

Knappa School District #4

*The Knappa School District will Inspire all learners to Achieve
academically and Thrive as independent and Productive citizens.*

Dr. William Fritz, Superintendent

September 21, 2021

Dear Knappa Community:

Welcome to week three of the school year. Yes, fall is in the air, wait, maybe it isn't, or maybe it will be again by the weekend. I hope you are continuing to enjoy the sunny days we get, although they are becoming more intermittent.

Safety. This week, quarantines in our schools are phasing out for a number of students and we aren't seeing new ones at the same pace. All staff are at work now, and the preschool is open. The COVID case count for the county ticked up a bit this week to 489.2 per 100,000. This is a reminder that we are "not out of the woods" yet with COVID, and we should continue to practice safety precautions.

Please remember that sick students should not attend school. If there is a COVID case in your family or amongst your child's friend group (where there was a close contact), students should not be at school. Please contact the school office if your child falls into any of these categories.

Involvement. The sign up for our *curriculum committees* will close this Friday night. If you wish to participate or know somebody who does, please invite them to our website.

I will be hosting the first Chat with the Superintendent next Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm. This event will be hosted virtually.

Vaccine and Dental Services. The dental and vaccine van will be back to the Knappa School District on Wednesday October 6th from 9am-2pm to provide dental and vaccine services. This will be an opportunity for 2nd doses for those who received the Pfizer vaccine on September 1. People can also drop by for a first dose, and the one-dose Johnson-and-Johnson vaccine will be available too. Dental services and vaccines are free of charge and are sponsored by the Clatsop County Health Department and Medical Teams International. If you or your age 12+ student wishes to receive a vaccine, this is a close to home opportunity.

Athletics. The high school volleyball team will play at Mannahouse Christian tonight, at home against Gaston on Thursday, and then at Neah-Kah-Nie on Saturday.

The football team will play at Clatskanie on Friday night. They have asked our fans to respect social distancing at the game. Masks are advised but not required if distancing can be maintained. We suggest you bring one in case you need to wait in line or be in close proximity with people outside of your family for other reasons.

Cross Country will be running at the Nike Portland meet this weekend as well. The first run begins at 9am at Blue Lake Regional Park.

Upcoming Bond Election. The bond election will occur on (and prior to) November 2. A number of capital items are slated upon passage of the bond, including safety updates, enhancements to learning spaces, and maintenance items (like HVAC systems and roofs). The rate for the bond is slightly lower than for the rate over the life of the previous bond. Please keep your eyes open for an informational mailing regarding this bond. Voter's Pamphlets will be out in early October and ballots should get to you by the middle of the month. Please keep in mind that there is a convenient ballot drop box at the entrance to the Knappa campus.

We wish you all the best. It is a pleasure helping each student rise to the opportunities and challenges of the world.

Sincerely,

Bill Fritz, Ph.D.
Superintendent
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