



The Chieftain Newsletter

AUGUST 2010

Dear Columbia River Community:

School will begin soon and once again we are facing a year full of activities, sporting events and of course the major event – learning. Struggles and frustrations can accompany learning but with persistence and perseverance there is often much success. The River staff looks forward to working together as a community to minimize the struggles and frustrations and to maximize the successes for our students. In support of this effort, time is being provided for teachers to meet in collaborative teams to discuss and respond to student achievement results within their classrooms. This time is provided during eight delayed starts which are spaced throughout the year. The model our teams follow during this time is called Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The leading researcher of this model, Rick Dufour, states that “in a PLC, collaboration represents a systemic process in which teachers work together interdependently in order to impact their classroom practice in ways that will lead to better results for their students, for their team and for their school”. The River staff is excited to continue their PLC work this year as it aligns perfectly with our continuous improvement efforts. Joining us in our continuous improvement efforts are three new staff members. They are:

Ms. Maureen Perez – English
Ms. Hilary Snitker – SCP
Mr. Hermilio Maia – Mathematics

These individuals will add to the rich knowledge and expertise that already exists at River and we are looking forward to their contributions to our PLC work and to the school at large.

Lastly, the River staff is anxious and excited to meet our many new students and reconnecting with our continuing students. This year there is a large number of students attending River. This means we will be adjusting schedules after the start of the school year in order to keep a balance in class sizes and to provide the best student to teacher ratio possible. We understand how difficult a change in a schedule can be on a student and we appreciate your patience and understanding as our counselors work on those changes. Our goal is to offer excellence in every classroom and we are confident that every student will be provided an excellent education while a member of the Columbia River community.

I hope you are able to enjoy the last few days of summer and as we move into the school year I hope to see you at one of the many exciting school events.

Sincerely,
Christina Iremonger
Principal

Student Check-In & Schedule Pick Up

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

(8:00am to 9:00 am for Football players due to early practice)

Dates:

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| Seniors | August 24 |
| Juniors | August 25 |
| Sophomores | August 26 |
| Freshmen | August 27 |

If you are unable to make your scheduled day you are welcome to come any day *after* your assigned day. Schedules for each specific grade level **will not** be available prior to the dates listed above.

Student Check-In is your opportunity to verify that you will be attending Columbia River High School for the 2010-2011 school year. If you do not check-in either on the date listed above or prior to the start of the school year, your schedule will be inactivated.

Office Hours are: 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Office will be closed on: Monday - September 6

During Student Check-In you will have your school picture taken (required) and the business office will be open for fee payments.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will only occur in cases involving scheduling errors on the part of the school (for example: a student having two second period classes, or a student not having an English class) or those initiated to balance class sizes. Requests to change classes your child has forecasted for or to change classes due to teacher preference will not be considered.

First Day of School

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 8

- WARNING BELL SOUNDS AT 7:25 AM
- Students are expected to be in their classroom by 7:30 AM to begin class.
- Bring a pen or pencil and paper for note taking.
- Don't forget lunch money! Prices are on page 3.

Freshmen Orientation

Provided by Link Crew

When: September 7 Noon to 4:00

Why: To meet your classmates, your Link Crew Mentors, orient yourself to your new school and to have some fun.

Who are the Link Crew Mentors?

Link Crew Mentors are a group of Juniors and Seniors who are volunteering to mentor you throughout the first semester. The goal of Link Crew is to make the transition from Middle School to High School as smooth as possible, provide positive role models, and offer you support. They are a great resource for any questions you may have.

The Link Crew Mentors have worked hard this summer to produce another fantastic orientation the day before school starts which continues into the morning of September 8...yes....the first day of school!

Throughout the year the mentors will present mini-lessons in your Advisory, attend freshmen events, plan a Freshmen Movie Afternoon, and offer tutoring at your Freshmen Finals Study Night (a “must do” in preparation of your first set of high school final exams).

