

Goodbye

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Thank you to the Vernonia Community for letting me stay in Vernonia. Thank you to my host families the Scheuermans and the Shipleys for giving me a great opportunity and an amazing experience. Even though this is a small town, I still had fun here and met a lot of interesting people.

~Julie Zhuldyz

Thank you to my host family, the Rethwills, for making me a part of your family and making me smile. Also, thank you to the community, Vernonia High School and all the teachers. And to Cathy Ward for making it possible to come to the USA.

~Ya Ya Denysenko

2012 Presidential Scholars

(3.5 and above Cumulative GPA)

Kelly Smith	Natalie Wallace
Katie Ellington	Sicity Scott
Alyssa Loggins	Christopher Dass
Joshua Butcher	Jacob Bringman
Daniel Shaw	Brandon Krause
Crystal-Ann Carreaon	Quinlan Johansen

2011-12 Principal's Sports Awards

Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award

Natalie Wallace
Joe Benes

Albert Brunzman Memorial Award (Athletic Sportsmanship)

Quin Johansen

Most Inspirational Underclassman

Meghan Sullivan

Terry Smith Memorial

(Most inspirational Senior Athlete)

Pavel Jiranek

Outstanding Athlete

Austin Cutright

Spring Sports Awards

Baseball

Josh Butcher
Chris Dass
Jake Titus
Joe Benes
Tim Jennings
Bo Clark
Jackson Miller

MVP, 1st Team All-League
Most Inspirational
1st Tam All-League
2nd Team All-League
Honorable Mention All-League
Honorable Mention All-League
Honorable Mention All-League

Softball

Stephanie Castro
Kelsey Brown
Melissa Charbonneau
Samantha Wallace
Riplee Burch
Natalie Wallace

Most Valuable, 2nd Team All-League
Most Inspirational, 2nd Team All-League
Most Improved
1st Team All -League
1st Team All-League
2nd Team All-League

Track and Field

Nicoló Casale
Meghan Sullivan
Nathan Fleck
Samantha Lindauer
Quin Johansen
Lucy Cheramy

Most Valuable Male
Most Valuable Female
Most Inspirational Male
Most Inspirational Female
Most Improved Male
Most Improved Female

Equestrian

Brett Benes
Chrissy Garrison
Makayla McCord

Most Valuable
Most Inspirational
Most Inspirational

Student and Parent Concerns

By Dr. Ken Cox
VSD Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Vernonia School District it is my responsibility to look out after the education of each of your children. I believe that we have excellent staff members who care a great deal about every student. I also know from personal experience in the classroom, that we, as teachers must treat each student a little differently, otherwise we would not be able to help them grow as individuals. Every one of us has personal strengths and weaknesses, whether we are teachers or parents. It is my job to help our staff grow as well as our students, and in order to do that I need feedback from you as parents.

I would encourage any student or parent who feels that there is any kind of issue developing at school for their child to contact us. I ask that you address the issue at the lowest possible level with those closest to the problem, because they are also most likely to be best able to find a solution. If you have a concern about your child's grades or the way your student is being treated in a classroom, please contact the teacher directly, either by email or phone. If you do not hear back from the teacher within

48 hours please feel free to share your concerns with the building administrator. This same guideline applies to concerns that you might raise with a building administrator, once you have contacted them about a concern and you have not been contacted or the issue has not been resolved within 48 hours (or at most a week), please feel free to contact me at ken.cox@vernonia.k12.or.us or 503-429-5891 and share your concerns. I am fairly busy at this time of year, but I am never too busy to meet with a parent or concerned citizen.

My greatest concern is that some issues have not been mentioned because it wasn't that big a deal at the time, and then it happens again, and pretty soon it has become a big deal that should have been addressed much sooner. Please let me know if you have a concern about our schools before it gets to be a big deal. I am here, and I am willing to listen.

When someone takes the time to come and visit with me, I take the time to listen. I usually take some notes and may even ask some questions to make sure I understand the situation. I do not try to defend anyone, I am gathering information. I will take a phone number where I can contact them and then I talk to those staff involved to gather more information. I am here to help resolve

situations, and to improve relationships wherever possible. If I find a problem I will do all I can to ensure that it is rectified and dealt with within according to district policy and guidelines.

Once again, if you have a concern, please share it with me either

by email, phone, or by scheduling an appointment, and I will address it. I would also point out that I am human, and if you feel I have not addressed your concern appropriately, or have not gotten back to you, please let me know that too.

Vernonia Students of the Month

May 2012

Lily Cox, Grade 3



Lily's teacher says she is a good listener and follows all of the 4 Be's consistently. She has a great sense of humor and if there is a special job that need to be done, Lily is someone who can do it. Lily says her favorite part of school is Library and Physical Education. She is involved in Girl Scouts and she plays soccer. Lily says she likes to read books and draw. She also helps at home caring for 4 dogs, 3 cats, 2 gerbils, lots of chickens, 2 ducks and 2 fish.

Cassidy Whitton, Grade 7



Cassidy is known as a student who always does her best no matter what the subject or task. She offers assistance to teachers, helps out her fellow classmates no matter who they are and doesn't put others down. Cassidy is not only well liked, but well respected by her peers. "When I think of Cassidy Whitton," says one of her teachers, "the one word that comes to mind is 'integrity.'" Cassidy says her favorite subject is Social Studies. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball, plays clarinet in the school band and she will be in Leadership next year. She volunteers occasionally at the Made in Vernonia store. She also makes jewelry which is for sale at Made in Vernonia.

Brandon Krause, Grade 12



Brandon is an excellent student who was just named a Principal Scholar for finishing his high school education with a 3.7 GPA. He was also just inducted into the National Honor Society. Brandon was part of the Vernonia Robotics Team which competed for the first time this past year. He played the euphonium in the State Championship High School Band. Last summer he volunteered with the Vernonia Summer Meals Program. This past year Brandon completed the Pharmacy Technician Program and next year he plans to attend PCC and study Pharmacy. In his spare time he fixes computers, plays video games and recently got a drum kit

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