

Cox Ends Tenure *continued from front page*

worked with architects to develop a cost effective new building that is designed to be Leeds Platinum certified. He also oversaw the remodeling of the new District Office.

Cox helped create a Natural Resources curriculum, changing the way natural science is taught in all the schools. The program features Forestry Studies and teaches students about the natural environment that surrounds the Vernonia community.

In August of 2012 Cox was center stage for the grand opening of the new Vernonia Schools campus, proudly sharing the lectern that day with Kulongoski, US Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, US Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Oregon State Senator Betsy Johnson, and others. "There were a lot of people who never thought this day would come," said Cox at the grand opening ceremony. "I was reminded this past week of someone who said it was just a dream. Ladies and gentleman, behold the dream!"

Following the opening of the new school Cox directed the deconstruction of the old school campus as well as the start of the construction of

the new Spencer Park at the old school site.

In May of 2013, with the Vernonia School District facing tough budget constraints, Cox agreed to retire from his position and was then immediately re-hired at half time, saving the District thousands of dollars in benefits and salary costs.

On Thursday, June 5, 2014, in one of his final acts as Superintendent of the Vernonia School district Cox presided over the official School Dedication, as the District unveiled plaques that honor donors, others who were instrumental in the construction of the school campus and the School Board. As part of the Dedication ceremony Cox was celebrated by having the school computer lab named in his honor.

Vernonia's Voice would like to thank Dr. Kenneth Cox for his unwavering commitment to this community during some of its darkest days, for his continued personal



Dr. Ken Cox with the Vernonia School Board, school principals and office staff in front of the computer lab named in his honor.

sacrifices and for his dedication to the students, parents, faculty and staff of the Vernonia School District. We wish Dr.

Cox and his family the best of luck in their future endeavors.

SENIOR GRAD NIGHT

Thank you from the Senior Class of 2014

Neethro, Amber, Anastasia, Jean, Sarah, Emil, Brandon, Peter, Timothy, Bridget, BO, Silva, Katerina, Brooke, Sara-ive, Mariah, Julian, Jennifer, Laura, Ami, Antonio, Stephen, Alex, Romio, ACE, PAUL, Ashad, Travis, Adonis, Cole, Milcha, Hope, Austin, Hannah, Daniel



"Save the date" for the Volleyball Skills Clinic August 11, 12, & 13! Incoming 6th-9th graders

Summer Volleyball Activities

It's that time of year again for athletes to get ready for fall sports. Like we have done for the past 6 years we are offering summer conditioning and open gym volleyball for all incoming 9th - 12th grade volleyball players.

Benefits of conditioning

The ultimate goal for an athlete being in optimal physical condition is improving the quality of their athletic performance. With proper and consistent conditioning the athlete can be successful, which leads to a team that is successful. As athletes increase their strength they are also reducing the likelihood of sustaining injuries on and off the court. During these sessions we also hope that athletes develop an appreciation for physical activity, and cultivate permanent habits that they can continue to use to create a healthy lifestyle.

| Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Conditioning 9:00am - 10:30am | Conditioning 9:00am - 10:30am | Conditioning 9:00am - 10:30am |
| Open gym vball 10:30am - 12:00pm | Open gym vball 10:30am - 12:00pm | |

Schedule starts June 30th, hope to see all your athletes there!

*If you have any questions please contact:
Head Coach Teresa Williams (Certified Personal Trainer, NSCA)
@503-799-3424

Athletes can pick up a full schedule at any of the conditioning sessions.



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