If you have questions about Link Crew please don't hesitate to contact either of the teacher advisors:

Mrs. Natasha Flak

Natasha.flak@vansd.org

Mrs. Michelle Buss

Michelle.buss@vansd.org

Don't miss out on your opportunity to get a jump start on the year!

Freshmen are requested to report to the Large Gym (across from the lower commons) at 7:00 am sharp on September 8.

You won't want to miss out so get here early the first day of school!

2011 Senior Grad Party!

Plans are underway to provide an alcohol-free all night party to follow graduation next June! Please join the Parent Planning committee at River on August 30th at 7pm and learn how you can help make this party a huge success. Fundraising takes place all year. Funds raised provide the venue, food and entertainment for the party, funds for baccalaureate, and will also provide money for the Senior Class Gift to River.

This will be a busy year. If each Senior family contributes a little bit of time and effort the plans will come together! Several fundraisers are already being planned.

River Class Spirit Wear sales during registration. Now is the time to get your Class shirt!

Back To School Dance on Friday, Sept. 10th. Please contact Zorina Noland at boltheads@comcast.net if you can help volunteer that night.

Poinsettia sales in October. High quality poinsettias in three colors will be available and we need YOUR help to sell stations and restaurants at face value and the Senior Class will them!

Gift cards – an easy fundraiser that does NOT cost you any extra money. Purchase gift cards for your favorite grocery stores, gas earn a small percentage.

Keep up to date on all plans and activities by sending your email to: hogankraft@comcast.net . You can also keep informed by becoming a fan of Columbia River High School Class of 2011 on Facebook. Questions? Feel free to contact Chair Judy Sjogren (696-1804) or Vice-Chair Heather Dawson (904-7229).

2010-2011 Bus Stop Information

Due to changes in the ELL program, we will need to create new and/or different routes for the 2010-2011 school year.

All high school, middle school and elementary routes will be evaluated over the summer and the 2010-2011 revised stops and routes will be available for review before the first day of school.

Stop lists and route maps will be posted at the schools and route information will also be available on the district's web site. (<http://www.vansd.org/>)

Before sending your student(s) out to the bus stop on September 8, 2010, please be sure to confirm their stop and route information.

No Shots—No School

Your student's immunizations must be current. If you have questions please contact our school Nurse, Lisa Kennison, at 360-313-3910.

Meal Prices for 2010-2011

Student Breakfast

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| Breakfast Price | \$1.05 |
| Reduced Price | Free |

Student Lunch

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| Lunch Price | \$2.55 |
| Reduced Price | \$0.40 |

Please Note:

Every student will receive a KEYPAD number which they will need to purchase breakfast and/or lunch or to access their accounts. **The KEYPAD number will be listed on the upper right hand corner of their schedules.** Students are asked to memorize this number as soon as possible so the lunch lines move quickly. Students can give a check or cash to the lunch cashier to put directly on to their account. **Food services does not provide change!** If your student does not have the correct amount for lunch/breakfast then the balance owed will be added to the student's account.

If you have questions or would like to place money on your child's account prior to the start of the school year please contact: **Food Services at 393-3909**

2 Hour Late Start Dates

Monday, September 20 2010
Monday, October 25 2010
Monday, November 15 2010
Monday, January 10 2011
Monday, February 28 2011
Monday, March 14 2011
Monday, April 18 2011
Monday, June 6 2011

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Main Office 313-3900
Athletics 313-3902
Business Office 313-3924 or 313-3925
Career Center 313-3922 or 313-3923
Attendance Office 313-3920 or 313-3921
Counseling Center 313-3930
School Nurse 313-3910

Student Fees

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| Art | \$20.00 |
| Photography I & II | \$20.00 |
| Pottery Studio | \$17.00 |
| | (additional clay \$6/bag) |
| ASB Card | \$30.00 |
| Extra Curricular Activity Fee | \$35.00 |
| Athletic Activity Fee | \$50.00 |
| Swim Suit | \$20.00 |
| Yearbook | \$40.00 |

Admission Fees to Athletic Events & Extra Curricular Events

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| Adults & HS/MS Students without ASB Card | \$5.00 |
| Visiting Students with an ASB Card | \$4.00 |
| Elementary Students & Seniors Citizens | \$3.00 |

Family Pass to Athletic Events

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| For Entire Year | \$80.00 |
| Start of Winter Season | \$60.00 |

We have listed the most common fees above. A complete list of fees can be obtained through the business office.

