In December 2018, the Chimacum School Board approved a districtwide grade reconfiguration plan created, over six-plus months, by our staff and facilities committees.

The district owns and maintains more than 200,000 square feet of public space. Building conditions were evaluated and a roadmap for repairs created.

Responding to declining enrollment, we needed to reduce our facility footprint and be more efficient with how we organize our students. Our clear aim was to house students in the highest quality spaces on our campuses.

The campuses bustled with activity this past summer, as some of the replacement Capital Facilities and Technology Levy dollars, voters approved in 2018, were put to good use around the schools. Paint, flooring, surfaces, electrical, HVAC and more were addressed in numerous spaces.

The reconfiguration went smoothly into effect this fall. Effective on day one of the 2019/20 school year, Chimacum Creek Primary School houses K-2. Chimacum Elementary School has grades 3-6 and our Pi Alternative Program. And the Chimacum Junior/Senior High School (CJSHS) contains grades 7-12.

Facelifts and major remodeling happened over the summer. Here, the former middle school commons is being transformed into a commons/lunchroom space for the elementary school. Partitioned off on the right is the new elementary school library.
Chimacum #59 plays in TX All-American Bowl

In December, Chimacum senior Jacob Williamson heads to Dallas, Texas, to play in a Blue-Grey All-American Bowl.

Since 1989, Blue-Grey Football has been helping prospects receive national exposure and increase their chances to secure scholarships to colleges and universities nationwide.

Today, Blue-Grey Football’s All-American Bowls select players from across the nation to compete. Most games take place inside stadiums and practice facilities that are home to NFL teams.

Jacob received a letter last spring inviting him to a regional competition in Portland. He later played in the Las Vegas Super Regional and qualified for the All-American Bowl. In his #59 jersey, he plays offensive tackle and defensive end for Chimacum.

It’s fair to say Jacob’s played football just about all of his life. At 17, he’s been playing for 13 years, first on youth football teams, then in middle school and high school.

“Football can give me a lot of opportunities to get me to any school I want. But mostly I just enjoy playing it,” Jacob said. With his eye on mathematics and engineering, he’s applied to San Diego State, as well as our Washington state universities.

Blue-Grey All-American Bowl
Dallas Cowboys’ AT&T Stadium
East vs. West on Dec. 16
Watch via Impact Football Network.

Chimacum Junior/Senior High School senior Madison Boyd sells a wide variety of Cowboy gear at the school store in the CJSHS commons. Proceeds benefit the Associated Student Body (ASB).

We owe a big thank you to the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County and its president, Paul Wynkoop, for donating—and building!—this outdoor classroom pavilion for Chimacum’s students.
Reading pre-K supports success

The Children’s Reading Foundation’s 2019 national school readiness study, “Readiness for Entering Kindergarten: The Impact on Future Academic Achievement,” found that children’s kindergarten starting points predict their academic achievement in fifth grade and beyond. Students who start ahead tend to stay ahead: 76 percent of students, who started in the top 20 percent, tend to be still in the top 20 percent (or second to the top) entering fifth grade. Students who start behind tend to stay behind.

Research indicates if families, schools, and communities focus on a child’s early learning in the years before kindergarten, the achievement gap narrows significantly. Chimacum Creek Primary School is doing just that. Its October “Ready for Kindergarten®” workshop provided parents with materials and information to help their children succeed.

Start now! Read with a child 20 minutes every day.

Mission Statement
Our schools are committed to high academic expectations and standards. We proactively work together to provide skills, knowledge, and resources to ensure a fully supportive environment for excellence in education for the entire community.

Vision Statement
Our schools strive to provide an exciting, flexible environment where students of all ages successfully prepare for their unique futures and as responsible members of society.

Our Goals

High Expectations for Learning
We will ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills to prepare for new challenges both in school and beyond graduation.

Support Student and Staff Success
We will support proven strategies to build a foundation for quality instruction and personalized learning.

Safe and Supportive Schools
We will promote positive learning environments that are secure, welcoming, and culturally respectful.

Community Engagement
We will cultivate community support for our schools and school support for our community.

Responsible Leadership and Governance
We will model the highest levels of professional integrity and accountability.

33rd Annual Chimacum Arts & Crafts Fair

Dec. 7 & 8 10am – 4pm

At Chimacum Junior/Senior High School

Every year, talented artisans line their booths with unique, mostly handcrafted, items. This is the PERFECT place to finish up all of your holiday shopping, while supporting our local schools.
The focus of Chimacum’s K-12 Highly Capable Program is meeting the individual needs of our advanced students all day, every day. Our Highly Capable Coordinator collaborates with teachers to provide enrichment.

Identifying highly capable students takes place in the Spring and Fall. Students new to the district may be nominated at any time. Students can qualify for services in as little as one area and may be nominated again, if they did not qualify in previous years.

Nomination packets are available in the school offices or online at www.csd49.org/Content/50.

Questions? Contact Jamie Jensen, HiCap Coordinator, jamie_jensen@csd49.org.

Fresh, healthy foods build healthy bodies and minds. The farm-to-school connection was approved in the 2018 CSD Wellness Policy. An important player in our quest has been the Community Wellness Project (CWP).

CWP began in 2007 to address health and nutrition issues in Jefferson County schools. CWP created and maintained school gardens, helped food service procure local organic food, and worked with educators to enhance the schools’ curricula with nutrition and culinary options.

The generosity of our local community has been key. In October, CWP’s 2019 Harvest Dinner and Dessert Auction raised $13,500 to help CWP get fresh, locally produced foods into Chimacum’s and Port Townsend’s cafeterias. The locally sourced meal was prepared by CSD’s Food Service Director Margaret Garrett; her Port Townsend counterpart, Stacey Larsen; and Finnriver’s Chef Willy Ray.

Thanks to the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools grant program, CSD has $116,000 in grants to pay for new kitchen equipment to support farm-to-school, as well as fencing, a greenhouse, and plumbing and electricity for the schools’ gardens.

CWP/CSD has been building relationships with local farms, as well as making use of state and national resources. The Elementary School Garden Pilot was deemed a success by students, teachers and farmer. This year, the school gardens will expand to include the elementary and primary schools, in addition to the garden already at the junior/senior high school. CWP will fund equipment, additional infrastructure and a garden coordinator. “Science in the Garden” is on Chimacum Schools’ agenda.

The CJSHS Food, Education & Entrepreneurial Development (FEED) program expands farm-to-school to the ecosystem, history, traditional indigenous foods, kitchen skills, and customer service.