

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPASS NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER



Dr. Karen Gray
Superintendent, LCSD

Dear LCSD Staff, Students, and Community Members,

The theme of this issue of the LCSD Compass is to highlight some of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings to our students around the district. Our goal in offering CTE is to keep our children engaged in school, and to give them an opportunity to learn and experience a skill or trade that potentially could lead to a career after graduation. It has been proven that students who engage in at least one CTE course credit have an increased rate of graduation. We use state and federal dollars (Measure 98) to offer these courses but beyond those dollars, we rely heavily on our local businesses and community partners to bring these opportunities to fruition.

Some goals I promote in 2018-19:

1. To keep reading for pleasure and school. Read on!
2. Keep bringing your children to school. Regular attendance is necessary.
3. Consider giving a gift of time volunteering in our schools.
4. Donating warm items and/or food for children and families in need.

I hope you all have a wonderful time with your family and friends as we reflect on what we have accomplished this year in 2018, and what the New Year will bring!

Sincerely,

Karen F. Gray

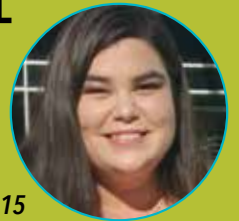
Weather-Related School Closures

Adverse weather conditions or other emergencies that affect the safety of our students in Lincoln County may require schools to be closed for the day. Here is what you can expect:

1. By 6:00 a.m., local radio stations, and major Portland TV news stations are notified and begin making announcements.
2. A message is recorded on the LCSD 24-hour Information Line: 541-265-4437.
3. By 6:30 a.m., we will update the LCSD website with the current school closure information. The Lincoln County School District Facebook page and FlashAlert are other places to check for updates.
4. A text message may be sent to all parents and staff by 6:00 a.m. to the primary phone number on file.

HOW MY CTE EXPERIENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL BENEFITTED ME

Jamie Kiyokawa,
Current Senior at Pacific
University studying to be a
Pediatrician. NHS Class of 2015



Cubby Preschool was an integral part of my education at Newport High School. This class was different from all of the rest as I was able to apply the knowledge I learned in the classroom to the real environment of a preschool. Cubby Preschool allowed me the unique opportunity to lead classes, despite just being a high school student. Being in the position of leading classes not only helped me understand how to work better with children, it also allowed me to learn and refine my skills to fit the needs of the children. Additionally, I was successfully able to practice my leadership and teamwork skills in this class, as I had to rely on my peers to accomplish the task of teaching lessons daily. I strongly believe that being a part of Cubby Preschool affected my life positively and was the basis of inspiration for my career goal of becoming a pediatrician. Cubby Preschool is truly a one of a kind program, as many of my peers at Pacific University never had the same program at their respective high schools, and because of this, I feel so fortunate to have been a part of the Cubby Preschool program.



Student from 9-12th grades pose on a recent visit to Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR.

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL OPTIONS IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Majalise Tolan, Secondary Teaching & Learning Administrator



Waldport Irish Forestry Program students attended the Pacific Logging Congress: Live in the Woods Show. This is a unique opportunity for students to actively engage in the forest and see STEM in action. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to see high tech equipment from around the world actively working in the OSU forest. This is Career and Technical Education in Action! (Oregon Forest Resources Institute)



Toledo Junior / Senior High School students have the opportunity to attend school on a beautiful campus and have used construction skills learned in the CTE programs to build some of the CTE buildings and structures. Recently, they worked with the Toledo Boomer Booster Club to build a deck around the new concession trailer. Thank you to Boosters for their financial support and the Boomers for their hard work!



Sea Grant funded a program that paired high school and community college students and their teachers with scientists at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center to conduct research on the Pacific Storm. Over the course of six months, nearly 100 students have participated in eleven daylong cruises working alongside researchers as they deployed equipment, sorted samples, and collected data. Many thanks to the researchers, ship's crew, and educators who made this project a success! Ocean Literacy continues to thrive in LCSD thanks to our amazing partners and staff!