Phone: 313-3924 or 313-3925

Parent @ccess Account

Parent @ccess Accounts provide information on student progress and/or assignments that may be missing. Attendance information and other items specific to your student are also available through this account.

To set up an account please see Shawnda Goodson in the CRHS main office. You will be required to provide a photo ID and complete the application form. Accounts cannot be set up over the phone, you must come in to the front office at River to sign up for this access.

If you have more than one student attending a VSD school, only one account is needed, and if you already have an account set up, you do not need to reapply.

Have you moved or changed a phone number?

Please notify the office of any changes in your student's address, telephone numbers, parent/guardian name changes and emergency contacts. It is important that in the event of an emergency we have current and accurate data. (Phone 313-3900)

New NSF Check Fee

Effective August 1, 2010, there will be a \$15 fee on all checks returned to us due to non-sufficient funds (or other bank related issues). Once an NSF check fee has been assessed, the revised amount due must be paid in cash or with a money order. You may not pay with another check.

Parking on Columbia River's Campus

- Due to space limitations, driving privileges will be extended to Seniors and Juniors with a valid parking permit.
- Student vehicles parked on campus must display a parking permit. This permit is a hangtag which **MUST** be displayed on the rear-view mirror on the windshield in the vehicle for which it was issued. Permits may be obtained at registration or at a later date from the attendance office who will require student identification at the time of the application. Permits are issued for the purpose of:
 - Identifying the driver of the vehicle (and are not transferable)
 - Identification of the appropriate parking area
- All vehicles must be insured.
- Vehicles are to be parked in a marked parking space between the parking space divider lines.
- Student vehicles are not to be parked in any reserved spaces **including the visitor parking spaces, the bus lot, the staff lots**, the school receiving area or any areas not appropriately marked for parking.
- Vehicles are not to be left unattended in any location marked with a yellow curb, no parking sign, or fire lane.
- Handicapped reserved spaces are to be used only by the handicapped with the appropriate legal permit.
- Traffic control signs are to be obeyed at all times.
- There will be no loitering in the parking lots.
- **Ninth and Tenth graders may not park on campus which includes the lot at the church during school hours.**
- Special areas are designated for reserved senior parking and may not be transferred or utilized by any other student during school hours.

Failure to comply with these and other traffic/parking regulations will result in disciplinary action, which may include loss of on campus parking privileges.

A parking pass does not guarantee a parking space. It is your responsibility to get to school early if it is imperative you drive. Difficulty finding an open space is not a valid reason for tardiness to class. Please plan accordingly.

It's Not Cool to Idle at School

Anti-idling campaign - Indoor air quality is a priority at Columbia River High School.

Vehicles idling curbside pollute classroom air through the school's outdoor air intakes. So, in addition to wasting expensive fuel and being hard on your engine, idling is a toxic health hazard that's detrimental to the education process.

The solution? Turn off the engine while you wait. That's all it takes to help Columbia River maintain a healthy indoor air quality.

Reserved Senior Parking Spaces

Seniors can buy reserved parking spaces in the west parking lot for \$50. The money generated by these sales pays for the senior breakfast at the end of the year. Seniors who wish to purchase a reserved parking space must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA. The following schedule will be followed for parking permit applications, vehicle registration, and the purchase of a parking space for seniors who wish to buy a permanent space for the year.

