

Dear Camas Ridge Families,

**We will celebrate the closing of Camas on Thursday, June 16 from 5:00-7:00pm.** Families and community members are invited and can tour the building. We are excited that families can get into Camas one last time before we close. We will set up old year books in the cafeteria and give out frozen treats. We will have music on the playground. The PTO will set up boards outside where students can put their handprints on them. The boards will be taken to the Willard site to decorate the outside of the school when school begins in September. The students have already made tiles that will be put in the new Camas cafeteria. Come and join the fun.

**Other upcoming events:**

Jog-A-Thon--June 9

No School-Grading Day June 10

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony June 15

Field Day June 16

Last Day of school June 17

**4J families are asked to take a few minutes to complete the survey below.** Your feedback will be used to inform our efforts to continually improve our district, our schools, and our partnership with families to help students succeed.

English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNCBJH7>

Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28RXV73>

**With the tragic events in Texas this past week,** we know that many families want to know both about how they can support their children, and about how schools work to keep students safe and secure. In addition to what [4J Message](#) to families, I wanted to share the following.

In terms of safety procedures, all exterior school doors and gates are kept locked at all times and the office is the only entry point for visitors, volunteers, and even district employees. Interior classroom doors can also be locked from the inside, where they allow students and staff to exit, but will prevent anyone outside from entering. Recess Supervisors carry radios so they can notify the office if a non-school employee is spotted on school grounds. Additionally, Eugene School District 4J has trained school staff on ALICE Emergency Response Procedure and this coming school year will be trained on the [I Love U Guys](#) Crisis Response System.

As much as we proactively prepare for emergencies, tragic events like the one in Texas are shocking and hard to comprehend. Children look to adults for guidance on how to react. As parents and guardians you are the experts about what is best for your own children at home, but it can be challenging to know how to speak about the unspeakable. Psychologists have provided resources that may help.

In times like these, parents and staff can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security, talking with them openly about their fears, and reassuring them that schools are very safe places and dangerous events are very rare. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) also recommends the following

strategies, detailed in the resource [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#):

- Reassure children that they are safe and their schools is safe.
- Make time to talk.
- Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.
- Review safety procedures.
- Observe children's emotional state.
- Limit exposure to television and other media about these events.
- Maintain a normal routine.

If your child is having a hard time, please talk to your child's teacher, the school counselor or principal.

**The school district is making some changes in math sequencing at middle and high school.** On Thursday, June 2, the district is providing an update about changes to math sequencing:

<https://www.4j.lane.edu/2022/05/info-session-math-education-changes-coming/>