play reggae and are a local band. The Blue Door Theatre are out of Spokane, and always give more to the audience than expected. They are incredible, with lots of laughs, and lots of audience participation. Get ready to flex your funny bone!

The event will have several areas of interactive involvement and hands-on art mobiles, large canvas paintings created by YOU! Paint while you dance, or play with hoopla hoops and scarves. all happening while the music plays on. The Blue Door Theatre, improvisational actors will perform and to top off the event, the Northwest's favorite MC, Jaeda, along with Tangled Roots Dance Troupe will also present their brand of

dance and hip/hop, poetry in motion. The Dance studio is located at 3515 N. Division in Spokane and is open for all levels of skill.

The Maui Times states about Jaeda, "The Northwest's favorite female emcee' focuses her musical strengths toward elevating the collective consciousness of people from all walks of life. The overall energy of her music suggests positive action mixed with an activists fever for change and awareness. Her art form is socially conscience, danceable, and fun!"

Tangled Roots Dance Crew, founded by Shanner Escalanti is a unique dance crew exploding with a powerful edge. Mixing modern hip-hop with raw break-dance moves, these dancers create a visual sight to be seen. With routines

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GREENWOOD INSTITUTE D' ART, THE CITY OF CHEWELAH, ORIENT/INHELUM/VALLEY ARTS CONSORTIUM, & COLVILLE ARTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS:



WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS

Find your passion
LIVE IT, BE IT, MOVE IT!

10 am – 11 pm

Saturday, September 22

N. 107 3rd Street, (3rd Street Mall) behind Sporty's Restaurant

the new location of Greenwood Institute d'Art

CHEWELAH, WA

LIVE MUSIC • Visual Arts • DANCING
POETRY • Refreshments • IMPROV

ADMISSION BY DONATION –

This is an outdoor all-day event for all ages.

Artists & Craftspeople are welcome to sell their wares. If you are an artist who would like booth, call Gina at 675-1924. Booth costs: \$25.00 per 10' x 10' booth for the entire day, 10 am - 6 pm.

Students from the OIV Arts Consortium will have a booth for their original artwork. Ceb' Dan, a local poet will also be performing.

Local visual artists' booths and poetry will be intermixed between band breaks.

The event will have several areas of interactive involvement and large canvas paintings created by YOU! Paint while you dance, or play with hoopla hoops and scarves!

Poets & Storytellers who would like to perform please call Gloria at 684-3002 to schedule.

Sponsors: Gardner Logging, Quartzite Mountain Nursery, The City of Chewelah, Children's Garden; Chewelah, Head Start, Flowery Trail Coffee House; Chewelah, Skok and Monosmith Attorneys at Law, All-Pro Accounting and Restoration, Talk-n-Coffee, Colville Arts Foundation, Chewelah Floor & Tile www.ShopTheFrontier.org, and New Renaissance Artists.



This event is partially funded by a Washington State Arts Commission Grant.

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Orient School Parent Involvement Policy and Procedures

School Year 2007-2008

Notification

Orient School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if Orient School and parents/guardians work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor Orient School can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as a child's first teacher. Support for their children and for the school is critical to childrens' success at every step along the way.

Orient School recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance available through the Title I program to reach the state's high academic standards. Orient School intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I program. The goal is a school-home partnership that will help all students to succeed.

The Orient School Parent Involvement Policy and Procedures for the 2007-2008 school year is available for distribution to parents. Any parent or community member may pick up a copy at the school or request that a copy be mailed.

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SCHOOL TOPICS

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Teachers' Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00.

The newly formed Response to Intervention Team will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:00.

Discipline Meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 7:30.

2007-08

Progress Report Dates	Report Card Dates
October 5	Nov. 2
December 7	Jan. 18
February 28	March 28
May 2	June 6

PTO COMMUNITY DINNER

SCHEDULE

Sept. 21	Last picnic of summer Brown Bag Bingo
Nov. 20	Dinner
Jan. 25	Diversity Dinner
Feb. 15	Sweetheart Dinner Adults only
Mar. 28	Dinner with Raffle
April 12	Talent Show- No Dinner
May 10	Fashion Show Tea

2007-08 Assembly Schedule

October 26th	K-Christopher Columbus
November 30th	5th/6th
Feb. 29th	1st/2nd Thomas Jefferson
April 25th	7th/8th Civil Rights
May 30th	3rd/4th Chai Ling

Volleyball

2007 Panorama North Junior High

Volleyball Schedule

Thursday, September 13
Round Robin @ Curlew
Orient vs. Curlew
Orient vs. Republic

Tuesday, September 18
Northport @ Orient

Thursday, September 20
Orient @ Nespelem

Tuesday, September 25
Inchelium @ Orient

Saturday, September 29
Round Robin @ Republic
Orient vs. Republic

Tuesday, October 2
Orient @ Northport

Thursday, October 4
Nespelem @ Orient

Tuesday, October 9
Orient @ Inchelium



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Basketball

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Panorama North Junior High
Basketball Schedule 2007

Thursday, October 25
Orient @ Nespelem

Tuesday, October 30
Orient – Bye

Thursday, November 1
Orient @ Northport

Tuesday, November 6
Curlew @ Orient

Thursday, November 8
Orient @ Republic

Tuesday, November 13
Orient – Bye

Tuesday, November 20
Northport @ Orient

Tuesday, November 27
Orient @ Curlew

Thursday, November 29
Republic @ Orient

Thursday, November 1
Orient @ Northport

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Attitude of Gratitude

THANK YOU. . .

To Orient's mystery anonymous person who left a beautiful tea pot set for our staff. It was a wonderful and thoughtful gift that will be used often!

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alongside live hip hop, and performances done as a team, these dancers are innovative and inspire positive outlets for expression in the community.

If you are a visual artist, musician or performer please call Gina Greenwood at 675-1924 for more information. BOOTH SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR VISUAL ARTISTS.

Greenwood Institute d' Art, Colville Arts Foundation are collaborating together along with several community sponsors to provide a unique fun-filled family EVENT that celebrates WELLNESS THROUGH A CREATIVE APPROACH—

Thank you so much for your support—we thank you and the many sponsors of WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS, SEPT. 22 in Chewelah beginning at 10 a.m.

See you there!

KUDOS CORNER

Thanks to Rick Sphuler and Lori and Al Buchmann for keeping our grounds green and clean this summer.

BOBCAT BOOSTER NEWS

The first community dinner will be picnic style and will be held Sept. 21 at 5:30. Brown Bag Bingo will follow the dinner. Participants are reminded to bring a "prize" item in a brown bag.

Boosters are planning several events this year including the Harvest Festival, A Soup and Salad Dinner, the Christmas Stocking, a talent show, a sweetheart dinner/dance, a fashion show, a diversity dinner and a special tea party.

Volunteers

Once again families are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities. The goal this year is for 100% family involvement. A special wall mural painted by Pennie East will showcase the families who have volunteered. Also students will again be volunteering as reader/listeners, kitchen help, campus and gym cleaners, mentors, flag raisers and office aides. Students this year may also do community volunteering. Last year Orient School was proud to have 100% student participation.

*THANK YOU to
Ms. Gretchen Cruden for
proofreading the newsletter!
The Editor*