

District 2CJ news: The countdown to school has begun - and there have been changes

We are counting down the days to the start of the 2008-09 school year. As we kick off the new school year, I want you all to know how proud I am of this community and the strong support that parents, business owners, and community members provide to students and staff of 2CJ.

As we move forward into the new 2008-09 school year, I am pleased to be able to announce that the district has worked effectively with the Oregon Department of Education to successfully resolve the overpayment of \$622,000 discovered last winter. State School Fund payments are calculated based upon estimates provided by school districts and then finalized in May following the end of the school year. Approximately three-fifths of the overpayment was recouped by adjustments made for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. The district had been extremely conservative in estimating enrollment and transportation figures. During the 2007-08 school year, the monthly State School Fund payments were reduced to the appropriate level, which recouped another large portion. The School Board and all staff worked diligently to reduce spending which allowed the district to finish the year with minimal impact. The final portion of the overpayment, \$76,000 will be deducted from the August State School Fund payment. Although this overpayment could have had a catastrophic

impact on the district, the work of the School Board and staff with the Oregon Department of Education brought about the best possible resolution.

2008-09 will be the first year on record that the Port Orford-Langlois School District has offered full-day kindergarten without any charge to parents. This eliminates the K-1 blended classrooms and creating a more educationally sound learning environment for primary grade students. Both teachers, Kate Foster and Lucinda Sheeran, are veteran teachers with many years of experience teaching blended classrooms at primary levels. Kate Foster states “students really have more opportunities to learn at an accelerated rate in this kind of learning environment.”

After an in-depth process of gathering staff and community input during the 2007-08 school years, the recommendation from the district-wide Site Council to revise the PHS Athletic Code Academic Eligibility has been approved.

The revised Athletic Code for Pacific High School is as follows: OSAA guidelines will be used to establish initial eligibility for the new



Ruby Price

students.

Athletes who receive an “F” or have a GPA under 2.0 at the three-week grade check shall be placed on probation for the following three weeks. During the probationary period, the athlete shall be allowed to practice and participate with his/her team in contests/performances.

If the athlete (again) has an “F” or a GPA under 2.0 at the following three-week grade check he/she shall be declared ineligible for the following three weeks. If the athlete meets academic criteria (at least a 2.0 GPA and no “F’s,” the athlete shall be reinstated to full academic eligibility for the following three weeks.

The grades for the last grading period of the year will determine initial eligibility/probation/ineligibility for the following fall sports season.

Managers shall fall under the same eligibility standards and follow the same academic eligibility rules as athletes.

Last spring, I reported to the public in my budget message that since 2001, student enrollment in the 2CJ School District has declined by approximately 20 students each year. Beginning in 2006-07, it remained steady at just under 340 students. The year 2007-08 saw another drop in student enrollment and projections for the future are similar. A high priority and one of four goals being discussed by the Board of

Directors is to develop a three to five year long-term plan for the 2CJ School District emphasizing high quality education in a fiscally responsible manner. By June 2009, all 2CJ constituents will be formally and informally involved in the process of planning and implementing changes necessary to meet future challenges and create new opportunities.

Major construction on the north wing of Pacific High School, which was severely damaged during the December 2, 2007 storm, has been completed this summer. Roof repair on the north wing of Pacific High School is finished; siding and new windows on the south side of the north wing are due to be completely replaced prior to start of school. Students, staff, and community members will find some other exciting changes at Pacific. In order to provide a larger space for art classes and to expand the program to include more community class offerings, the art program has returned to its original location (where weight room was located in recent years). The weight lifting equipment is now set up in the room next to the metal shop. The vocational education classroom, (agriculture/woods/metals), is now located in the north hall at Pacific; it is completely renovated and set up with an industrial-standard computer lab. The gym located near Blanco will be ready again for student and community use by the start of the

school year.

