



KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Kiona-Benton City SD Weekly Memo



School Year: 2022-23

Week of April 17 – April 21

## What's Going On This Week

### Contact Information

Superintendent's Office  
Pete Peterson: 2001  
Heidi Chapman: 2002  
Rosario Gonzales: 2000

Finance  
Drew Raab: 2004  
Mona Van Hollebeke: 2003  
Shelly Knight: 2006

Federal Programs  
Wade Haun: 2077

Special Programs  
Diann Zavala: 2023  
Rose Magana: 2024

Student Services  
Bernardo Castillo: 2035

Technology  
David Rodriguez: 2198

Maintenance/Transportation  
Dan Adamson: 2014

Food Services  
Jennifer Long: 2037

### Staff member in focus Christian Wingle

I've lived in the Tri-Cities area my entire life. I went to school at Columbia Basin College and Washington State University for my undergraduate degree. I received my Master's in Teaching at Washington State University.

I started working as a paraeducator right out of high school and found that I have a passion for teaching. I teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade English and 6<sup>th</sup> grade typing. I love working at Ki-Be MS. Go cubs!

In my free time, I like doing anything outdoors including hiking, backpacking, camping, and fishing. I also enjoy traveling, reading, and watching WSU football.

National School Library

### District

- ◆ 4/19: PLC Release 1:40
- ◆ 4/20: Elementary Class Pictures
- ◆ 4/20: School Board Q & A, 6:30, Board Room

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/24: School Board Meeting, 6:30, Board Room
- 4/26: PLC Release 1:40
- 5/2: Ki-Be Community Council Meeting, 6:00, HS Library

kbhsathletics.com for up to date athletic schedules.

### Superintendent Message:

Good morning,

April is flying by! After spending a week in and out at the elementary, I am now trying to catch up on my regular job, and we have some info moving forward.

Tomorrow is a meeting at Blankslate that is a result of the district receiving a grant through WSAC, the Washington Student Achievement Council. It's primary purpose is to create opportunities for Benton City students in the areas of STEM and career outreach. This grant will not fund other students from other districts, so we are able to design opportunities for what our kids need, not a one size fits all. A representative from each building will be there, along with folks from WSU-TC, CBC, The STEM Foundation and community partners.

We will be holding a Question and Answer meeting with members of the school board and district staff to answer questions about budget development for next year on Thursday at 6:30 PM in the board room. Drew will be discussing the timeline and early assumptions about staffing and student projections for 23-24. We still plan on handling staff decreases through attrition in all of the bargaining units.

We are holding a summer school meeting today for secondary schools at 2:45 PM with principals. We will review the plans and opportunities for kids. At the HS, we received word yesterday that there will not be funding for summer Running Start, but everything else should stay status quo as long as we have a minimum number of kids willing to participate. Part of the elementary summer program will include a STEM Camp for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at WSU-TC, along with PD for those grade level teachers who participate in summer school. This is a unique opportunity and Jon Lobdell from WSU-TC met with us this morning to ensure that we have slots reserved. I will pass along more information as we develop the program.

Have a great rest of the week!

Pete

**KI-BE FFA**

**PLANT SALE**

ALL PLANTS GROWN BY THE HORTICULTURE CLASS

APRIL 21ST 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM      APRIL 22ND 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATED BEHIND THE HIGH SCHOOL BY THE GREENHOUSE