Step 1: August 11-September 9: Parking permit applications can be picked up in the attendance office.

Step 2: August 11-September 9: Parking permit applications are returned to the attendance office for vehicle registration.

Step 3: August 11-September 9: Proof of vehicle registration is taken to the business office where senior spaces can be purchased for \$50.

Step 4: 2:15 on September 9: When seniors buy their parking space, they will put their names in a drawing. In the forum, room 408, at 2:15 after the second day of school, senior's names will be drawn and they will be able to pick their own parking space for the year.

Senior parking spaces in the back lot will be identified by number instead of the student's name due to increased vandalism of student vehicles and to economize so the spaces are not repainted every year.

Please make note: *If another car parks in your reserved space, contact a member of the security staff. Security will contact the person parked in your space as soon as possible and request they move their vehicle. Until the vehicle can be removed, you will need to park in another unassigned student space.*

******NO OTHER SPACES WILL BE SOLD ONCE THE WEST PARKING LOT IS FILLED******

Tips for Parents Who Drive Students to School

When parents drop off or pick up students, please follow the following suggestions:

- Whether entering the front or back parking lots, drive in a counter-clock wise direction.
- When stopping to let your teen out or pick them up, please pull as far along the curb as possible so you leave room for others to pull up behind your car.
- When dropping off a student in the morning, please realize we will have a traffic jam if everyone arrives at 7:25. Plan to arrive much earlier.
- Finish any last minute conversations with your student **before** you stop the car so they can get out relatively quickly.
- Please park only in designated "Visitor" parking spaces.

Attention All Fall Sport Athletes

The start date for football is August 19, all other sports, including volleyball, girls' soccer, boys' golf, cross country, girls' swimming, and boys' tennis, begins on August 24. In order to participate the first day of practice you will want to make sure to pick up your clearance packet outside the Business Office starting on Thursday, August 13. The Business Office hours are 7am to 1:30pm.

If you are new to Columbia River or your physical has expired please bring a copy of the up-to-date cleared physical form to the Business Office on the day you bring in the rest of your packet.

New students and Freshmen are asked to bring with them a copy of their last report card so grades can be verified for eligibility.

Reminder to all athletes... The first time you are cleared, you are considered an athlete at all times until graduation and subject to the district's Conduct Code (R5135) for athletes "24/7" (that means even weekends and holidays). Make safe, smart decisions! Use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or an act of serious misconduct may keep you from competing in your favorite sport.

Help Keep Us "Green"

Sign Up to Receive an alert when the latest Columbia River Newsletter is posted On-Line

Go to river.vansd.org and click on the link provided which will automatically place your email address into our list serve.

If you want to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter in the mail then please notify Shawnda Goodson in the front office at River (313-3904). If we don't hear from you we will not mail you the newsletter.

Remember . . . there is a lot of information on the CRHS website!

Looking for more school information? You can check out our website at river.vansd.org and /or the District's website at vansd.org for all of Vancouver Public Schools' information .

Dress and Appearance Guidelines

The following guidelines for student dress and appearance are provided to ensure a positive, safe and non-disruptive school climate, thereby enhancing learning.

The guidelines are in addition to R5157 Dress and Physical Appearance, which states that if a student's dress and/or physical appearance disrupts the educational process or threatens the health and/or safety of the student or others, the designated building administrator will ask the student to refrain from wearing such apparel, jewelry, accessories or using such manner of grooming while at school or school-sponsored events.

If the student refuses to comply with the building administrator's request, the administrator will contact the student's parents/guardians/custodians.

Prohibited dress or physical appearance specifically includes, but is not limited to:

- Displaying lewd, sexual, drug, tobacco or alcohol-related messages on clothing, accessories, personal items or body markings;
- Clothing, accessories, personal items or body markings that depict or promote illegal or violent conduct, or weapons that are prohibited at school;
- Exhibiting a bare midriff or underwear,
- Wearing shorts or skirts that are shorter than the wearer's fingertips when arms are hanging down;
- Writing, designs, or logos on clothing, accessories, personal items, or body markings that discriminate based on a person's sex, race, religion, national origin, disability or gender orientation; and
- Wearing, carrying, or displaying clothing, accessories, personal items, or body markings which symbolize gang membership as reported by local law enforcement agencies.