A special note of appreciation to the maintenance department, under the direction of Supervisor John Penifold, has been working hard to prepare school facilities for the return of students and staff. Custodians Lewis Lang, Lonnie Pretti, Pam Wood and Don Drescher are polishing floors, deep-cleaning, setting up classrooms, and much more.

Registration is scheduled for students on August 21 and 22, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m at all district schools.

We are pleased to welcome to the 2CJ staff family, Kerry Vincent who has accepted the position of assistant secretary at Pacific High School.

Kerry brings many years of experience in front office work; and has served as a volunteer at Blanco School. Pacific High School says thank you and farewell to long-time library media assistant, Sue Blount, who resigned to move to Sacramento to care for her aging parents. Welcome to Dena Wells, who has accepted the library position at Pacific High School and will be moving from her role in the resource room into library media.

New teachers/staff members will be reporting for a new staff in-service day on Monday, August 25. Tuesday, August 26, all staff will be welcomed

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

How much is a dollar? When I was a youngster I could spend a dollar fast, but I couldn't earn one very easy. I think some children learn to grasp the idea of making money quickly. Then some of us stand back and wonder.

It is interesting to look back in Port Orford and think about how I made some of my early dollars. Let's see, I didn't receive any allowance but quite often on the weekend, Mom or Dad would pay my way to the movies. One dollar took care of everything. That's one way to make a buck.

Then, there were the times I spent going with Dad picking brush. I think nowadays they call it something fancier like “harvesting.” We picked huckleberry brush, Port Orford Cedar bows, and peeled cascara buckthorn bark. All of these were done with permission from the land owner, which was usually

grandma or one of dad's uncles.

I couldn't believe how fast my Dad could pick a bunch of huckleberry or a bale of cedar.

Peeling cascara was another thing altogether. We had to take the bark and lay it out to dry, then bag it up in burlap sacks to be taken to the brush shed.

Dad worked in the late 1960's for U.S. Plywood, later Champion Timberlands as the cutting superintendent. Often, just before a stand of timber was to be felled and trucked to the mill up the Rogue River, Dad would go into the stand before the timber was cut and pick the



Doug Jamieson

huckleberry brush.

Once in awhile I went with him. It was beautiful under the huge stands of old growth trees.

I spent more time running up and down the mountain looking for deer or wild pig, or some other critter than actually picking brush. The black huckleberry was massive under these old growth stands.

Though enjoying the scenery, I never really imagined the magnitude of my hiking in the old growth stands of the Rogue River timber country. One of the largest fir trees felled in those years was ten feet in diameter. I still have a picture of my Dad, my Uncle Dick, and the logging operations manager lying in the undercut of this tree.

I remember one of my last ventures into this forest area when I was a teenager. My Dad was ahead of me quite a distance, and I was walking down a fallen tree that was approxi-

mately six feet in diameter. For some reason my footing went out and I slipped off the tree and fell to the bottom and my head slapped against a standing oak tree behind me. A few seconds went by and I lay there checking my body to see if everything was still working. I sure had a headache.

Slowly, I gathered myself together, got up, and headed for the forest. I am still amazed at how patient Dad was. He very seldom criticized me for not picking enough brush. Funny thing was when we got to the brush shed with all this huckleberry ... each tag had my name

on it. Wow! They must have thought Dad's boy was quite a

brush picker. Sorry Uncle Sam! To be cont'd

SALE, from page 1

grown as well, people from all over Oregon, California and other Western States flock to Gold Beach for the event. It even draws in some foreigners on a yearly basis.

“We have a Canadian family that plans their trip to the area around this,” said Slagle.

“It really is amazing how the event has grown.”

Of course, none of the growth would have been possible without one central group – volunteers. Around 75 of them help get the site ready, and another 125 are designated to help out during the event. No small task considering that last year's event required 12,000 hours of volunteer man hours, and they put over 22,000 miles on their personal vehicles to help out.

“Every time I come around the bridge, I'm overwhelmed they could do this for someone they'll never meet,” said Slagle. “I could never thank them



enough, never. They're just amazing.”

