

SCHOOL ZONE

A Monthly Newsletter for the Siuslaw and Mapleton Schools and Florence Community PTA



Mapleton Elementary students visited a museum and the University of Oregon campus on Feb. 10.

Academic all-stars visit UO campus

Each quarter, the students at Mapleton Elementary School have the opportunity to be an AVID All-Star. This quarter, 54 Avid All-Stars got to go on a special field trip to Eugene on Feb. 10.

The students spent time at the Science Factory where they were able to explore various hands-on science stations as well as enjoy a show in the Planetarium.

In addition, one of the trip highlights was a personal tour of Autzen Stadium where students were able to learn about the University of

Oregon, college athletics and have the chance to run and play on a college football field.

The trip ended with a quick stop in Veneta where Dairy Queen hosted the group for ice cream.

A fun time was definitely had by all.

The staff and students at Mapleton Elementary would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Florence for its generous support which helped fund this trip.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) at Mapleton

Elementary School teaches students how to have great study skills, how to be responsible for homework and planners, and to start thinking about education beyond high school.

Students who are in attendance at least 95 percent of the days, tardy two or less times, bring their folders and binders back signed by parents every day and also do their homework every day for the entire quarter are invited to go on a special field trip.

—Submitted by Carrie McNeill



Student artists show work at FEC, library

March is a busy month for Siuslaw High School (SHS) student artists. Both Pottery and Creative Arts students will have the opportunity to show their talents at one of two student art shows. Both the Florence Events Center (FEC) and Siuslaw Public Library will be displaying student work.

The Friends of the Florence Events Center are proud to present “Fresh Impressions 2016” to highlight the artistic talents of the youth in our community.

They are hoping this exhibit will increase exposure for the youth to a wider audience, as well as bring new patrons and recognition for the gallery.

This exhibit will include cash awards, as well as honorable mention ribbons and gift certificates.

The art will be judged by the FEC Gallery Committee members. A reception for artists, their friends, families and the community will be held on Tuesday, March 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the FEC, 715 Quince St. There will be over 15 student artists represented at this show.

SHS Art Teacher Kim Pickell says Siuslaw Public Library has graciously, for a number of years, displayed her students’ artwork during the month of March.

This year, there will be over 25 students whose work will be in the library’s hallway gallery at 1460 Ninth St. A special display of pottery coil vessels, based on Hawaiian Tiki gods, will be featured.

The community is welcome to come and enjoy the artwork during library hours.

Both shows will include a variety of mediums, including acrylic, colored pencil, scratchboard, pencil and stoneware. Several pieces based on an Aborigine artwork lesson will also be included in both shows.

All are encouraged to take a moment to appreciate the talents of the Florence youth. —Submitted by Kim Pickell



Pottery by Benjamin Cahoon



Acrylic painting by Emilee Christensen

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Scholastic Book Fair at Siuslaw Elementary School next week

Siuslaw Elementary School (SES), 2221 Oak St., will host a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, Feb. 29 to Friday, March 4. The fair will run from 4 to 6 p.m. all days except Wednesday, when it will run from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Book Fair Diner will be held Wednesday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies.

Special guests will read books each day at 4:30 p.m.

The book fair theme is “Feelin’ Groovy: Peace, Love and Books.” Money raised will help purchase books for the SES library, classrooms and students. Families, faculty and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong learners.

The Scholastic Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, best-sellers and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List Program. In addition, the fair will allow people to donate change for the purpose of purchasing more books.

For more information, contact Julia Craig at 541-997-2514.



Using their noodles

One of Kyle Lewis’s Siuslaw High School culinary arts classes invited Siuslaw Elementary School kindergarten classes over to the high school to make pasta earlier this month. —Submitted by SHS Principal Kerri Tatum



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