

June 14, 2021

Greetings Junction School District Family,

This is Mr. Ross, Superintendent with the latest summer news:

Our Summer intervention, enrichment and extension program is off to a great start with excited campers and staff. There are close to 70 campers! We have added a summer Daycare option for after camp hours. Our Raider Cafe is still providing breakfast and lunches to our summer campers and I thank you for your delicious contributions. We have made strides in adding a music option to our summer schedule. Ernesto, a Raider Alum, will be providing music for 2 hours daily for those who responded to the survey from Mr. Nelson. Ernesto is working on his teaching credential and is set to be a student teacher at Foothill next semester. He has agreed to work with our 5th-8th graders during the summer for about 2 hrs per day while our camp is in session beginning this week.

On the music front, I have been contacted by a potential candidate who may be interested in relocating from our south to the beautiful north state, so I am keeping my fingers crossed that all things work out. Mr. Nelson informs me that he is interviewing this week for an elementary position and we are also interviewing for a Special Day Class position (one of two openings), this week as well. We have many aid positions available in the district so please tell your friends or family members who are looking for jobs in school positions to give us a call. Not knowing what the COVID landscape is looking like for sure for the 21-22 school year, one way to get involved in school is to be employed here.

Just to be certain that you are aware, some of our planned improvements have begun or have already been completed: The generator that was purchased to provide fresh water via our well has been delivered, installed and Blue Star gas has already been out to connect the gas supply. This will come in very handy should we have more power shut off days in the future; allowing us to be able to use flushing toilets and working sinks. Another project that is not quite completed is the water bottle filling stations. They have arrived and are being installed and connected to plumbing, but we are waiting for the electrician to connect them to a power supply.

We are still awaiting official news from CDC/OSHA and Public Health to weigh in on all the masking and distancing issues for 21-22, and I will keep you informed as the news solidifies. As CDC and Cal OSHA hammer things out, I am sure new guidelines will be developed and we will communicate the plan for JESD as we know it. Additionally, we will need to edit our Reopening Plan and need to write a spending plan for ESSER III funds. Either Mr. Nelson or I will be reaching out for stakeholder feedback.

As the year came to a close, I was reminded again of what a great family there is within the Junction Elementary School District. From all of the tremendous support of events like Junction Raiders Fun Run, Auctions, graduations, the Junction Family and community definitely stepped up to the plate and showed their overwhelming support of our school.

Thanks for reading, and GOOOOO Raiders!