



Dear JHCS Families, Board Members, Alumni, Staff, and Friends,

The 2018-2019 school year at The Community School has begun! We are off to a great start, thanks to our dedicated staff and enthusiastic student body. The year truly commenced back in mid-August, with orientation activities for our new staff and also for our new students. In addition, we held our annual Staff Kick Off meetings for all faculty and staff, spending three days collaborating and planning to ensure that our academic, experiential, and community programming continue to be outstanding.



Ninth graders Morgan Kilmain and Mimi Dunbar discuss the design of their Lego "beast" during New Student Orientation.



Ninth graders Jackson Fouras, Kai McClennen, Carey Ritter and Axel Klomprens display their "beast."

Speaking of faculty, we are delighted to welcome a number of impressive new teachers to the School this year. Josep Companyo Pagerols has moved to Jackson from Berga, Spain to join our Spanish department. With a degree from Barcelona University and several years of teaching in English under his belt, he is sharing his knowledge of Spanish culture and enabling our students to learn from another native Spanish speaker. Donna Tully joins us after teaching science for nine years in Hawaii and has a B.S. from Cameron University and an M.S. from Montana State. She is excited to be back within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, with which she has long been fascinated. Rachel Garrett, in the math department, hails from the southeastern U.S., holds a B.A. from UNC Chapel Hill and an M.Ed. from Vanderbilt, and taught in an independent school and a Title 1 school before moving to Jackson this past summer. She also brings extensive experience in outdoor education. Kristin Revill is teaching a new science elective, Environmental Microbiology, and brings plenty of expertise in the sciences from her M.S. at Stanford. We are fortunate to have her with us. (She is also the mother of Anna Revill, Class of 2022!) Last but certainly not least, Grace Tirapelle joins us once again, after holding two long-term substitute positions at the School. This year she is filling in for

Smith Maddrey in the English department, as he enjoys a well-deserved sabbatical. Grace's knowledge of our Community School culture and Ph.D. in English are invaluable. We are very excited about all of these individuals; they are fantastic to work with and are already making their mark within our community.



We are pleased to introduce our new faculty members – Kristin Revill, Josep Companyo Pagerols, Rachel Garrett, Donna Tully, and Grace Tirapelle.



Seniors Fred Hamilton James and Lily Bartlett help Habitat for Humanity build a new home.

We began classes on August 27th, and that week we also started our community service work for the year. Our students and staff spent several hours away from school in the communities of Jackson and Teton Valley, Idaho, assisting non-profit organizations such as Wyoming Stargazing, Teton Literacy Center, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Friends of Pathways, Hole Food Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, and NOLS. We are proud of all of our students for their positive energy and hard work on behalf of these worthy causes!



Ninth graders Hunter Dewell, Will Aepli, Mimi Dunbar and Kate Brigham, along with teacher Cheryl Katz, helped the Community Foundation prepare for Old Bill's.



Juniors Warren Levy, Olivia Rigsby and Owen Heaton help NOLS fill potholes on their access road.

Lastly, a few notes from the development side of the School. First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in Old Bill's this year, either by helping with the booth, stopping by and grabbing a sticker to wear in the fun run, or donating (or all three!). Support like this is invaluable to us, and we sincerely appreciate it. In addition, I would like to recognize Nicole Prater, our Director of Development, for all of her work on our new website! The new site launched a few weeks ago and it provides a high quality online experience. Please check it out if you haven't had a chance. And to all alumni, alumni families, and past faculty/staff...please note the "Memoir" section under the Alumni tab. That section will soon be up and running, so be thinking of a memory or two to share!

Take care and see you soon,
Amy

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2 - 5/6 – Fall Trips

Oct. 6 – SAT at JHCS

Oct. 8 – No School

Oct. 10 – Admissions Information Session, 5:30 – 6:30pm, at La Familia Counseling for prospective applicants and their families. Information available in both English and Spanish.

Oct. 17 – Hot Lunch

Oct. 24 & 25 – Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 30 – Admissions Open House