

# Parent Connection

## Jumpstart to a Successful School Year

For all students, starting kindergarten is a new and exciting experience. For some students, the new settings, expectations and routines in kindergarten can lead to significant challenges.



This year, all 9 primary schools in WLWV offered a Jumpstart program designed to help

these students begin to build the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten.

Participants, who were identified based on recommendations from principals and ECSE providers, came to school for 2-3 hours a day during the last week of summer. The classes were co-taught by a team of kindergarten teachers and special education teachers.

During their Jumpstart class, students learned the routines

of a school day, like how to read a visual schedule, where to hang up their backpack and how to walk quietly through the halls to the gym or cafeteria.

They also practiced some of the essential skills of participating in a classroom community (like sitting on the



carpet during circle time) and received some pre-teaching in basic literacy and math skills.

Teachers and parents have reported that the Jumpstart

experience has provided a smooth transition for our incoming kindergarten students. It gave teachers an opportunity to build close relationships with our students with the most significant needs as well as with their families.

### WLWV Receives FACT Partner Award

We are excited to announce that the West Linn-Wilsonville School District has received the FACT Partner Award for “empowering Oregon families experiencing disability in pursuit of a whole life.”

Family and Community Together (FACT) is a leading voice for advocacy and support for families of students experiencing disability in Oregon. FACT selected WLWV for the Partner Award to recognize our ongoing work to build welcoming, inclusive and supportive learning environments for all children. We are proud of our ongoing collaboration with FACT, and look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships with families in the West Linn-Wilsonville community.

#### Parent Opportunities:

Being part of your child's class, school and IEP team are your most important ways to connect.

Here are some other ways to get involved and learn more about special education services in WLWV.

#### District & Parent Special Education Collaboration Group

This leadership team provides input and becomes key communicators around our district's long range direction in special education. Meetings at the District Office:

- September 26
- November 14 *All meetings 5-6pm*
- February 13
- April 24

#### Parent Orientation & Resource Events

Learn more about the IEP process and how to partner effectively with educators for your child's success.

Meetings at the District Office:

- January 9 – FACT Parents' Role in the IEP
- March 13