

Moreland will serve as principal at Cascade Locks Elementary School

Amy Moreland has been selected as the next principal of Cascade Locks Elementary School beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Her selection was approved by the School Board at its May 27 meeting. Moreland will be replacing Kim Vogel who is retiring at the end of the school year.

(Related photo at lower right.)

Along with serving as principal, Moreland will also be a part-time reading teacher at Cascade Locks.

A screening committee and interview committee made up of parents, teachers, classified staff and administrators participated in a rigorous and thorough selection process which resulted in a unanimous decision to offer the position to Moreland. "Amy is a committed, smart, focused educator who is extremely knowledgeable about students and instruction. As one of our committee members stated, she is a great fit for Cascade Locks," said Superintendent

Dan Goldman.

Moreland received her Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Northridge and her Masters in Education from Concordia University. Amy currently works at Charles F. Tigard Elementary School as the Literacy Specialist and Title I Coordinator, where she has served for the past 8 years. Over the past few years, she also served as the Title I Grant Coordinator for the Durham Education Center, (grades 8-12) in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

Prior to moving to Oregon she was an elementary classroom teacher for 10 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

"Amy is truly excited to join the Cascade Locks Elementary School community and bring her passion and dedication to student achievement and continue the tradition of excellence at Cascade Locks," Goldman said.



Amy Moreland



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HRVHS STUDENT ART SHOW NOW AT DOG RIVER COFFEE

The walls at Dog River Coffee are filled with art by Advanced Placement Studio Art students at Hood River Valley High School. Each student created a series based on a theme of their choosing. Most art is for sale, with all proceeds going directly to the student artists. The show runs through June 11.

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Sarah Braman-Smith of Madras has been selected as the next principal of Wy'east Middle School beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Her selection was approved by the School Board at its May 13 meeting. Braman-Smith will be replacing Catherine Dalbey who will begin serving as the district's Director of Human Resources July 1.

A screening committee and interview committee made up of teachers, classified staff and administrators participated in a rigorous and thorough selection process. "When we spoke with parents of the Madras High School community they told us that Sarah is a person who listens, cares and gets things done.

Staff described Sarah as genuine, fearless, here for all kids, fun - yet serious and committed to equity and diversity. We are very excited to have Sarah join the Hood River County School District," said Superintendent Dan Goldman.

Braman-Smith has spent the last nine years as an administrator at Madras High School, the last four as the principal. She has taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels as a language arts teacher, an ELL teacher, and in a self-contained classroom for children with behavioral challenges. Goldman said, "Sarah is truly excited to join the Wy'east Middle School community and bring her passion and dedication to student achievement and continue the tradition of excellence at Wy'east."



Sarah Braman-Smith



CELEBRATING SERVICE

Retirees share a laugh with Parkdale principal Gus Hedberg, who helped honor the long-time educators at last month's School District retirement reception. Kim Vogel, left, ends her service as Cascade Locks School principal, Dennis McCauley will leave Mid-Valley (related story, page A1) and Kathy Hannen-Smith finishes 27 years as a music teacher, having served at Parkdale, Cascade Locks, and Mid Valley throughout the years.

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Workshops set for bird and pollinator habitats

Learn to create habitat around your home at the Hood River Watershed Group's upcoming Backyard Habitat Workshop on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Space is limited, so register today with Hood River Community Education at www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/coe or by calling 541-386-2055. Class cost is \$15 and includes copies of "Landscaping with Natives: Columbia Gorge," "Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes," and more.

For more information, contact Megan Saunders at megan@hoodriverswcd.org or 541-386-6063.

HR Education Foundation offers scholarships

Scholarships for students currently enrolled in college are offered through the Hood River County Education Foundation, with applications due July 1, 2015.

Students may apply for the Jesse Elder, Ruth and Horace Daum, or Martha and John

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