

Head Start Recruiting Now

Local Head Start programs are now recruiting 3 and 4 year olds for the 2017-18 school year. A large percentage of students will be selected in June. Staff suggests that parents apply now to have their family included in the first selection.

Heads Start offers a comprehensive preschool experience free of charge to qualifying families. A developmentally appropriate classroom curriculum taught by certified teachers offers all children the opportunity to be kindergarten ready.

The program offers parents opportunities to learn and grow along with their children; receive guidance to complete medical, dental and nutritional as-

sessments; get on the job training in the early childhood field and learn about local opportunities for the whole family.

Children receive USDA approved lunch plus breakfast and/or afternoon snack on each day of class. (Head Start and USDA are both equal opportunity providers.)

For more information you may phone local centers: Vernonia/Mist area (503) 429-9243, St. Helens/Scappoose area (503) 397-4114, Clatskanie/Rainier area (503) 728-2940, Knappa/Astoria/Warrenton area (503) 861-9681.

Head Start is a Community Action agency.

PCC Columbia County Update

With spring in full bloom, the lambs at Rock Creek are gaining weight and our students are sprinting toward the finish line.

Here is an update on the many projects and commitments going on in Columbia County.

What remains at the top of the list is the PCC OMIC Training Center in Columbia County. Another legal challenge has been settled, meaning the appeal process focused on the annexation of the approximately 350-acre parcel within the city's urban growth boundary, is finished. Next comes the completion of the application package, which addresses offsite storm water and wetlands mitigation, followed by a review process. Once the subdivision master plan is approved by the City of Scappoose, PCC will move to acquire property for

construction of the PCC center near the Scappoose Industrial Airpark. The facility will be built using PCC bond funds and leveraging \$5 million in resources from the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC) appropriation in the 2016 legislative session. PCC looks forward to scheduling a groundbreaking ceremony later this year.

PCC and the Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRES D) are working together with the Columbia County School District Superintendents and regional industry partners to launch OMIC-related training at St. Helens and Scappoose High Schools this coming school year. Select college-level courses in advanced manufacturing will be offered as dual credit for high school students and standard

Schools Update: Thank You!

By Aaron Miller

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all patrons of the Vernonia School District, thank you for passing the District's bond request to move another giant step forward in putting the 2007 flood behind us.

Special thanks are also in order for Sharon Bernal and the Vernonia School Bond Committee. They spent many hours meeting with individuals and local community groups, making phone calls, mailing information and working hard to ensure our community was informed on the contents and impact of this measure. Their efforts were tireless, effective and very much appreciated.

Again, our gratitude goes out to everyone in the community for your continuing support of our staff and students to ensure our children's education is safe and stable.

Now that the bond has passed, what's next?

The actual sale of the bonds will take place in mid-July, which after lots of paperwork and red tape, will bring actual funds into the District sometime in late fall.

In the meantime the District and its Board will be setting meetings to gather input from the community to develop a master plan of priorities and timelines for implementing the projects authorized by the bond.

As funding is made available and projects are initiated, Requests for Proposals (RFP's) will be developed to obtain contractor bids. Work will begin, and we will move through the master plan as quickly as possible.

The District will work hard to share details on the progress of this work, and to spend our community's tax dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible.

As always, if you have any questions about anything happening at school, please give us a call at (503) 429-5891. Again, THANK YOU!!!

credit for late afternoon/evening classes open to adults. Courses will stack towards industry-recognized credentials, PCC degrees and certificates, and Registered Apprenticeships.

PCC and the Scappoose School District leaders are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this exciting new facilities-sharing venture.

On April 5 the NWRES D organized a meeting at Oregon Aero in Scap-

poose to explore a unique internship model created by Joni George, formerly the HR Director at Climax Manufacturing in Newberg. This meeting included Columbia County business leaders and government officials, as well as PCC staff from the PCC Foundation, Future Connect, and OMIC. The meeting was the beginning of an effort to explore options for creating paid internship opportunities for Columbia County youth.

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FORM ED-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Vernonia School District 47J will be held on June 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm at 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 as approved by the Vernonia School District 47J Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at vernonia.k12.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Aaron Miller, Superintendent Telephone: 503-429-5891 Email: amiller@vernonia.k12.or.us

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES		
	Actual Amount Last Year 2015-2016	Adopted Budget This Year 2016-2017	Approved Budget Next Year 2017-2018
Beginning Fund Balance	\$1,309,099	\$1,559,058	\$469,327
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	2,928,363	2,980,313	3,134,600
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	0	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	687,690	638,200	724,657
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	76,035	52,000	25,000
Revenue from State Sources	3,759,908	3,461,478	6,561,630
Revenue from Federal Sources	686,859	551,648	450,220
Interfund Transfers	378,010	6,254,429	4,822,038
All Other Budget Resources	1,581	6,000,000	6,800,000
Total Resources	\$9,827,545	\$21,497,126	\$22,987,472

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$3,297,716	\$3,062,659	\$3,158,317
Other Associated Payroll Costs	1,974,252	2,110,822	2,073,391
Purchased Services	1,437,688	1,513,196	2,476,927
Supplies & Materials	483,663	538,968	810,736
Capital Outlay	0	610	3,700,000
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	102,925	102,780	105,025
Debt Service*	1,350,319	7,777,112	5,741,038
Interfund Transfers*	378,010	6,300,979	4,872,038
Operating Contingency	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	0	90,000	50,000
Total Requirements	\$9,024,572	\$21,497,126	\$22,987,472

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$4,191,930	\$4,083,567	\$4,477,613
FTE	53.6267	50.45	49.99
2000 Support Services	2,740,005	2,911,568	3,824,583
FTE	18.0788	18.08	16.05
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	284,479	293,899	322,200
FTE	3.0937	3.09	3.09
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	79,828	40,000	3,700,000
FTE	0	0.00	0
5000 Other Uses	0	0	0
5100 Debt Service*	1,350,319	7,777,112	5,741,038
5200 Interfund Transfers*	378,010	6,254,429	4,822,038
6000 Contingency	0	46,551	50,000
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	0	90,000	50,000
Total Requirements	\$9,024,572	\$21,497,126	\$22,987,472
Total FTE	74.7992	71.6201	69.13

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING **

The SSF is estimated to provide a \$144,548 increase in funding. The District has obligations to its debt service and May 2017 SSF Adjustments that make it necessary to balance the budget based on the following cuts and assumptions:

- All step increases as outlined in our collective bargaining and other agreements with employees will be allowed for the 2017-18 school year.
- 1 licensed teaching position and two Instructional Assistant positions have been removed from the budget.
- Payments for the second year of a two-year forbearance on two Cool Schools Loans are not included in the budget.
- PERS increases of approximately \$165,000.

The General Fund budget includes a contingency fund and an unappropriated ending fund balance totaling \$100,000, 1.4% of the general fund budget. Ideally these funds should be at 5% of the general fund, but are set at this lower level to avoid further cuts of staff and student contact days.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 5.0121 per \$1,000)	5.0121	5.0121	5.0121
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	835,000	831,000	962,000

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	\$13,597,624	\$	6,800,000
Other Bonds	\$2,587,823		
Other Borrowings	\$1,877,462		
Total	\$18,062,909	\$	6,800,000

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