

# Mapleton Schools

## HEARTS of compassion



**M**apleton Elementary School has been working on one character trait a month. For the month of February, they worked on the trait of compassion. Students earned hearts for being caring and compassionate toward others. The hearts were then put on display on this tree. Students did a fantastic job and earned more than 1,000 hearts. —Submitted by Carrie McNeill

## Oregon Pacific Bank offers local student scholarships

*Applications due March 30*

Oregon Pacific Bank is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior at each of the following high schools: Siuslaw, Mapleton, Roseburg, Marshfield and either North Medford, Central Medford or South Medford.

Applicants must be in the current graduating class of their respective school and must demonstrate financial need.

Academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services will be

considered in the selection process.

Special attention will be given to individuals who demonstrate leadership within their communities.

Applications are due to Oregon Pacific Bank by March 30. Scholarship applications and eligibility guidelines can be obtained online at [www.opbc.com/community\\_scholarships.html](http://www.opbc.com/community_scholarships.html), or by visiting the nearest OPB branch.

For more information, call 1-800-997-7121.

## Annual Oregon Right to Life contest accepting entries

The Florence Chapter of the Oregon Right to Life has announced its annual essay and drawing contest, which is open to students in grades kindergarten through 12.

The 2015 theme is "We Are the Pro-Life Generation."

Categories are as follows:

- Essay contest division:
- 5th-6th grades: 200-300 words
- 7th-9th grades: 300-400 words
- 10th-12th grades: 400-500 words

Essays will be judged on grammar, clarity of message, originality, and how well the

theme is followed.

Drawing contest division:

- Kindergarten through 12th grade: All artwork must be original and be on paper no larger than 8-1/2x11 inches. Collages are considered original artistic expressions.

Winners of the local poster and essay contests will enter the state level competition.

The state winners will be announced at the Oregon Right to Life Conference in Portland, Ore., on April 11.

Deadline for entries is March 13.

For more information, call Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

## Aquarium offers teens an ocean of summer fun

NEWPORT — Do you know a teen who aspires to be the next Jack Hannah, Jeff Corwin or the late, great Steve Irwin?

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is offering youngsters a chance to tread in their footsteps.

The aquarium's volunteer program takes high school-age youth on a journey of discovery. Speaking on behalf of animals and their environments is no simple task, which is why the aquarium is currently

recruiting future youth volunteers for a free six-weekend crash course on the coastal and marine sciences of Oregon.

Youth will go on to share what they learned with the aquarium's visitors. The 15,000 animals that reside in the aquarium's exhibits cannot speak for themselves, so interpretive volunteers of all ages do it for them.

The experience is not all work and no play. Youth volun-

teers also go on whale watching expeditions, outdoor adventures and learn important skills like deploying a life raft and putting on survival suits.

After a summer learning through teaching, many youth volunteers choose to continue their service throughout the school year. They team up with aquarium staff to develop their own ocean advocacy initiative to help teach their peers and aquarium visitors about marine

conservation.

The program draws high school age students from as far away as Portland, and seems to provide an important summertime social network — especially for homeschooled kids.

To complete an application to join the aquarium's volunteer teams, visit the website [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org), or contact the aquarium's volunteer services department by email at [volunteer@aquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@aquarium.org).

## Florence Community PTA

### Clip 'labels' to support Florence PTA

For over 40 years, the Labels for Education program has been awarding free educational merchandise to schools in exchange for UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products. The program has provided more than \$114 million in merchandise to America's schools.

You can help Florence Community PTA earn free merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, physical education equipment, reference books, musical instruments or even a minivan, simply by collecting Labels for Education participating product UPCs and beverage/ sauce

caps and giving them to the local PTA.

Be sure to clip out product labels with the UPC codes attached.

Drop-off containers for the labels are at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., and the Siuslaw Elementary School office, 2151 Oak St.

Visit [LabelsForEducation.com](http://LabelsForEducation.com) for a complete list of participating products.

For more information on how to be a part of Florence PTA's Labels for Education collection drive, contact Button Watkins at 541-997-4181.

The 2015 program runs until July 31.

## Students to shine at talent show

Siuslaw Elementary School students will take the stage Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12, to entertain audiences during the annual Florence PTA Talent Show at the Florence Events Center.

Dozens of students will perform a variety of songs,

dances and gymnastics in addition to the local Cub and Boy Scouts, who will present the opening flag ceremony.

The show will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both nights.

Tickets are available at the Siuslaw Elementary School library.

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