

# August 2025 Key Communicators Newsletter

## Message from the Superintendent

### Welcome Back, Key Communicators!

August in Chimacum is all golden fields, fresh-picked berries, live outdoor music and farmers markets, and the upbeat energy of a new school year just around the corner. I hope you have had time to enjoy all that makes our East Jefferson community exquisite.

As we get ready for the arrival for the return of students and staff, excitement is in the air. From behind-the-scenes summer projects to staff professional learning and curriculum prep, our teams have been hard at work to ensure a strong start to the year. It looks a bit messy now, but it all comes together when the yellow buses roll up!

We continue to focus on what matters most: engaging every student in relevant learning, nurturing belonging, and preparing our kids for a thriving future. With new initiatives in place—including expanded early learning opportunities, updates to our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), and deepened community partnerships—we are carrying the momentum forward.

Thank you for being a vital part of this network. Your voice and advocacy help shine a light on the powerful work happening in our schools every day. As always, share this newsletter and help us spread the word to #ChooseChimacum! Chimacum Schools are thriving and ready for another great year.

Warmly,



Dr. Scott Mauk, Superintendent



## Get Involved Upcoming Events

### Champions for Chimacum

Tour of the school and lunch

11:00am – 12:00pm

September 24, 2025

@Chimacum Jr/Sr High School

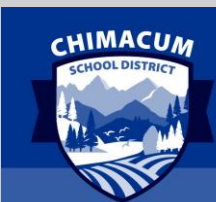
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## Powered by Rotary: Investing in Chimacum's Next Generation

From playgrounds to scholarships, East Jefferson Rotary's fingerprints are all over Chimacum's success stories.

The East Jefferson Rotary Club has been a consistent and generous partner to Chimacum School District since its inception, and we're proud to celebrate their enduring support of our students, staff, and programs.

Over the years, Rotary has provided tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating Chimacum seniors—opening doors to college, trade schools, and career pathways. Our scholarship recipients are thriving in private and public institutions across the arts, sciences, business, and the trades—with a strong start thanks to the Club's generosity.

Rotary's commitment to youth leadership is also evident in their sponsorship of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a three-day youth leadership camp that builds confidence and communication skills, as well as their ongoing support for our CJSHS Interact Club. These opportunities give students meaningful ways to grow through service and cultivate community.

They've also invested directly in our schools, building an outdoor learning space at the high school, supporting our tuition-free preschool, and contributing to youth sports like Little League.

In past years, Rotary supported international student exchanges—and the club hopes to reignite that tradition soon.

We're deeply grateful for Rotary's partnership. Their service is a powerful example of community in action, helping Chimacum students learn, dream, and become.

East Jefferson Rotary meets at noon every Thursday across the street from our Chimacum main campus at the TriArea Community Center. You are invited to be their guest for lunch! Learn more about them at <https://ejcrotary.club/>.





## Bright Futures, Better Spaces: Summer Upgrades Across Chimacum Schools

Thanks to strong community support for the 2024 Capital Levy—and our team’s work to secure grants and rebates—Chimacum School District is making big improvements this summer to enhance learning, increase energy efficiency, and refresh our school facilities.

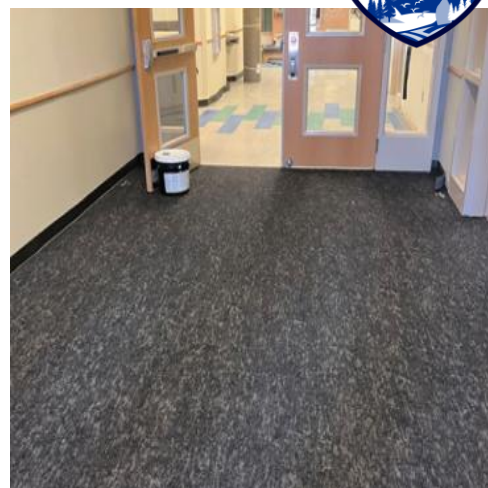
At Chimacum Creek Primary, students will return to bright, inviting spaces with new paint and durable carpeting throughout classrooms and hallways. The updated color palette and flooring bring new energy to early learning environments and reflect our care for our smallest learners.

At Chimacum Junior/Senior High School, the Commons is getting a full makeover to make it more functional, welcoming, and student-centered. Upgrades include:

- A full interior repainting with wainscoting in high-traffic areas
- New energy-efficient windows for better insulation and natural light
- Modern acoustic panels for sound control and a clean, updated look
- Digital display screens for menus, announcements, and student engagement
- A reorganized info and display zone to make the space more useful and inspiring

Our Culinary Arts program is also expanding its capabilities with new appliances and a redesigned kitchen space, allowing students to dive deeper into hands-on learning. This supports not only culinary education but also expands opportunities for the popular FEED Truck program.

Outside, we are adding new steel siding to the CJSHS building for improved durability, reduced maintenance, and a polished new appearance.



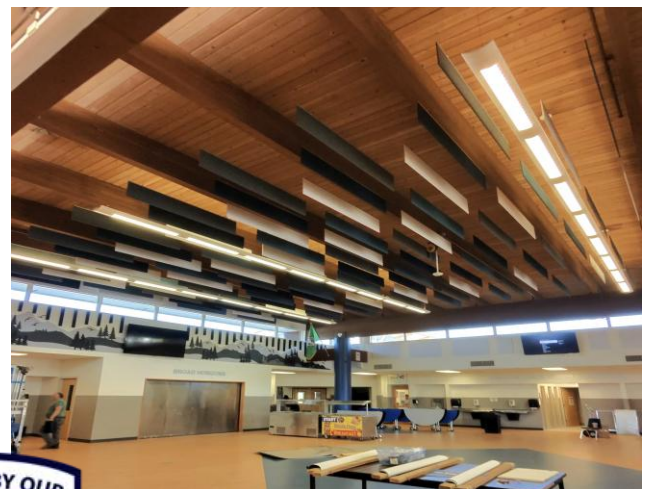
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In collaboration with the Port Townsend School District, we added a new bus lift to the transportation depot. This will make maintenance and repairs more efficient to keep our transportation cooperative operating safe and effective buses for our students.

These upgrades are made possible through a mix of levy funding, energy efficiency grants, PUD rebates, and state facility support—stretching every dollar to make a lasting impact. Thank you to our voters and community partners!

Your investment is building a better Chimacum for every student.



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## Note from the Chimacum School Board

It is that time of year again—back to school! The transition from summer fun to school routines is always an exciting period for me. In conversations with parents this year, a common theme emerged: many shared that their children are eager to return to school, and parents themselves are looking forward to seeing their children back in the classroom. The joys of parenthood, indeed!

If you visit the Jr./Sr. High School this year, you will notice several upgrades. Thanks to last year's Capital Levy, our siding project is giving the school a refreshed look. Additionally, improvements have been made in the commons and culinary areas, which I am eager to see in person. Over at CCP, new carpeting and fresh paint have brightened the space, creating a welcoming environment for students and staff alike.

We have also welcomed several new teachers to our team. I am excited to meet them and to continue strengthening #TeamChimacum with exceptional educators dedicated to supporting our students. I am grateful for our team of principals, who are returning with renewed energy to lead staff and students toward another successful year.

This year marks the inaugural year of **Chimacum Valley Tech**, our new advanced course division. With many students already enrolled, it is off to a strong start—an exciting opportunity for our learners.

Here's to a fantastic school year!

**Go Cowboys!**



Mike Aman,  
Chimacum School Board  
Director, Class of '87

### Our next School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

6:00pm at Room 702 in the Chimacum  
Elementary School