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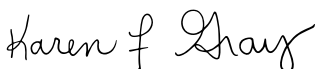
SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear LCSD students, families, and community members,

We have had such a rewarding time being able to engage with our schools pretty much back to “normal” and it’s hard to believe but we are entering the last few weeks of the 21-22 school year. Many of our students are wrapping up their classes, playing spring sports, getting ready for graduation and Decision Days (seniors tell everyone where they are going after graduation), prom, athletes have signed with colleges and our kindergartens are hosting “Taste of Kindergarten” events for next year’s incoming students. Where in the world did this year go?

I just wanted to express my gratitude for the ongoing community support and effective feedback we have received from you as we work together to create an even stronger and more dynamic school community-one that is open and welcoming for all students and families. Our diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging work is coming along well and we continue to thrive and grow academically. Together, we will continue to learn more and challenge ourselves to celebrate every child, every day, helping them to become future ready and able to reach their dreams.

All the best,



Karen Gray, Superintendent



Summer LIFT Program for All Kids Entering Kindergarten!

Get Ready for Kindergarten!
Enr children who will turn 5 by 9/1/22
Busing & Meals provided

Will your child be five by 9/1/22 and entering kindergarten in the fall?

Help them prepare by enrolling in the Free LCSD Summer LIFT program. The LIFT summer program runs from August 1st – August 19th, Mon-Fri, 8:30 – 12:30. The classes are led by LCSD teachers and will take place at a local elementary school in your area. Bus Transportation and meals are available.

To Enroll please complete an online LIFT application form: <https://forms.gle/ejvMZC8UYXr9Pxrz8>

Applications are due by June 3rd. Families will be contacted by June 17th about their child's enrollment status.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR ALL

Bryan Freschi, Education Technology Coordinator

Students in all four Lincoln County School District high schools are immersed in Computer Science learning this year, after the launch of our district-wide Computer Science For All (CSForALL) initiative. Read more to find out what Computer Science really means and why it is important for our students, see what is happening in our CS classrooms, and learn about plans for the future.

What is CS?

The term Computer Science (CS) is often misinterpreted as the study of how computer hardware works. In reality, computer science refers to a much broader scope that has more to do with how humans use computer software to solve problems. Instead of microchips and wires, think about computer programs that allow us to file taxes from home, the system that your hospital uses to securely transmit records to your pharmacy, or the new ways that we connect with friends and family through social media apps. These systems are built by computer scientists! In our modern society, nearly every single field of work utilizes computers to improve its systems. Regardless of what a student's career goal may be, you can be sure that an understanding of computer science will be a



CS students at Newport High School demonstrate a game that they created in a storyboarding activity included in the Exploring Computer Science curriculum. Teacher Corrina Hargett checks in with another group in the background.

requirement. That is why Lincoln County School District is investing in Computer Science For ALL.

Exploring Computer Science Curriculum – An Intro to Computer Science

In the Fall of 2021, one teacher from each of our LCSD high schools offered an Intro to Computer Science class which they navigated using the Exploring Computer Science curriculum. The goals of the CS initiative include expanding access and exposure to CS concepts to the traditionally underrepresented populations (in this case, females and people of color), and the ECS curriculum is designed to do just that. Students are engaged in 6 broad units over the course of a year: Human-computer interaction, problem-solving, web design, programming, computer & data analysis, and robotics. The class is meant for all students, no matter what their future aspirations may be.

Opportunities

Students that complete the Intro to CS class can choose to deepen their understanding of Computer Science by enrolling in AP Computer Science Principles (offered at 3 of our high schools). LCSD is working closely with Oregon Coast Community College to align courses so that students can acquire college credit or even enroll in both schools simultaneously to work toward an associate's degree in Computer Science from OCCC while they are still in high school!

STEMHub

The Oregon Coast STEMHub has been an important partner in funding professional development for our



Teacher Andy Bedingfield watches CS students controlling a robot that they programmed using their Chromebooks in Unit six of the Exploring Computer Science curriculum.

teachers, counselors, and administrators, as well as providing connections to other people in the state that are helping guide the work. The launch of CS for All in LCSD would not have been possible without our partnership with STEMHub Director Cynthia Resindez and Oregon State CS Instructor Jill Hubbard.

