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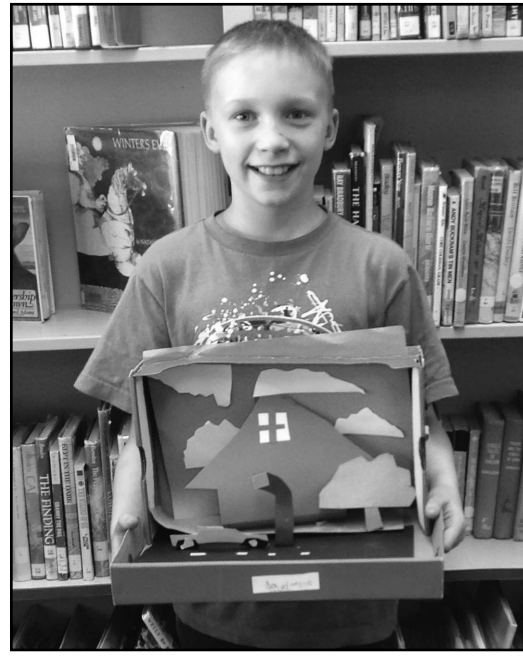
TAG students learn about heroes, monsters



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Mapleton Elementary School is excited to have its TAG (Talented and Gifted) group underway. TAG group meets every day for

enrichment in all academics, with the focus on reading, math, science and social studies. Recently, TAG students completed a novel study on “The Sea

of Monsters” by Rick Riordan, the second book in the “Percy Jackson and the Olympians” series.

Students completed interviews on their iPads and created diora-

mas and topographical maps to go along with the novel study.

“All the students put great effort into their projects,” said teacher Jody Brand. “They are motivated,

excited and eager to learn. It is so great to be able to challenge, enrich and see these students flourish.”

—Submitted by Jody Brand

Florence Community PTA

Collect Labels for Education for area schools

The PTA encourages community members to turn in their Campbell’s, Swanson’s, Spaghetti-Os and Pepperidge Farm labels, with UPCs, so it can order products for area schools.

Unfortunately, Campbell’s is winding down its Labels for Education Program and it will no longer be printing the Labels for Education logo by the middle of 2016.

As of now, the program will last through the 2016-2017 school year. The PTA hopes to collect and send in as many labels as possible before the program closes down.

There are collection

boxes in the Siuslaw Public Library and the Siuslaw Elementary School Office.

The Labels for Education program allows the Florence Area PTA to accumulate points that can be redeemed for various educational products for the Siuslaw School District.

Before recycling packaging, look for the Labels for Education logo and clip the UPC code.

You’ll find these labels on a huge variety of products, including Pace, Campbell’s, Pepperidge Farm, Bic, Prego, Swanson’s, V8 and more.

—Submitted by Button Watkins

Florence PTA seeks volunteers to support students

Florence Community PTA is in the final weeks of a membership drive to reach 150 members. If the group reaches this goal by Tuesday, March 1, it will receive a prize from the Oregon PTA. More importantly, it will have 150 people in the community showing their support for local students.

“We have a special membership incentive right now. For any current member who brings a guest to a meeting, and the guest joins our PTA, both the current and new member will receive a Dutch Bros. gift card,” said Diane McCalmont, PTA president. “At just \$11 per year, our membership dues are an easy way to way to support

our kids. Even if you don’t have time to volunteer for PTA activities, we still invite you to become a member,” she added.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m., in the Siuslaw Elementary School library.

Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Free child care and snacks are provided.

“You don’t have to be a teacher or have a child in the school system to become a member here,” said Susy Lacer, PTA secretary. “Everyone is welcome to join our PTA, including businesses and even out-of-town relatives who want to support students in Florence.”

The Florence Community Parent Teacher Association is a nonprofit organization that serves all of the public schools in the Siuslaw School District.

Business sponsors are acknowledged as PTA supporters at each of its events throughout the year, and are included in the newsletter, which is distributed to parents of more than 600 elementary school students monthly. Business dues are \$25 per year.

Membership forms for individuals or businesses are available at the schools, or from at www.FlorencePTA.org.

Completed forms and payments can be mailed to PO Box 1140, Florence OR 97439, or dropped off at any school.

Current and prospective members are encouraged to check out the Florence Community PTA Facebook page for events, updates and information.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Be a part of School Zone, a newsletter about the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

Call or email Siuslaw News Editor Ryan Cronk at 541-902-3520 or editor@thesiuslawnews.com.

Scholarships

Turn in LCC scholarship applications Thursday

Students preparing for the 2016-17 college year are encouraged to seek out scholarships from many resources.

Lane Community College Florence Center encourages students from all walks of life to participate in this process by pro-

viding nearly \$48,000 in scholarships to western Lane County residents, ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 each.

Stop by LCC Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., to pick up a scholarship information packet or visit www.lanecce.edu/foundation

for more information. The application deadline is Thursday, March 3.

In addition to scholarships offered to high school seniors getting ready for college, LCC offers scholarships for those enrolling in specific programs or students facing

particular challenges in their pursuit of a better life.

Even small scholarships can return big benefits. As many students bypass applying for the small-dollar awards, fewer applicants translate to better odds for success.

Ladies of Elks scholarships due

The applications for scholarships from Florence Ladies of Elks, B.P.O.E No. 1858, are due Saturday, March 5. School counselors can provide the application.

The Elks provide scholarships and vocational training to any graduating senior

from the high schools of Siuslaw, Mapleton, Reed-Sport and Triangle Lake who plans to attend an accredited college, university, trade or vocational program.

This year, awards in amounts of \$2,000 and \$1,000 are available.

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Look for ... KID SCOOP

Kid Scoop runs every Wednesday during the school year in the Siuslaw News and features educational stories and fun activities for families.

The activity page is part of the Siuslaw News' Newspapers In Education program, in which teachers from Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts may request copies of the local paper to use as curriculum in their classroom. Call 541-997-3441 for more info.