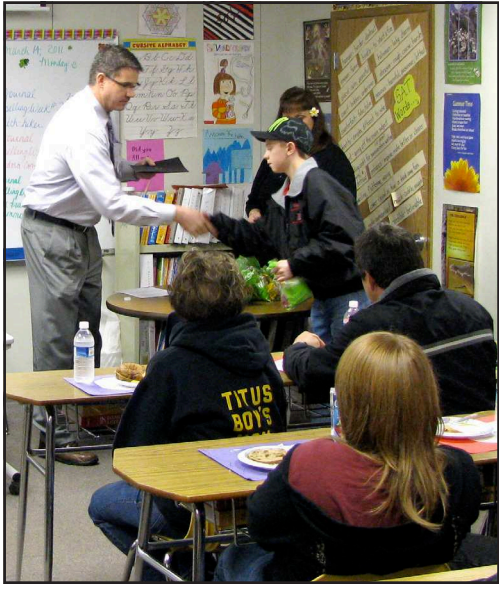


## VMS Student of the Month Breakfast



A handful of Vernonia Middle School students have been the recipients of a special treat each quarter for the past two years.

Students who have been chosen as "VMS Students of the Month" have been rewarded with a breakfast served before the school day. Students are allowed to invite their parents and also receive a certificate and a bag of treats from Principal Underwood and VMS teacher Mrs. Campbell.

The program is the brainchild of Campbell, who says the program seems to be infectious. "The kids want to know who is going to be Student of the Month, and 'Why didn't I make

Student of the Month?'" says Campbell. "The kids all know about it and talk about it. It 's a self motivating thing and they're excited about it."

Campbell organizes the event each time and secretary Patty Fetherston provides her famous, home baked Strata.

Campbell says VMS teachers meets quarterly and chose three students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades classes; two outstanding students and one most improved student, for a total of nine students. One teacher writes a paragraph about each student about why that student was chosen, which is read during the breakfast.

"I nominated this young lady because she has shown an amazing amount of growth and maturity in the past few months. I have watched her work hard and keep herself organized and on task. She is developing a great work ethic. She also has enough energy, enthusiasm and imagination for ten students, all rolled up into one. She is a very intelligent young lady who has a love for life. This student works hard and it shows in the work she produces. I think she is a sweet young lady who has an infectious personality. She is definitely a joy to teach," read one teacher's statement about a recent selection, Cassidy Whitton.

## Vernonia Students Help With Tree Planting



*Vernonia High School senior, Michael Miller, recently led Fourth Graders from Washington Grade School on a field trip to plant trees. Miller led the trip as part of his Senior Career Related Learning Experience. The trip included tree plantings as part of a Riparian Restoration Project through the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council. Students from the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Program at VHS assisted Miller as they educated Mrs. Richmond's class about the benefits of replanting trees in riparian zones.*



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