

SCHOOL ZONE

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

Project Graduation hosts fish fry

Siuslaw High School seniors are selling tickets for the annual "Mo's All You Can Eat Fish Fry," which will take place Thursday, March 2.

Project Graduation raises funds each year at this fun event for the all-night drug- and alcohol-free graduation party.

Come to Mo's in Historic Old Town Florence between 5:30 and 8 p.m. for all you can eat fish or chicken strips, fries, coleslaw, bread, cobbler and a soft drink.

Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for children.

There is also a raffle with great prizes.

Buy tickets in advance by calling Tara Haley at 541-991-0950, or purchase them at the door.



"The Unknown"

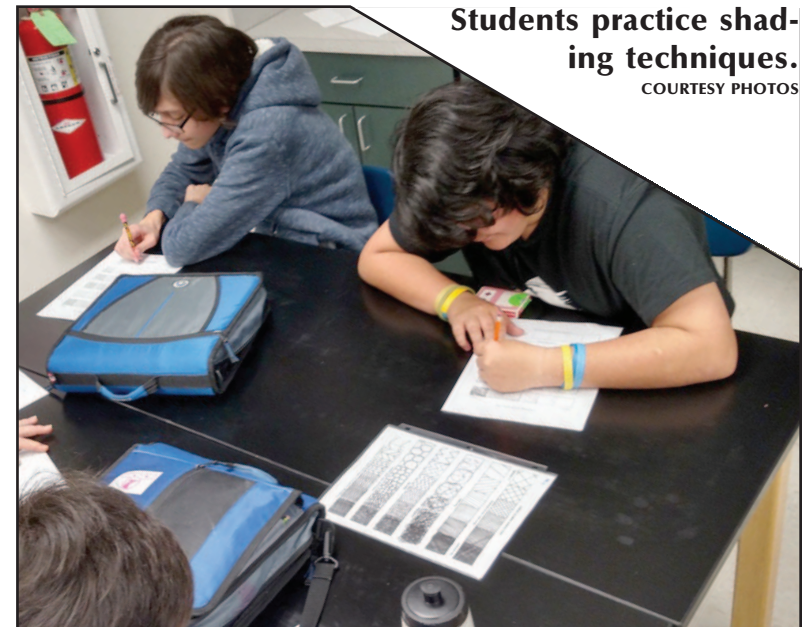
by Siuslaw Middle School eighth-graders

Students learn stellar shading

At the start of the new semester, Siuslaw Middle School eighth-grade students were visited by guest teacher, Jane Connelley, an artist with the Lane Arts Council.

Connelley taught the students color layering techniques using highly pigmented colored pencils. Students practiced this technique using elements of design and shading techniques to add value to their artwork.

For their culminating project, each student created an individual tile, which was then arranged on a poster board with the tiles of all the other students to produce a larger picture mosaic. The theme for the large mosaic chosen by the eighth-grade students was outer space. The resulting artwork was a beautiful interpretation of our solar system. You can see this art piece titled "The Unknown" at Florence Regional Arts Alliance on Maple Street in Old Town, where it will be displayed during the months of March and April. — Submitted by Alexis Wells



Students practice shading techniques.

COURTESY PHOTOS

CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK

Mapleton High School one of 100 to receive Nike grant

Nike School Innovation Fund awards of \$1.5 million to help close the achievement gap and fuel excellence in education

On Feb. 16, Nike, Inc. announced \$1.5 million in grants from the Nike School Innovation Fund (NSIF) with the support of two-time Olympic Medalist and Nike athlete Ashton Eaton. Recently retired from sport, Ashton has turned his focus

to lending his voice to elevate the efforts of NSIF and champion Oregon students and their futures.

The NSIF is awarding 100 Oregon high schools a total of \$1.5 million in grants with the goal of increasing graduation rates, closing the achievement gap and helping all students in Oregon prepare for future success.

Mapleton High School was one of those chosen.

Nike's new two-minute film on the Nike School Innovation Fund, viewable at youtu.be/DvmAhqP4vSo, featuring Eaton, captures the

Olympic Medalist and Nike athlete Ashton Eaton is working with the Nike School Innovation Fund to bring a message of support to Oregon students.

impact of NSIF's work with teachers and students.

"As the first in my family to go to college, and a native Oregonian, I believe every student can graduate and achieve their dreams, and Nike does, too," says Eaton in the introduction to the film.

In a recent visit to an 11th and 12th grade AVID class at Churchill High School in Eugene, Eaton shared how education shaped his future and encouraged students to own their futures and pursue their dreams.

"When I learned that one in four high school students aren't making it to high school graduation on time or at all, I wanted to get involved," he said.

