

Super Science Company brings hands-on learning to Evergreen

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On Tuesday, April 29, Evergreen Elementary had a day filled with fun, learning and science. Tammie Ryan and Pat Wood from Super Science Company in Powell Butte, Ore. brought in activities that deal with Newton’s Law, brain teasers, building, tanagrams, engineering and math. The theme at Evergreen was Fun with Physics.

Staff from Super Science Company travel up and down the west coast visiting schools, special events, fairs and festivals educating children and young adults about science. The Super Science Company has other family friendly activities, each having a different theme, all dealing in different areas of science to keep the mind wondering and learning.

Earlier in the day, students had a chance to do experiments, learn different vocabulary words pertaining to science and had hands-on learning at different stations that were set up throughout the Evergreen gym. Students were invited to bring their families during the evening to experience what students had learned during the day. Along with a fun family night, the school provided a free dinner that included hot dogs, side dishes and dessert served up by the wonderful kitchen and office ladies.

The evening portion was provided

by a Title 1 grant that enables schools to get families involved in their child’s learning. Title 1 grants also help schools with a high percentage of low-income families ensure that each student receives a fair, equal and quality education.

“I like the hands-on stuff with the kids,” said Evergreen Principal Dave Regal. “I think it’s huge with our kids. It’s not just, ‘Hey I’m telling you this theory.’ It’s hands on. That’s kind of how we see our different learners learn.”

With schools emphasizing more academics in the curriculum, the science night was a good opportunity for young students to get involved and help them understand that science can be fun while still learning. Last October Evergreen hosted a family math night, instead of the annual Harvest Festival, to encourage not only students but their families to experience the fun side of math. It’s the first year that Evergreen has stepped away from the Harvest Festival since its inception in the late 1990’s. Evergreen staff plans on hosting a family night every trimester to reinforce that learning can be fun. It also gives students a chance to show their parents what they are learning.

Not only were students and families enjoying the science night but many staff members of Evergreen were caught learning a little bit more about science as well. Mr. Flaherty especially has a soft spot for science and student learning.

“Well, it’s really great,” he said.

“It’s really engaging. All the different kids have different activities to do; everybody is really excited about science.”

Throughout the night, students could be seen dragging parents or siblings to their favorite tables, explaining how the object worked or how the puzzle could be solved. A few students that became stumped at a particular table during school revisited that table to try and solve the problem or puzzle. Many were able to do so and could be seen jumping up and down in the excitement and eagerly wanting to share the joy with their families or a teacher.

One young man, Zack Dugas, a first-grader, was particularly captivated with one table involving measuring. A few other students were enthralled with another table that allowed one to experience magnets. Braden Scott and Ryan Martinho found the Magneatos Table to be interesting. While Ryan enjoyed the Magnetos Table, the horseshoe puzzle seemed to captivate him more.

“You had to try and pull a ring off two horseshoes,” he said.

By night’s end, 150 to 200 people enjoyed the exhibit Super Science Company provided for the students and families of Evergreen. For more information on Super Science Company visit www.supersciencecompany.com. For information on future family nights at Evergreen contact the office at 541-592-3136.



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SATURDAY July 5
Kerbyville Museum
Tour 2 p.m. \$2
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SATURDAY NITE
'49, '54 - My Place Café
'59 - "That Pizza Place"
'64 - Carlos Restaurant
'69 - Prolly Not! Call Pat!
'74 - Friday Nite: Pizza Deli
'79 - McGrew's
'84 - Taylor's
'94 - Taprock
'89 - Talking on Facebook!
'99 - Jubilee Park Pavilion
'04 - Rough 'n Ready Park

Where Are We? FACEBOOK
Only a couple thousand of us on here. Organizers are busy on class pages. As you "like" and chat up your reunion plans go to IVHS ALUMNI and FRIENDS community page. It's even current sometimes. Post a greeting. More Info? Check ivhsalumniandfriends.org It's being updated s-l-o-w-l-y.

FRIDAY July 4
"All Hanging Out"
Carlos, Garter, Pizza Deli, Taylor's, Grayback, "Out 'n About" Fireworks

SATURDAY July 5
NO REUNION?
Dine at Judy's
MY PLACE Cafe is "The Place" for good food and camaraderie.

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'44, '49, '54, '59
'64, '69 '74, '79,
'84, '89, '94 '99,
'04, Maybe '09
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SUNDAY July 6
Pancake Breakfast 8 to Noon
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SUNDAY July 6
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Here, There, Everywhere-'63
Summer Fun - '73
Health & Beauty - '78
A Grants Pass Getaway - '83
Wash Your Wheels - '88
For Wine Lovers - '93
... brought in \$571.

SUNDAY July 6
2 - 4 P.M. -- \$5
Kerbyville Museum
An old fashioned ice cream social - with music! A refreshing stop on the way outtown.

BY THIS INVITE
All the '30s classes plus '40, '41, '42, '43, and the Class of 1944 are invited to Celebrate all those years ago by being our guests at Sunday's breakfast! Please check in at the Alumni Table.

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Oregon job growth hits fastest pace in with years

News Release from Oregon Employment Dept.

