

Siuslaw Schools

After school program offers student support

Twilight/Indian Education After School was off and running at Siuslaw Elementary School on Monday, Sept. 14, with staff and students excited to launch another year together in the program.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), reading support, math support, art, cultural activities and character building classes are just the tip of the iceberg for the children attending Twilight.

The staff are busy planning many wonderful activities for the students this school year and plans are already being decided on for the first Family Night in November.

Twilight/Indian Education After School program at the Elementary school is offered Monday through Thursday, 2:50 to 6 p.m.

A healthy and hot dinner is served and a free bus ride home is available.

For more information, contact Lynn Anderson at 541-997-5458 or pick up a registration form at the district office.

ASPIRE students tour colleges, prep for scholarships

Siuslaw High School ASPIRE (Access to Student Assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) is offering two “College Tour Tuesdays” for students and interested parents.

Yesterday, Sept. 29, ASPIRE visited the University of Oregon and Lane Community College in Eugene.

Next, students and parents will tour Oregon State and Western Oregon Universities on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Students need to be pre-excused and parents need to contact ASPIRE Team Leader Bou Kilgore at aspire@siuslaw.k12.or.us before the trip.

These tours are sponsored by Western Lane Community Foundation, which also helped to host the local scholarship night on Monday, Sept. 21.

This event allowed local scholarship providers to meet with parents and students.

Last year, the Florence community provided over \$93,000 in scholarships.

ASPIRE is continuing orientations for potential volunteers.

Volunteers work one-on-one with juniors and seniors and in small workshops with freshmen and sophomores.

ASPIRE currently has over 160 students enrolled.

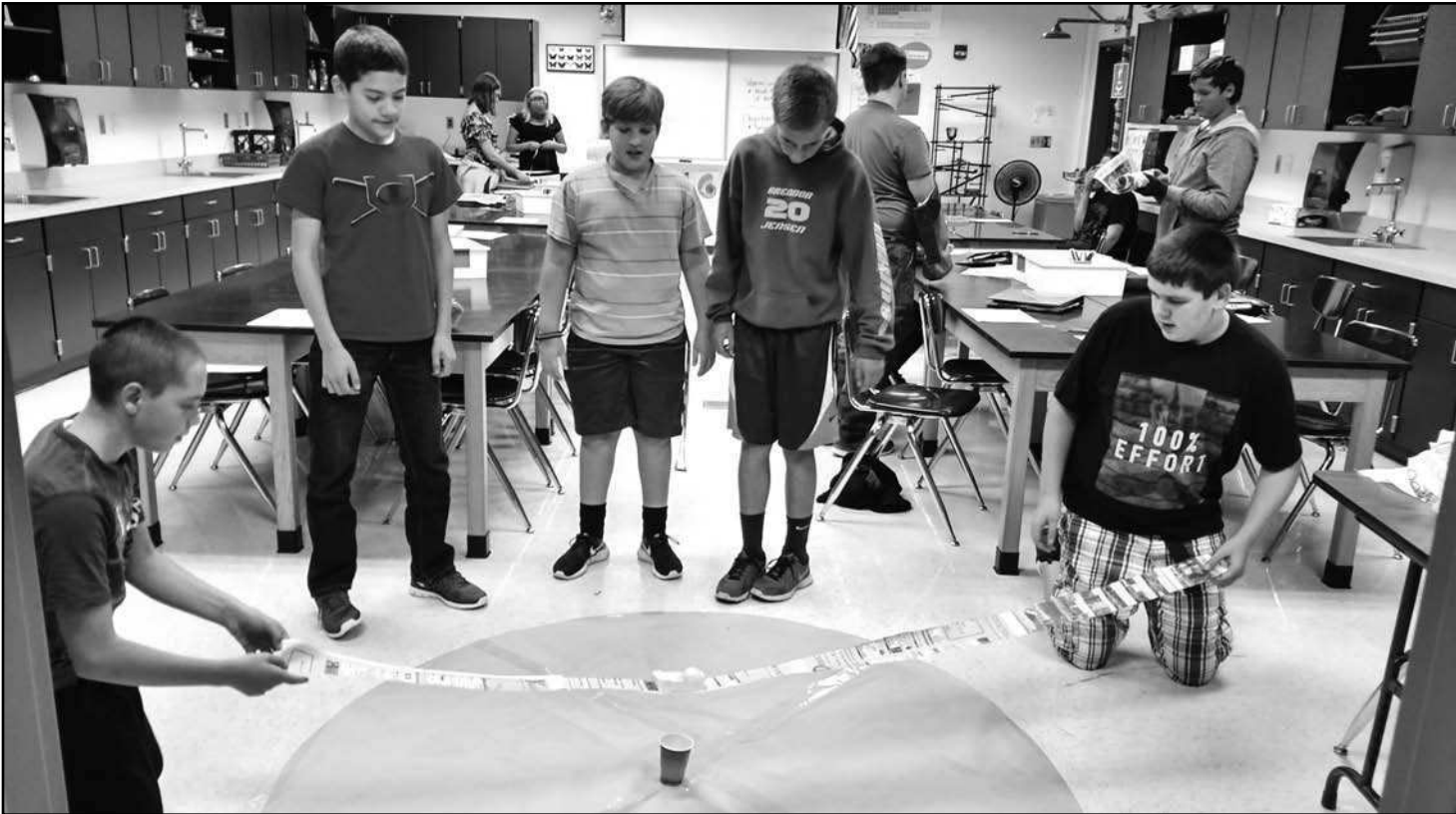
We encourage parents and retirees as well as business owners to consider donating as little as one hour a week to make a difference in our students’ future.