“I tried to figure out how we pull this off, but I've stopped. There's just something magical here,” added Slagle.

These amazing volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, and their age-range is even diverse. From senior citizens in their late 80s to 7-year-old Abby, who helps her grandmother sort items. Abby is no rookie though; this is her second year helping at the event.

Contributed photo

Lots of toys are included in this year's sale.

There are so many people that help, the event is run a lot like a government. Slagle oversees department heads, which take care of individual sections. These lead volunteers then coordinate their group of volunteers.

Curry Public Transit is also getting in on the action – providing shuttles services on Friday from the jetty to the event, and vice versa. Friday is always the busiest day of the event; over 1,000 people are expected to come through the market during the first morning alone.

“We have good stuff all weekend, but the first day is absolutely hectic,” said Slagle.

The new space might also prove to be the catalyst for a second event; a Christmas sale, which is currently an idea the organization, has in mind.

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Your presence and participation along with matchings funds through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will make this fun event a huge success for the whole community.

We hope to see you at Zion Lutheran's Church Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Social.

St. John's to hold special Liturgy

In addition to our regularly scheduled Masses on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9a.m., we will be celebrating a very special Liturgy in the month of August.

On Friday, August 29, at 5 p.m., we will celebrate a Memorial Mass commemorating the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, our Patron Saint.

Do you want to learn just what it is that we Catholics do and why? Please join us at any one of our Masses and let our new Pastor Fr. Andrew explain. Are you new to the area and looking for a Church Home? Are you a Catholic who has

been away from your Church

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RURAL HOME on 2 acres located between Port Orford and Bandon. This 1950's home is a 4 br, 2 ba., has a large landscaped yard and is on a well and septic system. Wood floors are in the living room and kitchen. The backyard is partially fenced with large fir trees covering approximately half the property. \$247,000 #273

Pet of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Scooter'

Scooter is a two year old Pointer mix. Very intelligent, affectionate he would be your forever friend!

Lady is a six year old Beagle mix. She is gentle, quiet, loving and a little shy. She would make a great dog for a senior or a family.

Katie is a three year old Terrier mix. Sweet, obedient she would make a great family dog.

Tuffy is a 6 year old Chocolate Lab mix. Intelligent, well trained, loving, he would make a great dog for a

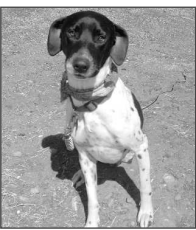
Senior or a family. He is happy with a gentle walk or sitting at your feet!

Skeeter is a year old Pointer mix with only three legs. He is energetic and affectionate and likes long runs on the beach.

The shelter also has many other dogs for adoption:

Rodney is a distinguished Senior gentleman. A beautiful Heeler, at 11 years of age he is healthy and full of life from the tip of his nose to his stubby tail! He is not fond of other dogs but loves people companionship! If you want a loyal friend who enjoys quiet walks, Rodney is for you!

Pet of the Week NEEDS SPONSORS! Anyone who would like to help sponsor Pet of the Week please call Matt Hall at (541) 260-3638. For adoption info call (541) 247-2514 Sponsored by Geoff Trotter of Florida



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Church Directory

St. Christopher Episcopal Church
Sunday Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
417 Ninth St.
(Behind Fun Zone)
(541)332-0998

Port Orford Christian Center
Come celebrate the Lord with Pastor Doug Jamieson.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning11 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....5 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
10th & Washington
(541)332-2561

St. John's Catholic Church
Sunday8:30 a.m.
Wed.9 a.m.
Hwy. 101 & 15th St.
Port Orford, OR
(541)253-6250

First Community Church
2025 Jackson St.
(541) 332-3664
Worship Service
11 a.m.
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

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Bible Study at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.
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2015 Washington (541)332-3581

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Port Orford Branch
20th & Jackson
332-5501

Langlois Community Church
“Where the Word of God is Proclaimed”
Pastor Rick House ♦ Youth Pastor Kyle Busenitz
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. ♦ Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
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