Any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang-related apparel or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or otherwise place other students in fear of personal safety shall be subject to discipline.

The Vancouver School Board expects the Columbia River staff to monitor and supervise student behavior and dress. If a staff member determines that a student's choice of attire is inappropriate for the school setting, the student will be expected to change or alter their attire. A decision not to comply with an adult staff member's request will result in an immediate referral to the Principal or the Principal's designee.

Mark Your Calendars!

This calendar will be updated as needed and changes posted on river.vansd.org

August

- 18 Fall Sports Clearance Begins
- 18 Football Begins
- 23 Fall Sports Begins
- 24 Schedule Pick-up for Seniors
- 25 Schedule Pick-up for Juniors
- 26 Schedule Pick-up for Sophomores
- 27 Schedule Pick-up for Freshmen
- 27 Freshman Parent Night
- 27 Purple & Gold Scrimmage

September

- 7 Freshman Orientation
- 8 First Day of School**
- 20 2-hour Late Start
- 25 Homecoming Dance
- 28 Open House/Curriculum Night

October

- 17 PSAT / 11th-10th-9th grades
- 20 2-hour Early Release
- 22 No School—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 25 2-hour Late Start

Administrative Staff:

Principal: Christina Iremonger
Associate Principal: Thomas Adams
Associate Principal: Becky Phillips
Phone: 313-3902

Athletic Program Supervisor: Dana Newsom
Phone: 313-3900

Counseling Staff:

Seniors George Geranious
Juniors Wayne Wanke
Sophomores Carole Gibson
Freshmen
A-M Carole Gibson
N-Z Wayne Wanke
Phone: 313-3930

Coordinators & Specialists:

IB Coordinator: Heidi Berry
C.A.S. Coordinator: Amy Prothe
Intervention Specialist: Christy Thompson
Phone: 313-3930

Career Center Specialist: Dave Bennett
Phone: 313-3923

Media Center Specialist: Susan Bowe
Phone: 313-3927

Literary Specialist: Jeni McAnaly
Phone: 313-3900

PSAT Test Information 2010—2011

Saturday, October 16 2010 at Columbia River.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This test is recommended for all juniors planning to attend a 4-year college. Sophomores and Freshmen may also take the test.

The PSAT serves two primary purposes for Juniors. The first is as a practice test for the SAT, one of the two nationally used college admissions tests. There is no better practice for the SAT than the PSAT. The second purpose is to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Unlike the SAT, the PSAT is offered only once per year.

Juniors and Seniors SAT/ACT Dates

The SAT and ACT are used by college admissions offices in the selection process of prospective students. Students are required to take one or the other as part of their college application. Students may register on-line at www.collegeboard.com.

SAT TEST

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| October 9 | September 10 |
| November 6 | October 8 |
| December 4 | November 5 |
| January 22 | December 23 |
| March 12 | February 11 |
| May 7 | April 8 |
| June 4 | May 6 |

Register at www.collegeboard.com

ACT TEST


| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| September 11 | August 6 |
| October 23 | September 17 |
| December 11 | November 5 |
| February 12 | January 7 |
| April 9 | March 4 |
| June 11 | May 6 |

Register at www.act.org

Seniors should plan to test in November or December. Juniors are encouraged to test in the spring. Late fees apply if registering after the deadline.

Columbia River's Code Number for registering for SAT or ACT Tests is 481460.

