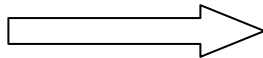


Dear Parents and Potential Parents of Students of Juanita Elementary,

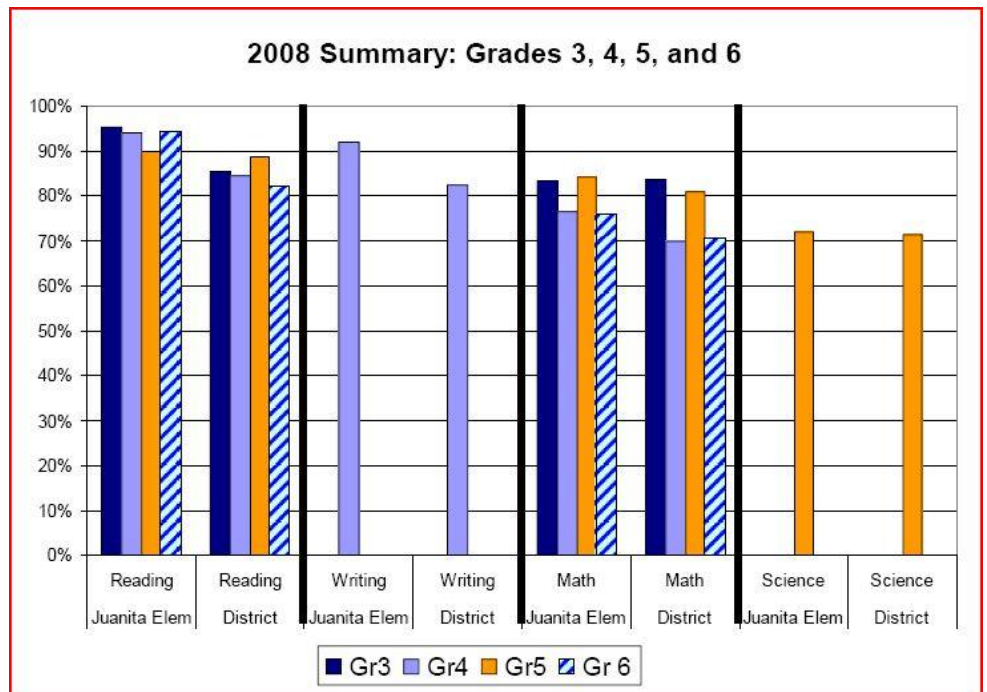
Lake Washington School District (LWSD) students continue to perform well on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

The District's scores are significantly higher than state averages in every grade and subject tested. The district continues to shine in writing and science. All three grades tested in science showed gains. All three grades tested were higher than last year's writing scores. Math scores are mixed and reading scores were mixed. "I'm proud of the work our staff and students have done, particularly in the areas of writing and science," noted Superintendent Chip Kimball. "We have significant numbers of students who are at or above the WASL standard in all subject areas. Our teachers and principals will now carefully examine the results for every child to make sure they provide the right help for any student who has not been able to achieve that level." Science scores reflected increases in each of the three grades in which the test was administered. The largest increase occurred in fifth grade scores, with 71.5 percent of Lake Washington students meeting the standard in science, up from 60.0 percent in 2007. The state average in fifth grade is 42.9 percent. "We're now seeing the results of adopting new science curricula and working hard to improve our instruction in this area," noted Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent. "Science is important to our community and we plan to continue that work." Math scores gained more than the state scores in the two grades (fifth and eighth) where the state scores rose. Math scores also gained slightly in third grade, rising from 83.1 percent of students at standard to 83.7 percent, compared to 68.3 percent statewide, which fell 1.3 percent from last year. In sixth, seventh and tenth grades, math scores in this district fell at rates similar to statewide averages. The anomaly was fourth grade, where scores dropped from 79.9 percent at standard to only 70.1 percent. Still, the statewide average for fourth grade was 53.4 percent, a drop of 4.7 percent.

As you can see on the chart Juanita Elementary did very well on the tests.



If your child attended an elementary school in the Lake Washington School District, your child's WASL score was mailed home the 2nd week of September. If your child attended Juanita Elementary last year and took the WASL test, and if you have a question regarding your child's score, please call or email this year's teacher. They will consult with last year's teacher and answer your questions. The state scores will soon be available at



<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/Grades3-8.aspx>. State scores are significantly lower than ours. The numbers below represent the per cent of students who were met standard or exceeded standard in each grade compared to LWSD.