

Siuslaw Schools

Athletic Booster Club donates thousands

The Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club (SABC) is a non-profit organization structured to support the athletic programs at Siuslaw middle and high school.

To support this goal, the booster club has donated the following amounts to the following projects, for a grand total of \$57,923.45 in donations in the last two years.

- Ian Foster Fund — high school \$3,500
- Ian Foster Fund — middle school \$2,000
- New middle school track and field uniforms \$2,550
- Athlete of the Year and Hall of Fame \$698
- New volleyball system \$2,550
- New seventh and eighth grade football uniforms \$2,000
- New matrix bikes \$5,124.66
- New wrestling mats \$4,350
- Repair track and field \$1,500
- New cross country pop-up

tent \$1,809.79

- High school sports \$5,500
- New girls basketball uniforms \$2,100
- New volleyball uniforms \$885
- Middle school sports \$3,500
- High school baseball equipment and tourney \$994
- New scoreboard at Hans Peterson field \$18,008
- Middle School Shamrock Run \$500
- Rooter Bus \$354

“We believe that a critical factor in building a strong student athlete includes direct community involvement to sponsor school athletic programs. We hope you believe, as we do, and are willing to help,” said SABC Treasurer Eric Tanikawa.

The SABC is comprised of parents, administrators and community leaders who, through financial support and individual effort, are dedicated to promoting athletics.

—Submitted by Gina Castro Brandt

SHS names 67 students with perfect attendance

Principal Kerri Tatum announced that the following Siuslaw High School students have not missed a day of school so far in the 2015/2016 school year:

Burnem, Eli S.
Allen, Michael M.
Bartlett, Angela R.
Bartlett, Hannah M.
Becerra, Alicia R.
Bingham, Murray Q.
Bloomfield, Jacob D.
Bonisteel, Alison R.
Clark, Darin J.
Clawson, Cade C.
Coolidge, Taylor M.
Davidson, Carlsson W.
Disalvo, Nicholas J.
Edgerly, Hailee K.
Figuroa Rivas, Maria G.
Fleming, Robert M.
Gutierrez, Michael L. JR
Hack, Ethan N.
Heckathorn, Brandon P.
Henry-Kimball, Danielle A.
Hicks, Holly
Hicks, Joshua
Hilterbrant, Tanner W.
Holmes, Nathanael R.
Horn, Trent M.
Huff, Richard S.
Jones, Heidi A.
Kennedy, Patrick J.
Keppol, Kristopher D.
Knapp, Karter M.

Larson, Kelsey A.
Larson, Michael J.
Launius, Nikki Q.
Martinez, Adrian
Mason, Macalin E.
Mason, Michael A.
McGallian, Dylan J.
Messick, Bailey M.
Middleton, Hayleigh A.
Mielke, Edison N.
Miller, Madisyn M.
Morales, Matthew S.
Morton, Seth R.
Murray, Shawn
Northrop, Jordan M.
Olmstead, Tytan S.
Olmstead, Tytan S.
Olson, Daniel Z.
Perez, Anthony M.
Perkins, Justin J.
Petras, Anna M.
Rannow, Hannah M.
Rose, Kyle L.
Rowley, Patrick J.
Scharen, Rian D.
Smith, Joshua K.
Steiner, Samuel R.
Stinnett, Darren J.
Stinnett, Gabriel M.
Taniguchi, Jordan T.
Tupua, Annabel M.
Valentine, Ramona C.
Varas, Mallory S.
Waggoner, Claire K.
Wilkinson, Nicholas J.
Williams, Hailee A.
Williams, Paige M.

Twilight tours resume Jan. 7

A new season of Siuslaw School District's Twilight bus tour program will begin Thursday, Jan. 7, with a new name: the Twilight Explorers.

Twilight students will need to sign-up soon; the selection of the group of eight Explorers and the alternates will be completed by Thursday, Dec. 17.

Tours will be on the first, second, and fourth Thursday of each month.

This year, the trips will be limited to grades 5-8, and will be restricted to a regular group of eight attendees, with seven alternates. The alternative students will fill-in when regulars are ill, have appointments, etc., and will have the chance to join the regular group after Spring Break, when new sign-ups will be accepted.

