

SKPS cancels school on Friday, Nov. 12

Local students will have a four-day weekend for Veterans Day.

The Salem-Keizer School District announced Friday that students wouldn't have classes on Friday, Nov. 12.

"Because Veterans Day falls on a Thursday this year, the district has a unique opportunity to support the well-being of staff and students by allowing a longer break in instruction," the district said in a news release.

The day is intended to give teachers the opportunity to catch up, according to a Facebook post from the Salem-Keizer Education Association, the

union representing district teachers.

"(Union) leadership met with district leaders and made the case for Nov. 12th becoming a non-student day to allow teachers some additional time to catch their breath," the association said in a Facebook post. "It was anticipated that November 12th would be a high-absence day and likely add more stress to the plates of SKEA members while not being a productive day for teaching and learning."

The district will not make up the day, according to a news release, because the district will meet state-required

instructional hours without it.

The release said the district is working with local child care providers to offer child care at some sites, and

families can check with their child care providers for more information. To-go lunches will be offered at some schools during the closure.

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obituary

Michele Kae "Mickie" Stephens

July 16, 1944 - October 27, 2021

Mickie passed peacefully at Salem Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 27 with her family in attendance. She was born to Mildred and Floyd Ambrose on July 16, 1944 in Dallas. She was raised by her mother and step-father who she called dad. He was officer in charge of Heceta Head Lighthouse for eight years. Mickie called this home and it was her favorite place to visit. She attended grade school in Florence, Ore., and numerous schools while her father was in the service. She was president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Chemeketa Community College and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed her many friends and her classmates in Florence especially with those on the reunion committee. She was the happiest when she could spend time with her family. She loved to dance to classic rock & roll especially Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts. She always said, "She was going to boop till she dropped." She enjoyed watching her grandchild play sports especially softball. She was a big fan of the Oregon State Beavers.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years Phil Stephens; brothers Jerry Ambrose, Pat Cooper and Ray Cooper; children Beckie (Greg) Nole, Mark (Jennifer) Dimbat, Paul (Michelle) Stephens and Curtis Stephens, grandchildren: Sean Dimbat, Brice Stephens, Zack Stephens, C.J. Stephens and Zack Perry; great grandchildren



MICHELE KAE "MICKIE" STEPHENS

Katlyn Haynes, Katrina Dimbat and Kendra Dimbat and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Friday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center at 287 SW Washington St. Dallas, Ore. Interment will follow in the Dallas Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Flowers may be sent to the tribute center.

death notice

John Charles Okorn

March 29, 1942 - Oct. 29, 2021

John Charles Okorn passed on Oct. 29, 2021 in McMinnville.

Rosa Marie Torres

Sept. 27, 1962 - Oct. 28, 2021

Rosa Marie Torres of Keizer passed on Oct. 28, 2021.

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