



LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPASS NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Lincoln County Community,

This is the first spring I have experienced as your Superintendent, and it seems that the year-end is just around the corner. With so much activity happening in our schools, it is hard to catch a breath! Our student talent is shining in so many ways. We had First Place State Championship wins for our Newport High School Cheerleaders and Swim Team, and Third Place State Championship for the Toledo Jr. Sr. High Boys Basketball Team. Our Taft Culinary Arts program pulled in several top awards in the SkillsUSA contest. Meanwhile, our music program in Waldport won first place for Oregon Music Education Association District 11. These are but a few of the wins our students have accomplished this year and we have more to go!

Next up, our 5th-grade students will experience Outdoor School day camps, while our 6th-grade students will experience overnight Outdoor School at any one of our gloriously situated natural spaces in the county. We will also be celebrating our seniors who are ready for

Decision Day and declaring their intentions to sign-on for college, or find promising careers through the trade skills they learned while in school.

Behind all of this talent lies our amazing staff of educators, who worked so hard this year to make our vision of Every Child, Every Day, Future Ready happen. We have AVID now, K-12 in all of our schools (this is a type of support for studying skills and organization) and, after hours of research from a team, we will roll out an adopted new reading curriculum next year, grades K-10.

Our School Board is also knee-deep in preparation for building a new strategic plan for the district. And for those who are interested, our budget is fiscally sound and has been finalized with the results to be published on our website.

I wish you all a happy Spring season and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Superintendent.

Karen F. Gray



Waldport High School student Dillon Tokar State Champion in Carpentry



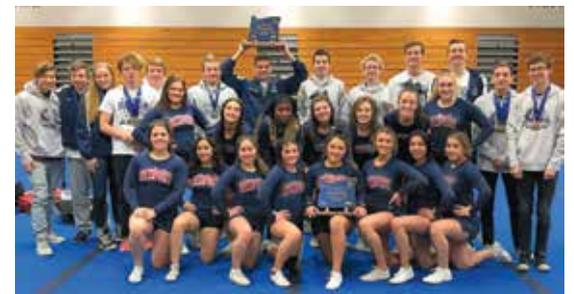
Waldport Middle and High Band Performing at Sporting Event



Mr. Pacheco's AVID Class at Taft Elementary School asking "Would You Rather?"



Toledo Jr. Sr. Boomers 3rd Place State Champion Basketball Team



Newport High 1st Place State Champion Swim Team and 1st Place State Champion Cheerleaders

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GRADITUDE – FOUR STUDENTS LOOKING BACK TO SAY THANK YOU TO MENTORS

Ben Estrada - Junior, Waldport High; Breanna Schriver - Senior, Toledo Jr. Sr. High; Micah Rosas - Senior, Newport High; Steven Bellmore - Senior, Taft 7-12



Ben with Ms. Almasi of WHS

Ben Estrada

Junior, Waldport Middle and High School

Dear Ms. Almasi, I owe a huge part of my success in science to you. You were one of the only people who I felt comfortable talking to in class when I didn't exactly understand something. You stayed after class any day I needed help, and you wouldn't leave until I was sure that I understood everything. When you taught science, you encouraged me to look further into my studies. Though science can be mildly frustrating for me sometimes, you never gave up. You pushed me to keep working and eventually you got me to really enjoy science. Science was something I was always interested in but I never really understood. You helped turn that around 180 degrees.

Now I'm doing pretty good in science because you helped create a solid foundation. I would like to thank you for taking so much time out of your day to help make sure that I was successful.

most kids and becoming a parent figure to my siblings when my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. With these struggles that I have battled through I still ended up suffering in the end, even if it was a winning situation. After everything that had happened I became scared of the world, I had severe anxiety, I was extremely depressed and unmotivated for anything. When my freshman year came around I was still not in the best shape mentally, but I met the most amazing teachers who I give all the credit for in helping me get to where I'm at right now. At first, it was Mrs. Heller, then Mr. Korber, then there was Mr. Richardson and Mr. Jordan. They were amazing people who helped me get through a lot of my problems, without them I don't think I would even be graduating this year and going to college to become a veterinary technician. There are so many more people who have helped along these treacherous years of high school as well for instance Deb Hite, Mrs. Ketchen, Mr. Wilson. I am very grateful for the help I got by the teachers I had that help me get to this point in my life.



