

Dear Camas Ridge Families,

We have Bingo for Books, on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. This will be on Zoom. On Tuesday, each student will be given a bag to take home. The bags will include popcorn, hot chocolate, and bingo cards. **If you are a Camas family attending either EOA or K-5 Connect and want to participate, give us a call. You can pick up a bag on Tuesday.** Students will go to breakout rooms and have fun. Our suggestion is that if you have more than one child here at Camas, have them on their own iPad so they have a better chance of winning. They can be in different breakout rooms. Students will call out "bingo" and staff will help them validate their cards. Winners will come to school the next day and come to our **Title classroom, Room 9B to receive their prize-books.** It will be fun. Please come and join us as you get the chance to call out **BINGO!**

[Meeting Link](#)

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PTO will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30. [Meeting Link](#)

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Camas is showing appreciation for our fabulous classified staff (EAs, cooks, office staff, custodians, etc.) this week. Our terrific PTO is supporting our Classified staff with something special on Thursday.

There is a No School Day on March 18. This is a Staff Work Day.

Spring Break is March 21-25.

School resumes after Spring Break on March 28.

Face Masks Become Optional Next Week

School District 4J is making face masks optional starting Monday, March 14th.

See the [4J Webpage](#) or [Family Email](#) for details, but here are the main points:

- Masks will be recommended but optional for all students at school and on school buses. Masks will be recommended but optional for most staff, but will remain required for some.
- Isolation will still be required for a person with COVID. Students and staff must stay home and notify the school when they have symptoms or a positive case of COVID.
- Quarantine will no longer be required when a student or staff member is exposed to COVID, regardless of vaccination status, if they do not have symptoms.
- Detailed contact tracing will not be conducted. Public health officials have found that because the omicron variant spreads so quickly, by the time a COVID exposure is identified and contact tracing is performed, any transmission has already occurred.
- Families will still be notified if a COVID case is identified in their classroom. This will allow them to take additional precautions according to your family's particular health needs.
- COVID-19 testing will still be available when students and staff develop symptoms or are exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 at school. The optional weekly testing program also will continue.

While masks are now optional, it's important that everyone's personal choices, whether they decide to continue wearing masks or remove them, are met with kindness and respect.

Nominate “A Champion in Education” Today!

Who is your champion in education? An inspiring teacher? An encouraging school secretary? A caring school counselor or nurse? A problem-solving tech support staff member? A dedicated nutrition services staff member? A bus driver who always takes the time to listen? A principal who is an inspirational leader?

Now is the time to recognize their contributions by nominating them for an ACE (A Champion in Education) Award!

To learn more and nominate a 4J employee or volunteer, visit 4j.lane.edu/2022-ACE. The nomination deadline is March 31.

One nominee in each of the four categories (teachers & licensed specialists, classified staff, administrators, and volunteers), will be named an ACE Award champion and win a \$250 grant from the Eugene Education Foundation for the 4J school or program of their choosing. Every nominee will be recognized as an exceptional educator at the virtual awards ceremony.

Join us in celebration of our amazing educators and cheer on the nominees at the virtual awards ceremony on May 10 at 6 p.m. (Watch for details)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact 4J Communications at johnson_hi@4j.lane.edu.

Submit a nomination by March 31: bit.ly/2022-ace

Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/2022-ace