In accordance with Twilight's educational goals of

enrichment and recreation, these trips will continue to visit Florence area businesses and agencies with the objective of showing students the variety of interesting people, activities and employment opportunities there are in their hometown.

Last year's visits included the U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, Florence Police Department, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, C & M Stables, Foglio Trucking, Siuslaw Public Library, Sea Lion Caves, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center with Western Lane Ambulance District and more.

This activity is administered by Lisa Utz and Lynn Anderson of Siuslaw's Twilight after-school program and tours will be led by Jim Grano and Ben Wells.

—Submitted by Jim Grano

Scholastic comes to Siuslaw

The Siuslaw Middle School (SMS) is going to have a Scholastic Book Fair in the SMS library until Thursday, Dec. 3.

The Scholastic Book Fair

will feature books for middle and high school students.

For more information, contact Alice Burns at the Middle School at 541-997-8241.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Benjamin Cahoon — 2D art

BY CAROL JOLLEY
for Siuslaw High School

Benjamin Cahoon is a junior at Siuslaw High School who has found his niche in the world of art.

He finds his Advanced Pottery class “Fun, relaxed and productive” and his teacher Kim Pickell “inspires creativity by pushing you outside your boundaries.”

In his various art classes, Benjamin says, “I have experience with every media including lino cuts, scratch board, charcoal, graphite, watercolor, acrylics, pen and ink, mixed media, photography and ceramics.”

Vincent Van Gogh is his favorite artist although Benjamin describes his own personal style as “Impressionistic Realism.” He is already an accomplished artist with a history of sales and awards from his student shows in Florence.

His artistic pursuits include being in zero period jazz band along with symphonic band, where he plays the saxophone. Benjamin also sings a cappella and teaches Sunday school classes.

Benjamin has been the student writer for the “Artist of the Month” column and will continue in that capacity.

In addition, he is president of Key Club, a Rotary Student of the Quarter and a Florence City Council student representative for the arts in the local school district.

Benjamin's goal after high school is to attend George Fox University in Portland as an art major, with a goal of teaching at high school or eventually in college.

He loves the art scene of Portland and goes there whenever he and his family can. He is the son of Ahren and Trudie Cahoon.

However, before he attends college, he plans to go on a trip to Greece, Turkey and Italy in 2017 through the organization



PHOTO BY CAROL JOLLEY

Education First Tours to study those countries' art and culture. It's conceivable that in the far future Benjamin may even open his own business. Keep your eye on Benjamin in the years ahead.

WLCF grant enriches math for third graders

Thanks to a generous grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation, Siuslaw Elementary students in third grade have the opportunity to use the Scholastic Math Reads kit this year, in conjunction with the current Saxon Math core program.

Math Reads was developed by Marilyn Burns, a well known and highly respected mathematics educator.

The program uses literature to enrich children's mathematical understanding of a multitude of math concepts.

Children in grade 3 have the opportunity to read books that help them to understand

the concepts of fractions, place value, money, time, multiplication, estimation, measurement, problem solving, geometry and more.

The books work nicely in small groups, where children can discuss the books and benefit from a literature-based approach to mathematics.

The grant request was written by grade 3 teacher, Dolly Greene at Siuslaw Elementary School.

—Submitted by Dolly Greene



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dolly Greene's third grade class shows math-themed books received from Western Lane Community Foundation.



CHANTELLE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw Rotary Interact Club stood in solidarity with the people of Paris by holding up signs and flags to honor victims and support survivors. The students in the club felt this was appropriate, as this year's Rotary Exchange Student is Lucas Menez, from France.

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As a wrap-up to the first quarter of this course and to get students excited about opportunities, eighth grade science teacher Alexis Wells took students on a tour of the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

Students were led by a UO Student Ambassador on a 90 minute walking tour around the campus grounds, learning fun facts and history along the way.

They visited the Knight Library, the Lillis Business Complex and the Student

Recreation Center.

The tour ended with a resident dining hall experience where the middle school students were able to purchase meals right alongside the college students.

For many students, this was their first visit to a college campus and most were impressed by the options and opportunities awaiting them.

—Submitted by Alexis Wells

Siuslaw eighth grade students show University of Oregon (UO) pride in front of Lillis Business Complex at a recent tour of the school.



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