



## Five graduating MHS students earn college scholarships

With support from the Ford Family Foundation, five dedicated Madras High School graduates will be attending college next year and working towards bachelors' degrees. Congratulations to the following White Buffaloes from the 2017 graduating class:

### Ryan Goss

Ryan will be attending Oregon State University and studying Mechanical Engineering.

### Vanessa Aguirre

Vanessa will be attending George Fox University and studying Biochemistry/Pre-Med.

### Omar Dominguez

Omar will be attending Willamette University and studying Biology.

### Obed Eriza

Obed will be attending Concordia University and studying Accounting.

### Colton Goss

Colton will be attending Southern Oregon University and studying Nursing.

*These students were selected to receive scholarships because they demonstrate:*

- Leadership potential through school, home and/or community activities;
- Good character;
- A concern for others through contributions to volunteer projects and/or family needs;
- Work ethic;
- Responsibility, initiative and skill-building through paid or unpaid work experiences;
- An ability to clearly communicate personal strengths and goals both in writing and verbally; and
- An ability to succeed academically in college as demonstrated by a high school or college GPA and coursework and standardized test scores.

According to Sisk, the amount of the scholarship awards will be calculated to cover 90% of each student's college costs that are not covered by other resources. The maximum amount is \$25,000 per academic year.



## Madras High School celebrates academic strength

This month, Madras High School students flexed their brain muscles in a school-wide academic competition. During "Academic Week" they participated in activities that promote the importance of doing well in school and reaching for college or careers after high school graduation.

"Academic Week gives our students a chance to compete and be recognized outside of athletics," said Madras High School Principal Mark Neffendorf. "Hundreds of kids were recognized and lifted up in a number of ways through these events."

*"What a great way to celebrate academics! My favorite part is the academic assembly that we hold at the end of the week. During the assembly, the top four kids from each grade level compete in a Brain Bowl. It's really fun and exciting to watch,"*

— Deanne Petersen-Hair, MHS math teacher



Warm Springs 7th graders talk about what it's like to be a scientist during JCSD Eclipse week.



Eighth grade students at Warm Springs K8 Academy help students in grades K-3 cut and decorate sundials as part of Eclipse week.

## Total Eclipse of the Week

During the week of May 15, all JCSD activities rotated around hands-on science learning in preparation for the 2017 solar eclipse. Thanks to the Lowell Observatory, OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), students, families and staff participated in projects and presentations to learn about the sun, the solar eclipse, planets, the solar system, science careers and much more.

The JCSD team is partnering with Lowell, OMSI and NASA to bring learning opportunities to district schools and communities in exchange for free access to the Madras High School Performing Arts Center and athletic facilities for viewing during the eclipse.

"The eclipse has provided our students and staff with an incredible opportunity to learn from scientists and astronomers from around the world," said JCSD Curriculum Director Melinda Boyle. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of us."

The Great American Eclipse will be visible from Madras for 2 minutes, 4 seconds on August 21st between 9:06 and 11:41 am. For details about the Lowell Observatory Solar Eclipse Experience 2017 in Madras, visit [lowellsolareclipse.com](http://lowellsolareclipse.com).

Visit the District website at [jcsd.k12.or.us](http://jcsd.k12.or.us)

### PAC Calendar

#### May

- 25 Buff Elementary Lessons Recital / 6 pm
- 31 MHS Band Concert / 7 pm

#### June

- 1 Buff Elementary Spring Concert / 12:30 pm
- 14 Buff Elementary 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony / 9 am
- 16 Dance Arts Showcase / 7 pm
- 17 Dance Arts Early Grade Recital / 2 pm
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#### August

- 21 The 2017 Eclipse Across America



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#### May

- 25 Buff Elementary Lessons Recital / 6 pm
- 29 No School – Memorial Day

#### June

- 3 Madras High School & Bridges Career and Technical High School Graduation / 9 am
- 12 School Board Meeting – District Office / 7 pm
- 12-14 Regular School Days
- 15 Last Day of School
- 26 School Board Meeting – District Office / 7 pm

