

# La Grande Pride

**Love, Care, Serve**

La Grande High School, La Grande Middle School,  
Central Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Island City Elementary



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Board Meetings:

September 11, 2019

October 9, 2019

November 20, 2019

All are on Wednesdays at  
7:00 p.m., District Office  
Conference room

### La Grande Middle School

School Pictures are scheduled for  
Thursday, September 12th. Retakes  
will be Friday, October 18th. Picture  
packets will be available in the  
school office and students will be  
given a packet in advisory.

### Greenwood Elementary

Picture/Screening Day  
Sept. 3rd, all school day

### Central Elementary

Open House - September 10  
5-5:30 Kindergarten/1st grade  
5:35-6:05 2nd/3rd grade  
6:10-6:40 4th/5th grade  
6:40-7:00 wrap up in the  
resource fair  
Pictures - Sept. 18  
Hearing screening - Sept. 19  
Vision screening - Sept. 26

### Island City Elementary

Sept 13 - Vision Screenings  
Sept 17 - Co-ed Volleyball begins  
(4th & 5th grades)  
Sept 17 - Fiddle Club Parent Meet-  
ing 6:00-8:00  
Sept 25-27 - Dental Screenings  
and Sealants  
Sept 27 - PICTURE DAY

## WELCOME NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

# Monica West serves Central and Middle School

By Trish Yerges

The La Grande School District welcomes Monica West as the new assistant principal at Central Elementary and LG Middle School this year.

She and her husband, George, relocated to Union County from the Olympia, Washington school district in July, and she started her new position with the LGSD in early August. She comes to the district with solid teaching and administration credentials and 25 years in public education.

"I went to the college of Idaho and got a bachelor of science and biology degree, then I moved to Washington State where I got my teaching endorsement," she said. "Then I went to the University of Portland and got a masters of educational leadership, followed by Seattle Pacific University, where I got my administrative credentials in 2003."

She has spent 25 years in the Olympia Washington district that has a student population of 10,000.



West

"During the last seven years, I was a principal of an elementary school and prior to that I was an assistant principal at our middle school. Before that I was the K-12 math instructional specialist for the district and I also taught middle school and high school math and science."

Like many high school students, West said she was inspired by one of her own teachers, who interested her in public education. "I had a really great high school biology teacher who got me excited about biology and teaching, so that's how I got started," she said.

The Wests are parents of two children who are currently attending school at Oregon State, Corvallis.

"Our son is a mechanical engineer and our daughter is a finance and business major," she said.

West is a graduate of Ontario High School and always liked Eastern Oregon, so returning to a drier geographic area was very appealing to her. "I just wanted to be back in

Eastern Oregon. I saw the job and was just excited for the opportunity," she said.

For the past three years, she said she had been in construction projects in her building in Olympia, and she was looking for something a little different. When she saw the opening for a half-time elementary/middle school assistant principal, she thought she would apply.

"I'll have about 1,000 kids and over 100 staff members in both buildings," West said. "It will be fun."

Compared to her last post in the Olympia Washington district, West said she will definitely have a greater student population here to care for, and two buildings instead of the one in Olympia. Overall, it is a step-up in responsibility, but she is looking forward to it.

"For right now, I will spend mornings at Central and afternoons at the Middle School," she said. "I'm excited to be on board and to get to meet all the families and students and see what I can do to help them be successful in whatever way that means for each family and student."

## The word on Enrollment...enrollment numbers as of September 4, 2019

Central Elementary  
471 students

Greenwood Elementary  
295 students

Island City Elementary  
295 students

Middle School  
574 students

High School  
703 students

Total Elementary  
Enrollment 1,072 students  
LGSD Total Enrollment  
2,369 students