Check out the puzzle making and engraving abilities at Taft 7-12! Students are designing their own puzzles and even working on being able to make puzzles out of photographic images on the wood. This laser machine was purchased through an Oregon GEAR UP grant to support a student operated business. A portion of the proceeds from this business will be for scholarships for students entering post-secondary education and career advancement in commercial design.



Did you know that Taft 7-12 has a fully licensed CTE Culinary Program? Taft Tiger Deli is a student run business that caters events all over Lincoln County. Culinary Tigers competed in their first Iron Chef 2018 – making a crostini for any palate! Ten different crostini varieties ranging from cream cheese with raspberry compote and mint or orange zest to Mexican corn and chili avocado sauce were made during class. Voting took place with the help of willing Taft 7-12 staff. Have you had a cheesy deviled egg crostini? We have!



Newport High School is not just a high school...it is also home to Cubby Preschool! This school supports the hands on learning lab for NHS students pursuing a career pathway in child development/education. As of this year, all four LCSD areas have a preschool as part of a Child Development Program of Study with dual credit college options.

A CLOSER LOOK AT CTE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Bryan Freschi, Educator at Taft 7-12



Thank you to Lincoln City Glass Center and Kelly Howard for the Hope Floats Project! Lincoln City students are learning more about the artistic glass industry. Their project culminates with the blowing of 50 glass floats for Lincoln City Visitors and Convention Bureau and a Finders Keepers drop in January. Their art show opens Dec. 20th from 4-6 at Lincoln City Glass Center. In February, the project will include Toledo, Newport, and Waldport students thanks to Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

In the 2018-19 school year, students at Taft Middle School are able to take Robotics & Engineering and Computer Science classes as electives. Their classroom is in the newly converted loft space above the high school CTE Shop. Although sharing the wing with Noah Lambie's CTE students can be somewhat loud on occasion, we do

not mind, because middle school students at Taft 7-12 have the rare opportunity to learn to use some of the coolest tools on the planet. Embedded in the classes are lessons that require the use of 3D printers, CNC carvers, laser cutting, vinyl cutting, and poster making.



A display of all the levels of badges possible at Taft. Students are proud to earn them based on the skills and responsible use of equipment.



A student's AVID binder showing badges earned representing achievement in tech skills.

COMMUNITY PARTNER: THOMPSON'S SANITARY SERVICE

Aimee Thompson, Recycling Coordinator, Thompson's Sanitary Service

Walking through the halls of Newport Middle School, you will notice something different but might not be able to put your finger on it. Since fall 2017, Newport Middle School Green Team has been hard at work! Through the collaboration of Lincoln County School District and local waste professionals as well as Sodexo, Newport Middle School has a Green Team elective course where students can investigate and learn about not only responsible waste practices, but also sustainable living through energy and natural resource conservation. In 2017, Newport Middle School was awarded an Oregon DEQ Materials Management Grant that aided in changing the atmosphere at NMS into an environmentally conscious

learning environment and started the process to become a certified Oregon Green School.

Over the past year, with direction and class instruction from science teachers Josh Beaudry and Sean Bedell, students conducted audits of their school's waste. They collected daily school recycling. They initiated and enacted a paper towel recycling program. They educated NMS staff and peers through creative posters, assemblies, displays, and PSA videos. They have gone on a follow-the-waste field trip, attended the annual Green Schools Summit, staffed the Zero Waste Station at the Newport Marathon, and as of last spring, began composting cafeteria food waste through Thompson's Sanitary Mixed Compostables

service. Through their efforts at Newport Middle and student staffing of a waste station during breakfast and lunch, the school has diverted thousands of pounds of food waste from the landfill. This fall, the DEQ grant also funded the implementation of reusable eating utensils, which are now washed and reused by Sodexo staff instead of the one-time use utensils, which were thrown away every lunch period. Looking to the future, there is much more on the horizon for this "Green" school as they implement their ideas in the goal of becoming a model for sustainable practices and education in our community. The skills these students are learning are not only great for our environment, but also for putting well thought out plans into action with real-world application practices.



