

PTA PRESS EXTRA!! EXTRA!! READ ALL ABOUT IT PTA HAS NEWS AND WE WANT TO SHOUT IT!

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Out of the old school and into the new, the time to move is soon--Join your local PTA, help us out and brighten the day. We have lots of things to do, both exciting and new, come join in the fun there's so much to be done! Why are you waiting? Please stop hesitating, no need to wait, just pick up the phone, or stop by the school. We have applications for you! No need to worry, just hurry!! Become part of Vernonia Community PTA today.

The VCPTA is a group of teachers, parents, students and community members that seek overall greatness for

our children in the Vernonia School District. We are not a school specific PTA. For the last 9 years VCPTA has held many community events and fundraisers. We have been able to provide things for Vernonia's children, such as a new playground to the WGS, a rock wall to the new school, financial assistance to K-12 grades for things such as field trips, teacher and student supplies, a senior scholarship, printers, pencil sharpeners, digital cameras and much more!

A future goal of our VCPTA is to continue to help students. We hope to offer a variety of ways to encourage students to make the very best of their school careers. We value community and member input. And we hope you will

join us with fresh new ideas.

Our upcoming events include....

- Read-a-thon (for WGS students)
- "Take Your Family to School Week" February, 13-17
- Join us for bedtime stories, Wednesday, Feb.15 at WGS 7pm-8pm. Come in your PJs, enjoy 4 different stories and some delicious cookies with milk.
- Valentine Candy Grams
- School Carnival October 20th, 2012 in the NEW SCHOOL

With so much more to come, please follow us in your local issue of *Vernonia's Voice* or in the WGS newsletter "Chalk Talk".

Our next Vernonia Community PTA meeting will be March, 15th, 7pm in the WGS library.

Our first Carnival Committee Meeting is scheduled for February, 22nd, 7pm in the WGS library.

Any and all interested in helping out with the planning and organizing of our carnival are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a PTA member to help out with this event.

We are proud to still be here, and to continue to serve our communities' children, we would love to have more helping hands to do more great works!

Thank you for your continued support.

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Several other Loggers have a chance to place and add points to the Loggers total as they look to bring the District Team Championship back to Vernonia.

"If we qualify enough wrestlers for the State Tournament I think we have a real chance to compete for a State Title this year," says coach Wolf.

Leading up to the District Tournament, the Loggers finished 10th out of 16 teams at the very competitive Pacific Rim Tournament in Seaside on January 20-21. Highlights for the Loggers included first place tournament finishes for Jacob Stevens in an epic

overtime battle at 182 and Brett Benes who won the tournament with a great pin at 195. Also placing for the Loggers was Joe Benes--2nd at 160, Dawson Shay--4th at 170, Jake Barnes--6th at 170, Kristian Wredstroem--7th at 182, Ty Talantov--8th at 126, and Mikol Pihl--8th at 160.

On January 26 the Loggers hosted Knappa and Nestucca on senior night. The home crowd had a chance to honor and say goodbye to a great class of wrestlers, including Jake Barnes, Joe Benes, Brett Benes, Dillon Dethlefs, Shylo Dooley, Quin Johansen, Jacob

Levenseller, Samantha Morgan, Jacob Stevens, Ty Talantov, and Kristian Wredstroem.

Vernonia defeated Nestucca 54-24 and Knappa 48-24 in dual meets. Highlights of the evenings matches including a last second win by freshman Damian Young against Knappa at 126, a great victory pin by Quin Johansen against Nestucca at 145, along with some decisive victories by Joe Benes, Barnes, Stevens, and Brett Benes.

On January 28, Sammy Morgan participated in the Women's State Tournament where she took 3rd place.

On February 1st the Loggers faced off against Monroe in a dual meet. The meet ended in a tie 33-33, with Vernonia losing on a tie-breaker.

On February 4th Vernonia traveled to the Scappoose Invitational for a series of dual meets, losing to 3A Sheridan 21-36 and 4A Scappoose 72-6 before defeating 4A Astoria 24-18.

On February 8th the Loggers lost to district rival Central Linn and defeated Nestucca in their final dual matches before the all-important District Tournament.

Boosters Buzz

Basketball--The Booster's Youth Basketball held their annual "Kick off the Season" tournament on Saturday, January 7th here in Vernonia. Both boys and girls 5th/6th grade teams participated as well as some Banks and Forest Grove teams--there were 13 teams total. Vernonia's 5th/6th grade boys team took home 1st place on the boys side and Banks took home 1st place for the girls side. The tournament was a great success and on behalf of the Basketball Board, we'd like to thank all of our many volunteer's that helped to put on this tournament! A special thank you from the Boosters to Amanda Wolf for all her extra work in organizing the tournament.

Ball Sign-ups--T-ball, Baseball and

Softball Sign-Ups, are February 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Washington Grade School Library. For more information contact: T-ball--Maria Lemay, 503-429-1067; Baseball--Brooke Morrison, 503-726-8427; Softball--Katie Poetter, 503-429-0700.

Timbers Soccer Tickets--The Vernonia Soccer Club has tickets available again this year for a Portland Timbers game. The game is on August 25th and the Timbers will be playing their Pacific NW rivals, the Vancouver Whitecaps. Vernonia Soccer has 26 tickets available for \$28 each (sideline seating). This is \$14 off the regular price. They can also get more tickets for \$35 each in the Timbers Army section. Please contact Mark Lemay at mrlemay@yahoo.com if you are interested.



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Vernonia Students of the Month

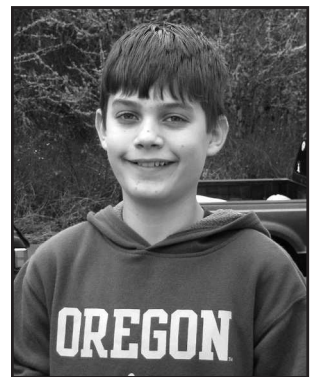
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Megan Zavales, Grade 1

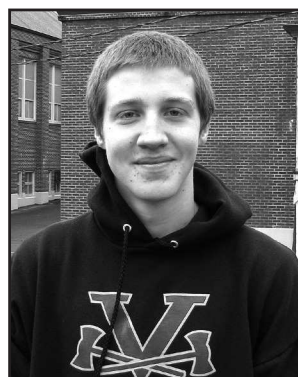
Megan is responsible and respectful and her teacher says she works hard in class and is always willing to help other students. Megan says she enjoys reading and music. Megan is in Girl Scouts and says she enjoys helping take care of her family's goats and dogs.

Tristan Adams, Grade 7



Tristan is a terrific young man. He is self motivated, he works hard on his assignments and hands in quality work. He gets all of his assignments done and done on time. He is a role model for others to follow and is an A student. He is also well liked by his peers. "I predict with qualities like this, he will definitely make something of himself," says teacher Malin Campbell. Tristan says he likes his Language Arts class. Tristan plays basketball and baseball and he plays in the Middle School band.

Alex Lembke, Grade 12



Alex is a foreign exchange student from Hamburg, Germany and is living with Cathy and Reggie Ward. Instructor Brad Baker says Alex is a hard worker in Personal Finance and Advanced Conditioning where he obtained the highest grade in the class. Alex works hard, always has a good attitude, and a good sense of humor. Alex says he enjoys studying US History, English and Geography. He ran cross country, plays basketball and plans to compete in track and field.