

PCC Starts “New Directions” Program in St. Helens

Portland Community College will start a free, four-credit program called New Directions this spring in St. Helens. New Directions is a cohort of classes geared toward women wanting to return to college.

Orientations for the class will be held on the PCC Rock Creek Campus (17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, 97229) Tuesday, March 8, from 6 to 8pm in Women’s Resource Center (building2/room 103). Additionally, Rock Creek Women’s Resource Center Coordinator Kristen Martin is able to come to Columbia County to meet with prospective students. Classes begin March 28 and go through mid June.

New Directions, a successful program on all PCC campuses, has been recommended for single parents,


displaced homemakers, bicultural/bilingual students and students experiencing significant life transitions. They can be new or returning students, prospective students who are struggling academically or socially, women who need direction and comprehensive career planning, and women who want or need support in beginning or continuing their studies.

The program includes four tuition-free credits, paid public transportation to class, financial help with childcare in order to attend class, all class supplies, a supportive learning community, individual counseling and advising, and the opportunity to work directly with New Directions Student Mentors who have already graduated the program. Classes include college

success and survival, career planning and exploration, values clarification, and job/internship finding skills. Graduates have gone on to win 11 Ford Scholarships in the last two years, 25 PCC Foundation Scholarships last year, two PSU Diversity Scholarships in 2010, and many others.

New Directions is the most recent piece in an ongoing effort by PCC to enhance services to Columbia County residents. PCC consistently holds four classes per term in Scappoose and St. Helens, as well as ongoing GED testing through MTC Works and collaboration with the business community to provide training for businesses, employees and displaced workers.

Fri, March 18th
Taco Feed
 5-7pm
VHS
GYM



Donkey Basketball
 7 pm

VHS Senior Trip Fundraiser
March 19, 10:00 - 4:00
Schwan’s Block Party
 in front of the school



Stop by and purchase any Schwan’s frozen foods right from the truck!

Students will be taking pre-orders starting March 1st for pizzas to be picked up at the Block Party

Schwan’s

A percentage of all sales help support this year’s Senior Class Trip

Entry submissions: Deliver to the district office, or submit electronically to bcarr@vernonia.k12.or.us. Participation is limited to people who live and/or work within the Vernonia School District community.

VRSC
 VERNONIA RURAL SUSTAINABILITY CENTER

WHAT is the VRSC?
 The VRSC is a building and program that will help tie sustainable science and natural resource education with community service learning projects to positively impact student achievement in the Vernonia School District, as well as impact local community issues and needs.

logo contest
 prize to the talented winner

Entries must be submitted to the District Office by **March 31st @ 4:28pm**



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Vernonia Students of the Month

February 2011


Kate Frederiksen, Grade 4



Kate is known as a responsible student who always does an excellent job on her school work. She gets along well with others, is exceptionally honest and makes good choices. According to her teachers, “...an all around awesome girl!”

Kate says her favorite subjects in school are Math and Physical Education. When not in school Kate enjoys swimming, learning to play the guitar, and reading.


Marley Bower, Grade 8



Marley’s teachers say she is a great addition to the 8th grade class. She is friendly, courteous and polite to everyone. She always delivers great work in school, putting forth her best effort and paying attention to detail, even on the smallest assignments. She is very artistic and is a talented creative writer.

Marley participates in Track and her favorite subjects are English and Art. She is very interested in the environment and loves animals. Her hobbies are reading, drawing, hiking, and biking.

Charlette Burghard, Grade 9



Charlette has excelled as both an athlete and a student all year. During the recent snowstorm at the end of February she even emailed assignments to Mr. Baker! Charlette says her favorite subject is band—she just loves to play her flute, and her favorite teachers are Mr. Baker and Ms. Bell because they are always happy!

Charlette ran Cross Country and plans to run Track this year. She had a role in the Vernonia Community Theater production this past year, is participating in a hip hop dance class and also loves rock climbing.

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