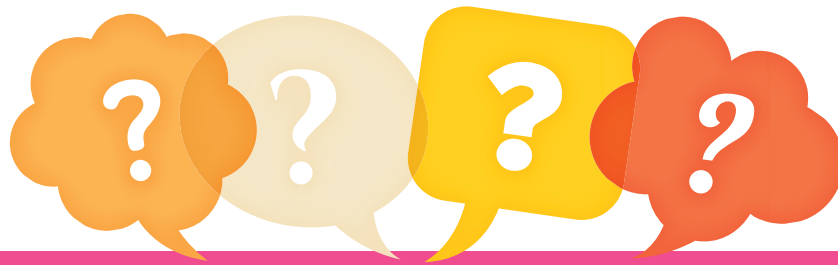
NMS students staff the Zero Waste Station at the Newport Marathon last June raising \$1,000 towards a water bottle refilling station at their school.



One of the many student-made posters lining the hallways of Newport Middle passing along the Green Team message to staff and students.



7th Grade Newport Middle Green Team student, Samantha Buczyk, doing the Green Team's daily collection of paper towels that are then composted.



RESOURCES PROVIDED FOR THOSE FACING UNSTABLE HOUSING

- Family Promise of Lincoln County**
Shelter Program
 541-614-0964 - 5030 US 101, Lincoln City
- Grace Wins Haven**
Day Center
 541-234-4639 - 437 NE First Street, Newport
- Jackson Street Youth Services**
 555 NW Jackson Ave, Corvallis
Corvallis House (10-17 year olds):
 1-541-754-2404
Next Steps Transitional Housing Program (18-20 year olds): 1-541-360-0860
Outreach: 1-541-220-2965
24-hour crisis line: 1-800-901-2904
- Lincoln City Resource Center**
 541-264-0457
 1206 SE 48th Place Lincoln City
- My Sisters' Place**
Emergency Shelter and Advocacy Office for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 541-994-5959
- Samaritan House Family Shelter**
 541-574-8898
 715 SW Bay Street, Newport
- Second Home of Lincoln County**
Housing for unaccompanied youth (16+)
 541-833-0667
- Looking for other resources:**
 Call 211 or visit 211info.org.
211 is a guide to Health and Social Services in Oregon

DID YOU KNOW?

Farm to School Grant Brings Fresh Produce from Local Farms to Our Schools

The Farm to School Grant was a non-competitive grant that all Oregon schools received if they signed up for it. This was a portion of a larger bucket of money awarded by the state and supported by USDA. Awards are based on enrollment and LCSD is one of 131 districts participating.

LCSD chose to use our Farm to Schools funds to bring local food to our breakfast and lunch program and started the Taste of Oregon snack program at Toledo Elementary. Toledo Elementary is the only elementary school not included in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFV) so this gives them the same snack style program that the other elementary programs currently receive.

Some of the items we have been able to bring to our district are:

- Local berries from Stahlbush Farms in Corvallis
- Hummus from Truitt Family Foods in Salem
- Bob's Red Mill Oats
- Mo's Clam Chowder
- Hermiston watermelon
- Radishes, pears, apples, cabbage, cucumbers, mushrooms, onions, zucchini, and squash all grown in Oregon!

Remember all breakfast, snacks, and lunch are provided to all students every day at no charge in every school!



Local berries from Stahlbush Farms in Corvallis.



Breakfast parfaits as part of no charge breakfast for all.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

- Amanda Remund, Chair**
Liz Martin, Vice Chair
Ron Beck, Director
Jenny Demaris, Director
Dave Price, Director

VISION: "Every Child, Every Day"

Important Dates

- December 4 6-7:30 pm.... Community Learning & Sharing Conversations with Dr. Karen Gray. Sam Case Elementary School
- December 11 7 pm Board Meeting. Newport High School
- December 24- January 6 NO SCHOOL- Winter Break
- January 7 School Resumes
- January 8 7 pm Board Meeting. Yaquina View Elementary School
- January 10 6 pm Community Learning & Sharing Conversations with Dr. Karen Gray. Taft Elementary School

The LCSD Compass Newsletter is a publication of the Lincoln County School District intended to inform and engage our community to support our schools. If you have any questions or suggestions with regard to content please, direct them to Kristin Bigler, LCSD Communications Specialist Kristin.bigler@lincoln.k12.or.us.