



# MUSHER PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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Delivering the latest news to the students and families in the Camas County School District 121



## Superintendent's Message

Building a successful educational program is a remarkably complex endeavor, perhaps more so than any other human activity. In terms of the importance of mission, education is clearly without peer. Yes, free enterprise is the engine on which our prosperity as a people is built. But this engine cannot run without an educated workforce and a citizenry that believes in the pursuit of opportunity, compassion and civility.

Beyond any doubt each and every student can do better in school than they are currently doing, but public schools, including Camas County School District, are educating our youth at a higher level than some state and national critics would have us believe. If true change is to be effective and lasting it must be approached through thoughtful dialogue and support rather than coercion and regulation.

In Camas County School District, improvement strategies include:

- Interpreting and using data to drive instruction;
- Aligning curriculum, assessment and instruction;
- Improving instructional skills;
- Targeting interventions on low-performing students;
- Making sure each student feels that they belong;
- Relying heavily on parents to be our partners.

At any rate, a child's education does not happen by accident. It is a long-term, focused, goal-oriented activity. Educational critics, often overlook the obvious fact that quality education requires a great deal of effort on the part of the student. How do we keep our students involved and committed over a lifetime, not just 13 years, but a lifetime? For many of our students, educational rewards or instant gratification is rare at best!

Thank you for being a part of our "educational solution" and for helping us to make Camas Prairie be a better place for kids.

Jim Cobble  
Superintendent

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Camas County Schools Music Department Presents:*

*"Joyous Bells of the Season"*

*Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7 p.m.*

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Students K-5 need to be at the school at 6:45

Students 6-12 need to be at the school at 6:35

Dress Code:

Grades K-5: Girls can wear Christmas dresses or Christmas colored tops with black slacks or skirt. Boys can wear a Christmas colored top with black slacks. If the student does not have black slacks or skirt, try to get as close to black as possible.

Grades 6-12: White on top, black on bottom. Ladies can wear skirts but they have to reach their knees.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me:

E-mail: [trunyon@d121.k12.id.us](mailto:trunyon@d121.k12.id.us)

School Phone: 764-2472

## **"Palan's Math Corner"**

Neill Martin was our winner for the month of November! The Thanksgiving cake can be cut into eight equal pieces with 3 straight cuts by making two cuts perpendicular to each other going through the center of the cake and a third cut going through the side of the cake cutting it into 2 layers. Each layer would then have 4 equal pieces. With two layers that makes a total of 8 pieces all the same size. Yum!!

### **December's Math Problem**

If a person were to listen to the classic, "Twelve Days of Christmas," and keep track of all of the gifts received, what would be the final total of gifts? I strongly recommend listening to this song like 50-100 times every evening during this holiday season to check your answer☺

Just a reminder... anyone can enter this contest, students in any grade, adults, teachers, or persons who likes to solve problems. Bring your solution with your name on it to Mrs. Palan's room.

## Lost and Found

If your child has lost an item please check our lost and found in the office. If the item or items are not there please check again. Sometimes it takes awhile to get the item to the office. Anyone who has open gym please check at the office. We have several pieces of jewelry and watches that have not been claimed.

## Character Education

December's Character Trait is COOPERATION: "Work effectively with others to identify and achieve specific results."

### Attachments:

December Calendar

December Lunch Menu

PTO Flyer

Food & Toy Drive Flyer

Remember to check our website. Just go to [www.camascountyschools.org](http://www.camascountyschools.org) and you will find this month's newsletter, lunch menu and calendar, the sports schedules, and other school information available.