Micah with Ms. Fox of NHS

Management and Leadership. I have already come up with a business plan and I want more than anything to see it become a reality. My advice to other seniors is to "push through" with persistence you can achieve anything you put your mind to do.



Micah with Ms. Dye of NHS

Micah Rosas

Senior, Newport High School

I am the first person in my family to have a chance to go to college. My Mom is from Mexico, my Dad was the caregiver for my Mom and sister, and so I am the first one. I have lived in Newport for 9 years but my junior year I spent in Portland. While I was there, a car hit me and I experienced a concussion. My grades went down that year. Later, I transferred back to Newport High School and I personally thank Mrs. Dye for having the idea for the counselor here at NHS to speak to the counselor up at Wilson High School to see what support they could offer me to get my grades back on track. Now, I am looking forward to attending Portland State University with 4 years of paid tuition. My parents are excited that I am able to pursue a college degree and they will not get into debt. They are living paycheck to paycheck and working two jobs. Another person who has meant a lot to me while I was attending Newport High School is Mrs. Fox. I love the book selection and must have read the most out of any other student. Mrs. Fox always runs the new titles by me. My plan is to attend PSU and major in Business



Steven with Ms. Hathaway Taft 7-12

Steven Bellmore

Senior, Taft 7-12

When I was in 7th and 8th grade I really struggled with paying attention in class. I had trouble understanding math and I would act out and end up in the hallway a lot. My grades were falling and I was behind in all my classes in 9th grade. Mrs. Tolan, the Principal at the time, realized that I just couldn't keep still and that I needed extra support so she had me go to alternative education classes with Mrs. Hathaway, who is across the field, so I got exercise and had support between classes. Right now, I am on track to graduate and I mostly like to thank Mrs. Hathaway for her part in helping me. I had ADHD and ADD and was on medication, and now I don't take any medication at all. I will be the first person in my family to graduate from the school since my sister did a GED, but I'll walk across the stage and get a diploma. My advice to anyone in school who is struggling is just to "do your work" and get it done. I heard that probably 6 to 7 times a week!

After I graduate I plan to work part-time with the Lincoln City Glassworks, the owner, Kelly Howard, let me learn to do glassworks creating HOPE floats. She said she loved my hard work and enthusiasm and offered me a part-time job.



Mr. Jordan, Breanna Schriver, Ms. Ketchen and Mr. Richardson. Back row is Mr. Wilson

Breanna Schriver

Senior, Toledo Jr. Sr. High

I have been through many struggles in life that most should never have to go through, but with those struggles, it has paved my path to be the person I am today. I have dealt with many things such as abandonment, physical and mental abuse from people who I thought I could trust, and growing up faster than

IT'S SEW AWESOME AT EDDYVILLE!

Kristin Bigler, Communications Specialist



Daisy Loomis enjoys her new skill set

New this year, students at Eddyville Charter School are going old school and reviving home-ec-type options with a spin. Teacher Debby Rariden took the initiative to connect with Three Rivers Foundation and other community members (as well as her own generosity) put together enough sewing machines, materials, thread, and related supplies to be able to offer a new sewing class to students. The idea is to let students learn to make things that will be useful such as aprons, pajamas, fixing your own pants, and even create beautiful quilts.



Ally West displays her design

One student, Daisy Loomis made a dress for the summertime and learned how to use gathering and cinching to give a more finished look. Klorice Kowitz has learned to create "Cinderella aprons" and thread a bobbin. She is working on 6"x 6" inch squares in a variety of colors to design a quilt for her current project. Another student named Jillian Johnson has created a dress, and a pair of shorts that did not quite fit – it's a learning process! Right now, she is making a quilt in class that she plans to bring with her in two years when she goes off to college to



Klorice Kowitz with quilt she plans to bring to college

pursue a degree in the medical field, "I really enjoy that I am making something that will last and will give me happy memories of my time here before I left for college. The colors make a big difference about how I feel and I want something cheerful."

It's apparent from interviewing these young ladies that they are proud of this skill that will remain with them and allow them to be creative and save money when they'd like to change up their look or fix a button on their own. Plus, it's a time to socialize and catch-up that is sometimes hard to come by.



