

Grand Coulee prepares for remote staff

COULEE DAM — Grand Coulee Dam School District is preparing its staff to work from home, if necessary, during the coronavirus closure.

Schools closed March 17, leaving the district with fewer employees in its buildings. Further reductions are planned, said Superintendent Paul Turner.

People visiting the school must enter through the elementary office and go through screening.

Academic teams are developing a plan and materials for "academic re-engagement" that was set to begin March 24.

Teachers and administrators met March 18 to put together grade-level and subject matter packets.

"For the safety of all, I have directed teachers to develop plans that will allow them to work remotely from home," Turner said.

Seniors continue to be a major focus and the biggest issue will be online capabilities.

"We plan to utilize the Internet as at the least a communication tool," he said. "Please make sure you have online capabilities and if not, make sure that we know. We will accommodate accordingly. Your teachers are working on the academics and what will be needed to meet graduation requirements."

Seniors were to be contacted personally by school officials, with graduation packets scheduled for delivery March 23.

The breakfast and lunch distribution program began March 20 for children up to age 18.

"Buses will arrive at your regular bus stop two hours later then your normal (morning) pickup time for meal distribution," Turner said.

Additional distribution of meals will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at Tillman's in Elmer City, Grand Coulee Dam Middle School and Electric City Town Hall.

Grab-and-go meals will be offered at Lake Roosevelt School from 9-9:30 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.

"Breakfast and lunch will be served in the same bag so you will only need to meet the bus, or come to the school once each day," said Turner. "Children must be present to receive these meals."

For students in the Nespelem area, the Nespelem School District will provide grab-and-go meals from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at White Buffalo, new HUD, old HUD and the town park.

The district also will provide day care for children of medical and emergency medical personnel who need it.

Turner said the school year will be extended from June 11 to June 19.

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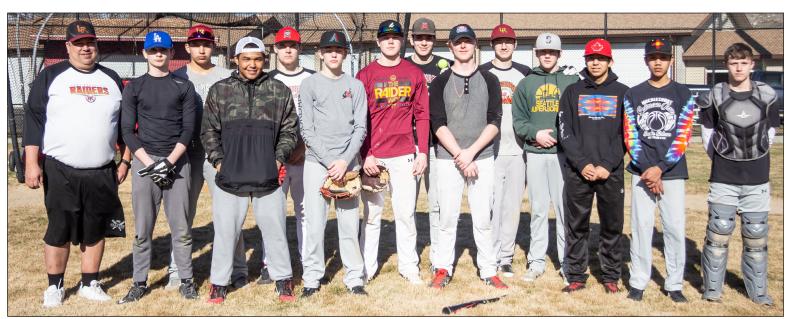
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The 2020 Lake Roosevelt High School tennis team. The school did not provide names of athletes.



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The 2020 Lake Roosevelt High School track team includes (front, from left) Hokulani Elkins, LeeAnn Couvillier, Sadie Hernandez, Sadie Trotter, Daekota Sanborn, Sidney Dick, Edward Frank and Gemma Sacchi; (second) Kaylee Wodtka, Kaylee Irwin, Chelsea Dudley, Blossom Armstrong, Boston Hevener, Kristafor Clark, Showaway Hunt, Julien Lopez and Matthew Hevener; (third) Coach Mary Hansen, Coach Kelsey Wodtka, Tyler Palmer, James Bird, Terrance Saulque, Myka Boyd, CJ Arcasa, Hunter Palmer, Cameron St. Pierre, Elijah Palmanteer, Coach Nancy Kuiper and Coach Lori Adkins; (fourth) Zack Sellars, Steven Morse, Connor Batten, Kyle Edmo, Dakota Hernandez, Alonzo Adams, Traey Clark, Chase Clark, Jaimen Schmidt and Jamie Senator. Not pictured are Courtney Clark, Aubrey Harris, Eryn McCleary, Jasilynn Schilling and Hope Schrader.



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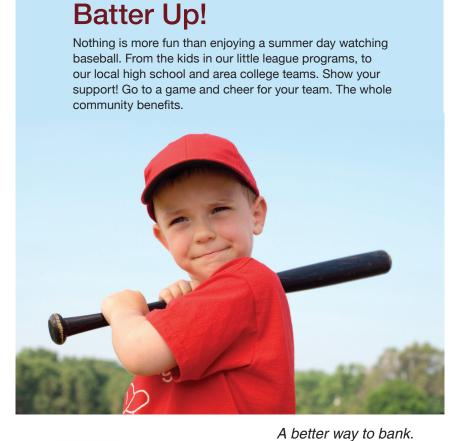
SCOTT HUNTER | The Star The 2020 Lake Roosevelt High School softball team.



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The 2020 Lake Roosevelt High School golf team includes (from left) Casey Timentwa, Elijah Rasmussen, Justin Blue Eyes, Bobby Desautel, Gavin White, Trevan Barnaby, Chloe Hobrecht, Joey Tynan, Camryn Carden, Ema Bearcub, Daxton Whiteman and Coach Steve Files.







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