Columbia River High School Bell Schedules 2010-2011

| <i>Regular Schedule</i> | | <i>9:20 Navigation 101 and Assembly Schedule</i> | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Zero Period | 6:30 - 7:25 | Zero Period | 6:30 - 7:25 |
| Warning Bell | 7:25 | Warning Bell | 7:25 |
| Period 1 | 7:30 - 8:25 | Period 1 | 7:30 - 8:25 |
| Period 2 | 8:30 - 9:25 | Period 2 | 8:30 - 9:15 |
| Period 3 | 9:30 - 10:30 | Assembly or Navigation | 9:20 - 10:00 |
| | | Period 3 | 10:05 - 11:00 |
| 1st Lunch | 10:35 - 11:05 | | |
| 2nd Period 4 | 11:10 - 12:05 | 1st Lunch | 11:05 - 11:35 |
| | | 2nd Period 4 | 11:40 - 12:25 |
| 1st Period 4 | 10:35 - 11:30 | | |
| 2nd Lunch | 11:35 - 12:05 | 1st Period 4 | 11:05 - 11:50 |
| | | 2nd Lunch | 11:55 - 12:25 |
| Period 5 | 12:10 - 1:05 | | |
| Period 6 | 1:10 - 2:05 | Period 5 | 12:30 - 1:15 |
| | | Period 6 | 1:20 - 2:05 |
| <i>Two-Hour Late Arrival</i> | | <i>Two-Hour Early Release</i> | |
| No Zero Period | | Zero Period | 6:30 - 7:25 |
| Warning Bell | 9:25 | Warning Bell | 7:25 |
| Period 1 | 9:30 - 10:05 | Period 1 | 7:30 - 8:05 |
| Period 2 | 10:10 - 10:45 | Period 2 | 8:10 - 8:45 |
| Period 3 | 10:50 - 11:30 | Period 3 | 8:50 - 9:30 |
| | | | |
| 1st Lunch | 11:35 - 12:05 | 1st Lunch | 9:35 - 10:05 |
| 2nd Period 4 | 12:10 - 12:45 | 2nd Period 4 | 10:10 - 10:45 |
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| 1st Period 4 | 11:35 - 12:10 | 1st Period 4 | 9:35 - 10:10 |
| 2nd Lunch | 12:15 - 12:45 | 2nd Lunch | 10:15 - 10:45 |
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| Period 5 | 12:50 - 1:25 | Period 5 | 10:50 - 11:25 |
| Period 6 | 1:30 - 2:05 | Period 6 | 11:30 - 12:05 |
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| <i>One-Hour Late Arrival</i> | |  | |
| No Zero Period | | | |
| Warning Bell | 8:25 | | |
| Period 1 | 8:30 - 9:15 | | |
| Period 2 | 9:20 - 10:05 | | |
| Period 3 | 10:10 - 11:00 | | |
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| 1st Lunch | 11:05 - 11:35 | | |
| 2nd Period 4 | 11:40 - 12:25 | | |
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| 1st Period 4 | 11:05 - 11:50 | | |
| 2nd Lunch | 11:55 - 12:25 | | |
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| Period 5 | 12:30 - 1:15 | | |
| Period 6 | 1:20 - 2:05 | | |

Respect Integrity Values Excellence Responsibility

Our vision at Columbia River High School is the achievement of educational excellence and self-growth for all students within a collaborative learning community that recognizes the worth of each individual through:

In partnership with home and community, Vancouver Public Schools provides an innovative learning environment that engages and empowers each student to develop the knowledge and essential skills to become a competent, responsible, and compassionate citizen.

Excellence in Education
Vancouver Public Schools

Mission Statements for Vancouver Public Schools and Columbia River High School

The Vancouver School District is an Equal Opportunity District. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, disability, national origin, marital status, or age or any other protected classification under state, federal, or local law. We comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, and all other state, federal, and local equal opportunity laws. This District will endeavor to maintain an atmosphere free from discrimination and harassment. **If you have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits your ability to participate in school activities, please notify your school principal so that we may reasonably accommodate your needs.**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY



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