For more information, Contact Kilgore at aspire@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

—Submitted by Bou Kilgore

Students develop engineering skills

Middle school students use real-world engineering lessons in the classroom



PHOTOS BY ALEXIS WELLS

Alexis Wells’ Siuslaw Middle School eighth-graders practice the engineering design process during science class. Using limited resources, the students worked in teams to build prototypes and problem solve.

In the real world, engineers design all kinds of things to make our lives easier. In the classroom, student engineers develop problem solving and critical thinking skills to prepare for the future.

As an introduction to the engineering design process, Siuslaw Middle School eighth grade science students simulated placing equipment in active lava fields by devising ways to deposit a ping pong ball into a small cup located in the center of a 2 meter diameter circle.

The students were not



allowed to extend any part of their bodies into the circle and their materials were limited to a sheet of newspaper, a brown paper bag, tape, index cards, string, rubber bands and paper clips.

Students had a limited amount of time to brainstorm their ideas with their

teams, choose their best idea, build a prototype, test their prototype and redesign, before doing a final test.

The eighth-graders worked together to produce a variety of solutions for the task at hand.

There were innovative solutions and engaging

conversations happening in the science classroom.

Not everyone’s idea worked, but all of the students were engaged in learning and participating in critical thinking.

The students are just getting started.

—Submitted by Alexis Wells, science teacher

A Siuslaw leader



PHOTO BY JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw High School (SHS) senior Hannah Bartlett organized a clothing drive/garage sale during the Florence Citywide Garage Sale from Sept. 11 through 13. She sold 521 articles of clothing for \$1 a piece — many of them gently used name brand items. “Hannah is an example of the kind of student we are trying to produce at SHS: A community-minded leader,” said SHS Principal Kerri A. Tatum.

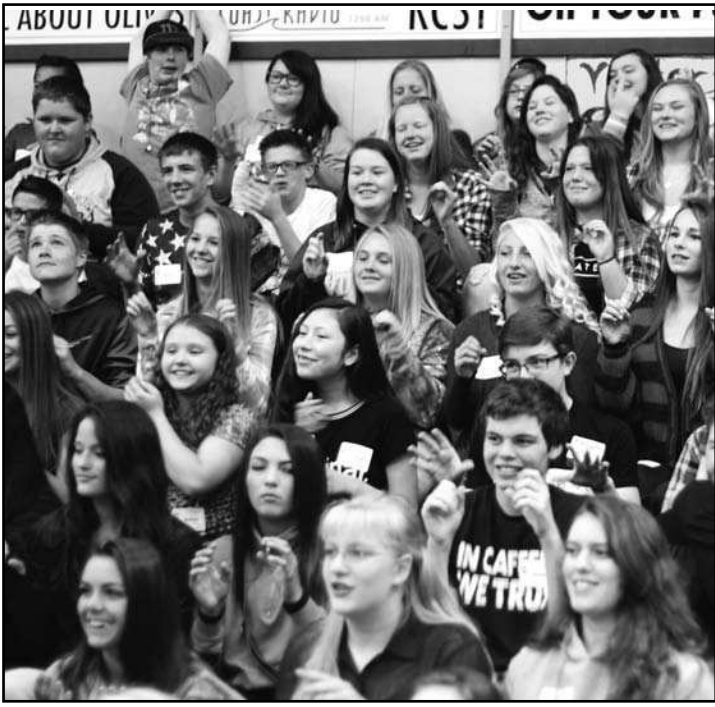
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Assembling links



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The Siuslaw High School Link Crew sent one sophomore and 25 juniors and seniors to help welcome the new freshman class to the high school. Link leaders were chosen to represent a wide range of social groups at the high school. They have been extremely helpful these last several weeks, ensuring that the freshmen have a positive experience as they transition into the high school. —Submitted by Jonathan Horning, teacher of chemistry, physics and the Link Crew