Oregon’s seasonally adjusted job gain of 6,100 in April followed an even stronger gain of 8,900 in March. This two-month increase of 15,000 was the largest such growth since December 2005 when 15,100 jobs were added over the last two months of that year.

The rapid growth over the past two months reflects an accelerating pace of economic expansion. Oregon is adding jobs at a faster pace than the nation, growing 2.6 percent over the year compared with the U.S. growth rate of 1.7 percent. Oregon is still behind the U.S. in returning to pre-recession employment levels because Oregon lost a larger share of jobs during the recession and Oregon’s job growth rate was slower earlier in the recovery.

Since April 2013, the private sector has added 41,100 jobs, or 3.0 percent. During that time, seven of the 12 major private-sector industries have grown at close to 2.5 percent. However, a couple of industries have stood out with more robust gains over the past 12 months. Construction added 8,000 jobs, which is a 10.9 percent gain. Meanwhile, professional and business services added 8,500 jobs, or 4.1 percent.

Breaking construction down into its component industries shows that most of construction has grown at more than 10 percent over the past 12 months. Painters, drywallers and flooring contractors are included in the industry growing the fastest--building finishing contractors--which added 1,900 jobs, or 20.2 percent.

Job gains for the month of April were widespread, with most of the service-providing industries each adding between 500 and 1,600 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis. Payroll additions were largest in these industries: professional and business services (+1,600 jobs), health care and social assistance (+1,400), and leisure and hospitality (+1,100).

Only two major industries cut a substantial number of jobs in April.

Construction shed 900 jobs. Financial activities, which includes banking, insurance, and real estate, also cut 900 jobs.

These preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses and are subject to later revision.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

Oregon’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in April, the same as the 6.9 percent in March. Even though there was no change over the month, Oregon’s unemployment rate has dropped significantly, by a full percentage point, since April 2013 when the rate was 7.9 percent.

Oregon’s labor force participation rate remained low in April as the number of retirees has risen substantially in recent years. Oregon’s seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate was 61.1 percent in April, which was close to its reading over the past eight months and at a record low since the comparable data series began in 1976.

For help finding jobs and training resources, visit one of the state’s WorkSource Oregon Centers or go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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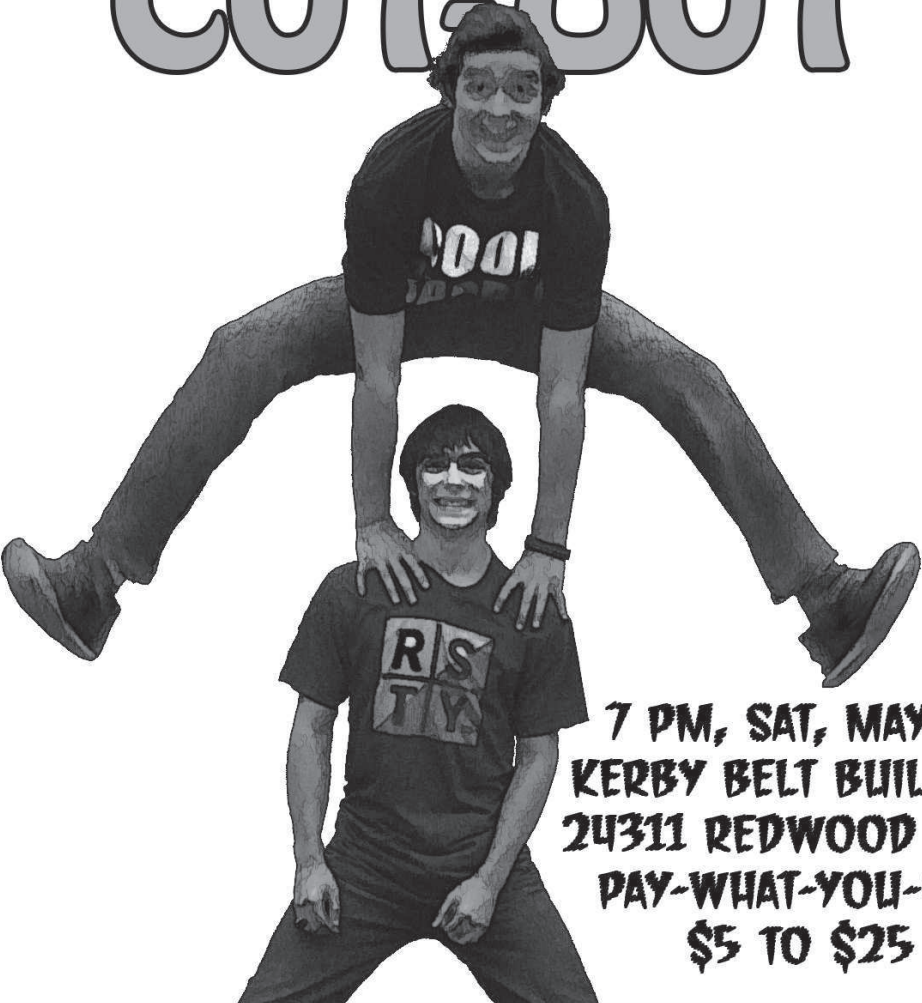
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