## **School board looks** at student safety

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Student harassment of other students was the topic most discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the Salem-Keizer School Board.

The harassment issue came under the heading of student safety, one of many items in the proposed 2017-18 legislative priorities and policies of the Oregon School Boards Association. The board approved first reading of the proposed priorities and policies, as well as a proposed set of safety policies for the district, and is expected to support them officially Jan. 10.

A long succession of people in the audience addressed the board about harassing incidents, mostly directed at minority students, immigrants, and children of immigrants. Some mentioned students who were afraid to go to school because of the ways

other students treated them.

The proposed OSBA policies overall involve finance, programs, personnel, governance and operations, and federal issues. The safety issues are among those of governance and operations

On another OSBA matter, the board voted for Tass Morrison of Sublimity to fill director position No. 11 in the Marion region.

Also approved for first reading was a proposed contract for property realignments with the city of Salem. The contract would involve uses of adjacent proper ties the district and the city have

Grants the board approved were for \$739,884 from the Oregon Department of Education for basic instructional services for migrant children, \$350,319 from ODE for Richmond Elementary School, \$170,325 from ODE

for instructional services for neglected and delinquent youth, \$155,000 from Early Learning Hub for kindergarten readiness, and \$72,305 from ODE for educational programs for migrant preschool children.

Personnel actions approved by the board the following for the McNary High School attendance area:

•A temporary part-time contract for Arlinda Dixon at Clear Lake Elementary •Temporary full-time con-

tracts for Juanita Aldama-Gandara at Weddle Elementary School and Yelena Fowler at Kennedy Elementary School. •A first-year probation fulltime contract for Misty Buck-

•Retirement of Ann Javnes Whiteaker Middle School.

man at Keizer Elementary

## **Christmas Bird Count Dec. 17**

lem Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be taking place on Dec. 17.

To participate, join a field

If an individual has participated in a field team in past years, they have probably already been contacted by their sector leader.

If individuals have not been contacted by their

leader, make sure to contact them or the Salem CBC.

Individuals may also record the birds that visit their bird feeders to take part in the Salem CBC.

If individuals were feeder-counters in past years, they will receive a tally sheet in the mail again this year.

To become a feedercounter, contact Tim Johnson at 503-507-8552 or tim. the.fisherman@gmail.com.

For more information about the Salem CBC, including an interactive map of the Count Circle, go to the Salem Audubon website (www.salemaudobon.org), or contact either Tim Johnson or Barbara Dolan.

Dolan can be reached at 971-338-8817 or emailed at barbara.dolanbird@yahoo.

## **Library busy during holidays**

The Salem Public Library (585 Liberty Street S.E.) is offering upcoming events for students to keep busy during the holidays.

• The Welcome Winter Crafts event is scheduled for Dec. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is located in Anderson rooms A and B. Children ages five and up are welcome to attend.

Join Youth Services staff for a special craft program to celebrate the shortest day of the year. All supplies provided. Sign-ups are not necessary.

• Last Minute Gifts is on Dec. 22 from 2 p.m to 3 p.m. The event is also in Anderson rooms A and B.

Children ages five and up are welcome to attend. Elementary-age kids are invited to create holiday gifts to give. Supplies are provided. Also, a special guests may make an appearance.

• Dec. 28 brings the Holiday Book Bingo from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. It too is located in Anderson rooms A and B. Children and their grown-ups are invited to a special bingo program with books as prizes. Pre-readers should bring a reading partner.

• Candy Land Party is on Dec. 29 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is located in Anderson rooms A and B. Children of all ages are invited to a special life-size Candy Land program with activities, treats

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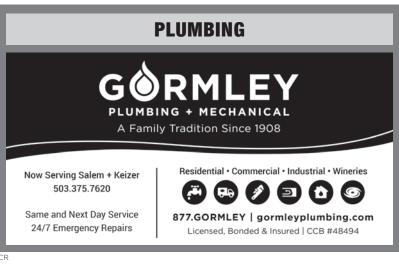








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