Back row L to R: Kealy Boyd, Olivia Williams, Joe Russo, Adrianna Wagoner, Cayden Stout, Haley Callin, Bryanna Berlin, Madi Berry, Ben Petersen. Front row L to R: Ben Marshall, Julia Westbrook Ryan, Sarah Horobin



Joe Russo and Cayden Stout with their first place medals and banners; Sarah Horobin photo bombs with our Silver level CEP award for the chapter

JULIA WESTBROOK, TAFT 7-12 CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM RECOUNTS WINS AT SKILLS USA

CULINARY ARTS: 1st and 2nd place

Customer Service: 1st place

Commercial Baking: 6th place

Early Childhood Teaching: 2nd place
(a student in our ECE program)

Quiz Bowl: 3rd place

Related Technical Math: 3rd place
(a student in Lambie's Digital Design program)

We also competed in prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, restaurant service, pin design,

and t-shirt design. We received the only silver level in CEP chapter of distinction (see skillsusa.org for more on CEP). And, I was awarded Advisor of the Year for Oregon.

Other things to note: we are competing against other schools around the country—including schools that have technical programs like Sabin-Schellenburg and Salem-Keizer's C-Tech. These schools are actually grabbing students from all around their school district, not just a single school. We are always competing right up against Sabin students especially and while they kicked our behinds at commercial baking, we received top two for culinary. We've never been able to do that before.



Joe Russo giving the judges his winning dishes



The entire group of mentors and mentees at Siletz Valley Charter School

MENTORING PROGRAM PAIRS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IMPROVING ATTENDANCE, GRADES, AND SOCIAL BONDS

Tiffany Hayes, Tribal Attendance Pilot Program (TAPP) Coordinator at the Siletz Valley Charter Schools, is proud of the mentor program. "Right now, we are in our third year of this program. Our Mentor program is an elective class for our older youth and we now have 23 involved in helping a younger kid. The High School students are often surprised and proud of the difference they are making in the younger kids' lives. They are forming friendships that are stable and outside of their relatives." The goal of the program is to improve attendance but it goes beyond just that – food, activities, socializing and homework support are all included.

Mentor Kenneth Johnston, Jr. helps with the scheduling, and he said, "I like being a consistent good friend for my Mentee and I'm enjoying getting to know him." Another, Cameron Rilatos, said, "I like seeing the kids get the attention they need." Santana Hutchinson is included in the Tribal Talking Circle, an outreach of Tribal Prevention members who meet and offer one another support. He said that the Circle meetings start with a Roundy Song which extends a welcome and means that all that is said within the Circle is confidential. He has one of the toughest cases for his Mentee and he is bringing not only a role model into his Mentee's life, but also is bringing the youth into the Circle meetings of the Tribe, which lays an additional support system out for him.

Principal of Siletz Valley Charter Schools, Sam Tupou, remarked that, "I think it's a great program because she (Tiffany Hayes) pairs up solid high school students with elementary students to mentor the young students. The youth gain skills with positive role modeling, understanding the importance of learning, respect for others, building a sense of community, etc. and tying in the TAPP program with an emphasis on the importance of good attendance."



Mentors grab snacks for their buddies

Spring Verification Coming

We will have pre-printed information about your child for the upcoming school year. At conference time, we'd like parents or guardians to review the information and verify accuracy. This will help streamline the actual school registration in August for the 2019-20 school year.

A Taste of Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019? We invite any incoming kindergarten families to enjoy an Open House called, "A Taste of Kindergarten," which will allow you to meet teachers and key staff, familiarize your child with the school and enjoy some delicious food samples from our school menu. Dates and times are as follows:

Oceanlake Elementary School

Monday, May 20, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM

Crestview Heights Elementary School

Monday, May 13 and Monday, May 20, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Toledo Elementary School

Monday, May 13 and Monday, May 20, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Yaquina View Elementary

Monday, May 13 and Monday, May 20, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

All kindergarten students will receive a "Welcome to LCSD" gift bag!



Free Summer LIFT Program

Will your child be starting kindergarten in the Fall? Help them prepare by enrolling in the LCSD Summer LIFT program. The program runs July 22 – August 15, Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 12 PM. The classes are led by kindergarten teachers at your local elementary school. Questions? Call 541-270-2456.

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Important Dates

April 24 Evening Conferences

April 25 Conferences Day/Evening (no school)

April 26 No School

April 30 Parent Support Session on Bullying with Dr. Karen Gray, Yaquina View

May 14 School Board Regular Session

May 24 Professional Development (no school)

May 27 Memorial Day Holiday, (no school)

June 7 Seniors Last Day

June 8 High School Graduation

June 11 School Board Regular Session

June 13 All Students Last Day (1/2 day, stay through lunch)

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