

Schools Update: Substitutes

By Superintendent Aaron Miller

As the largest employer in Vernonia, there are 81 staff members working in the Vernonia School District (VSD). As cold and flu season approaches, we are once again faced with the need for quality substitutes to help out when people are ill or working on professional development activities.

Substitute teachers are one need, but other substitute employees (teaching assistants, custodians, food service workers) are often very hard to find on a

regular basis. Substitutes are a daily part of life for students and school staff. Each day there is some position that needs to be filled due to illness, scheduled appointments or other life happenings. The issue, however, is usually not whether or not a substitute employee will be needed in the building, but whether or not there will be a person available to fill this need.

Currently there is a real shortage of people available to fill the need for substitute employees in a variety of positions within the VSD. These same is-

sues are being felt in neighboring school districts as well.

The number of people willing to substitute in schools is dwindling, whether it be as a teacher, an assistant, a custodian, or an employee in the cafeteria. This problem is even larger for a community like Vernonia, given the distance from here to other communities of size where more substitutes may live. Substitutes in the education field are becoming harder and harder to come by these days.

The VSD is in need of dedicated, quality people willing to substitute in our schools. We are looking for people willing to sub in all departments, at all levels, kindergarten through 12th grade.

We anticipate this will be a

continuing issue throughout the 2018-19 school year, so if you are interested in learning more about subbing, please contact Superintendent Miller at (503) 429-5891.

Substitutes in the VSD are hired by the NW Regional Educational Service District (NWRES), and are called through an automated system run through their offices. Anyone interested in subbing for the District needs to register through the NWRES Human Services Department, who can be reached at (503) 614-1428. You can also call the District Office at (503) 429-5891 if you have questions you would like answered about potential sub jobs here in Vernonia prior to applying through the ESD.

Community/Superintendent Chats - Wednesdays

Vernonia School District Superintendent Aaron Miller will be holding several Community-Superintendent Chats throughout the 2018-19 school year. These informal meetings are meant to provide another avenue for parents and other community members to hear about some of the great things that are happening in our schools, and to ask questions regarding any aspects of education here in Vernonia, the State of Oregon, and the nation.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 30, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Vernonia Schools Commons.

The rest of the year's schedule is listed below. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, Superintendent Miller is available to answer questions or address concerns by appointment at the District Office: (503) 429-5891.

February 27	LaCabana Restaurant	Noon-1 pm
March 20	Mariolino's	7-8 am
April 24	Vernonia Schools	6-7 pm
May 29	Blue House Café	Noon-1 pm

Vernonia School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 6:00 pm in the Schools Library.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, State of Oregon, will be held at 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon.

The meeting will take place on December 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Vernonia School Library.

The purpose of the meeting is to take public comment on the Alternate Bid Delivery process for the construction of the new bond supported metal shop.

Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed bid delivery process.

A copy of the alternate bid delivery process document may be inspected or obtained on or after December 6, 2018 at 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon, School District Office, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Vernonia Students of the Month

October 2018

Elementary School



Front Row: Ashlynn Tovey (k), Joey Roady (k), Grady DeWitt (3rd) Back Row: Celia DeField (5th), Hayden Kofstad (2nd), Campbell Zavales (5th), Sarah Pelster (1st), Noah Aquilar (2nd), Allie Cortez (4th)

Jessika Marine Grade 8

Jessika is known for taking her time on her assignments and does quality work. She is respectful and kind to other students and her teachers. She is active in sports, playing volleyball, basketball, and softball. She is a member of the AVID class. She says her favorite subject is health and her shop teacher says she does very nice and meticulous work.



Isaiah Bozied Grade 12

Isaiah played football and is on the wrestling team, and was the Homecoming King this year. He says his favorite subject is computers where he's learning Photoshop. In his spare time he likes to go hunting, fishing, and ride his dirt bike. He plans to attend PCC to study to become a diesel mechanic next year.

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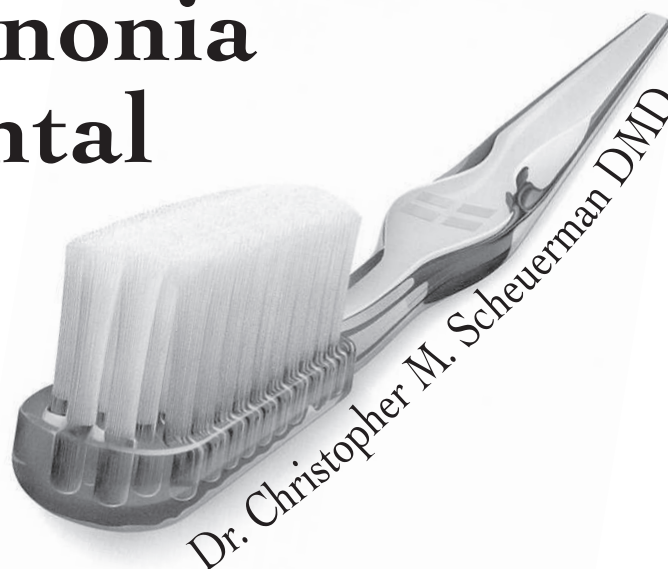
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