What's Next?

During the Spring term over 80 students across the district (40% POC, 25% Female) were enrolled in the Intro and AP Computer Science classes. With lots of momentum from our teachers, counselors, administrators, and district leadership, we are expecting to expand that number in our high schools next year, and increase the diversity among our CS students.

While we have had huge improvements in access to computer science at the high school level over the last two years, there is still more to come! Convening in the Fall of 2022 will be the first-ever Lincoln County School District CS Team! The focus of this team will be to integrate computer science concepts into every grade level, and for every student. Our vision is that every student graduates with the computer science skills and knowledge needed to thrive in our modern society.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL SENDS DELEGATES TO FLORIDA FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES

NHS will be representing the State of Oregon at the Special Olympics USA Games this June. Students Lillibelle and Annabeth Bassingthwaite are part of the Youth Leadership Experience with NHS Teacher Jill Sellers and Harley Lyberis is on the Athletic Team. The group will be flying out of Hillsboro with the support of Peyton Manning and the Special Olympics Airlift. Please visit the fundraising pages if you would like to support our delegates!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEb8NhJZxSw>

<https://support.soor.org/team/414074>

<https://support.soor.org/fundraiser/3773400>



Lillibelle and Annabeth Bassingthwaite, Harley Lyberis, and NHS Teacher Jill Sellers.

LEADERSHIP GATHERING FOR LCSD VISION OF EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, FUTURE READY — THANK YOU TO OUR ATTENDEES

Kristin Bigler, Communications Coordinator, LCSD

On, Thursday, April 28, 2022, the Lincoln County School District Board invited select leaders and visionaries in the county to join in hearing a presentation of the LCSD strategic plan and join in table top discussions of how to boost student and District support systems. Thank you for coming!

Dick Anderson, Senator
 Anne Armstrong, OMSI
 Kristin Bigler, LCSD Communications
 Rod Cross, Toledo Mayor
 Dietmar Goebel, Newport City Councilor
 David Gomberg, Oregon State Rep
 Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent
 Jason Holland, Coast Arts
 Kaety Jacobson, Commissioner
 Laura Kimberly, Newport Library
 Jayme Kirchem, Waldport City Council
 Lisa Lipton, Executive Director NSO
 Liz Martin, LCSD Board
 Senitila McKinley, LCSD Board
 Kerry Morgan, Oregon Coast Aquarium
 Spencer Nebel, Newport City Manager
 John O'Brien, Harbor Commissioner
 Leslie Ogden, Samaritan
 Dave Price, OCCC
 Mike Rawles, LCSD Board

Birgitte Ryslinge, OCCC President
 Debbie Scacco, Port of Toledo
 Paul Schuytema, Economic Development
 Kathy Short, Depoe Bay Mayor
 Eddie Symington, LCSD Admin. Asst.
 Susan VanLiew, Asst. Superintendent
 Peter Vince, LCSD Board
 Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City Mayor
 Toby Winn, Neighbors for Kids



Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent of LCSD, and Representative David Gomberg Share Ideas for LCSD.



Board Member for Zone 5 Senitila McKinley Welcomes Attendees with Music and Song.



Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent, and LCSD Board Chair Liz Martin present Strategic Goals at Leadership Gathering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW GROW YOUR OWN GRADUATE ASHLEE CONTE!

Kristin Bigler, Communications Coordinator, LCSD

Ashlee Conte, who works at Oceanlake as a substitute teacher, shared this heartfelt announcement, "I finally graduated on Saturday with my BA in Psychology! Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the GYO (Grow Your Own) program last year. It was the push I needed to be able to finish what I started

years ago. My family was able to be with me, including my two daughters. The GYO program gave me the ability to teach them a valuable lesson about working hard and dedicating yourself to achieving your dreams.

Here are a couple of pictures of my weekend with my dad, grandma, and daughters.

If you are interested in our Grow Your Own opportunities for our staff, please check out the staff section of our website or contact Tiana Tucker at tiana.tucker@lincoln.k12.or.us



Ashlee Conte (Flores) with November Conte, class of 2031.



Cambria Conte, class of 2033.



Felipe Flores, Ashlee Conte (Flores), and Josephine Flores.