

Loggerbots Host Open House



The Vernonia Loggerbots hosted an Open House on February 15th. The Loggerbots are preparing to compete for the third year in the FIRST Robotics regional competition. Last year the Vernonia team finished a very surprising 3rd out of 59 teams. The Loggerbots invited the community to see their newest creation as they were putting on the final touches, as well as their robots from the past two years. They also demonstrated their newest acquisition, a 3D printer. They showed video of their team from the competition last year, as well as a video that showed this

year's challenge. Team member Kaitlyn Eyrrick acted as MC and directed visitors to different areas of interest as well as narrating the video. Other members of the team demonstrated the older robots, were available to answer questions and worked with project mentors as they assembled and tested their newest robot.



Coins From the Kids

Folks in Vernonia are known for stepping up to help those in the community who are in need. Apparently the apple hasn't fallen too far from the tree. Justin Rice (right) deposited coins in the "Coins from the Kids" jar located in each classroom at the Vernonia School. The coin drive program has been set up to assist School Councilor David Spackman with expenses he will incur during upcoming liver transplant surgery. Spackman, his wife Sonia and dog Teddy Bear, a therapy dog at the school and student favorite, will all have extra expenses as they travel to California and spend as much as six weeks during recovery. When the coins were collected two week ago for the first time, over \$1,100 was deposited on behalf of the Spackmans. "Coins from the Kids" is continuing in Vernonia School classrooms.



Schools Update ~ Town Hall Meeting

By Dr. Ken Cox

The Vernonia School District will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday February 25th. We will be meeting in the Commons of the new schools at 7:00 PM. The topics for the meeting are the district's shop program, our future sports fields, Qualities and Qualifications of a new Superintendent and the benefits of a four day school week. A general question and answer session for public input will also be included.

Hopefully you are aware that the district recently received nearly \$250,000 in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization grant. This grant will enable us to expand our career course options, add a shop building, and complete the greenhouse.

We will discuss the status of our planning for future sports fields since the Vernonia Sports Initiative, a group working under the Vernonia Education Foundation, has raised a significant amount of money toward this goal.

We will discuss establishing a

task force to examine the benefits of a four day school week and the feasibility of implementing it next year.

As you may have heard, I have notified the School Board that I will not be renewing my contract when it ends on June 30th. The School Board has initiated an internal search for a replacement and are asking for public input on qualities and qualifications the community would like to see in potential candidates.

Finally, we will be looking for input from the community on not only these issues but any other concerns that you would like to bring to our attention. We will be looking for input on the future of all aspects of the district's programs and need your help in making sure your children's needs are being met. On a personal level, I am looking for feedback from the community on how we could do better and the areas you see us needing to improve the most.

Please come and join us at 7:00 PM on the 25th at the new school. Come and make your voice heard, live and in person! I promise you that you will be heard!

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Go Further

BENEFITING: Vernonia Boys Basketball
DATE AND TIME: March 15 from 8-5
LOCATION: Vernonia High School Parking Lot

VHS Alumni Basketball Game
Sat. March 15th 6:00PM



Boys & Girls Varsity
vs.
Alumni

6 pm Women Alumni vs. VHS Varsity
7 pm Men Alumni vs. Men Alumni
8 pm Men Alumni vs. VHS Varsity

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