His visit to the school jump-started his exploration of how to help

Oregon high school students and educators. Just a short distance from where he studied Psychology and trained to be the best in world at the University of Oregon, Eaton urged students to "find what you love and give it everything."

That's Nike's message, too.

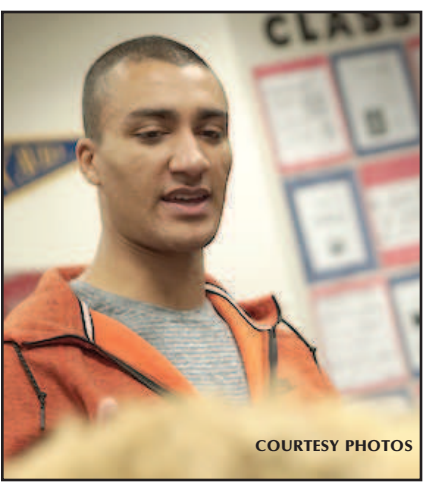
"We believe all kids deserve the chance to graduate ready for their future, and that's why we're investing in Oregon schools through the Nike School Innovation Fund," said Vanessa Wilkins, North America Community Impact Director at Nike. "Oregon is working hard to help more students graduate from high school and we're excited to be part of the solution."

Nike is committed to supporting Oregon schools. Through the NSIF, it has invested \$5 million to high



schools over the last three years to positively impact kids in the state and to help make Oregon schools among the best in the country.

See **NIKE 2**



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100 OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS RECEIVE NIKE SCHOOL INNOVATION FUNDS

- Academy of International Studies, Woodburn
- Alliance High School, Portland
- Aloha High School, Aloha
- Arts & Communication Magnet Academy, Beaverton
- Beaverton High School, Beaverton
- Benson Polytechnic High School, Portland
- Canby High School, Canby
- Cascade Senior High School, Turner
- Central High School, Independence
- Central Linn High School, Halsey
- Century High School, Hillsboro
- Chiloquin High School, Chiloquin
- Churchill High School, Eugene
- Clackamas High School, Clackamas
- Cleveland High School, Portland
- Community High School, Beaverton
- Corvallis High School, Corvallis
- Crater Academy of Health & Public Services, Central Point
- Crater Renaissance Academy, Central Point
- Crescent Valley High School, Corvallis
- Crook County High School, Prineville
- Culver High School, Culver
- Dallas High School, Dallas
- Dayton High School, Dayton
- Eagle Point High School, Eagle Point
- Early College High School, Salem
- Forest Grove High School, Forest Grove
- Franklin High School, Portland
- Gervais High School, Gervais
- Gilchrist Junior/Senior High School, Gilchrist
- Gladstone High School, Gladstone
- Glencoe High School, Hillsboro
- Grant High School, Portland
- Grants Pass High School, Grants Pass
- Gresham High School, Gresham
- Harrisburg High School, Harrisburg
- Health & Science School, Beaverton
- Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro
- Hood River Valley High School, Hood River
- International School of Beaverton
- Jefferson High School, Portland
- Jewell School District, Jewell
- John F. Kennedy High School, Mount Angel
- Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls
- Knappa High School, Knappa
- La Pine Senior High School, La Pine
- Lakeview High School, Lakeview
- Lebanon High School, Lebanon
- Liberty High School, Hillsboro
- Lincoln High School, Portland
- Madison High School, Portland
- Madras High School, Madras
- Marshall High School, Bend
- Marshfield Senior High School, Coos Bay
- Mapleton High School, Mapleton
- McKay High School, Salem
- McLoughlin High School, Milton-Freewater
- McMinnville High School, McMinnville
- McNary High School, Salem
- Metropolitan Learning Center, Portland
- Milwaukie High School, Milwaukie
- Mountainside High School, Beaverton
- New Urban High School, Milwaukie
- Newberg High School, Newberg
- Newport High School, Newport
- North Eugene High School, Eugene
- North Medford High School, Medford
- North Salem High School, Salem
- Oregon City High School, Oregon City
- Parkrose High School, Portland
- Philomath High School, Philomath
- Rex Putnam High School, Milwaukie
- Reynolds High School, Troutdale
- Ridgeview High School, Redmond
- Roosevelt High School, Portland
- Sam Barlow High School, Gresham
- Scio High School, Scio
- Sheldon High School, Eugene
- Siletz Valley Early College Academy, Siletz
- Sisters High School, Sisters
- South Albany High School, Albany
- South Eugene High School, Eugene
- South Medford High School, Medford
- South Salem High School, Salem
- Southridge High School, Beaverton
- Sprague High School, Salem
- St. Helens High School, St. Helens
- Stayton High School, Stayton
- Sunset High School, Beaverton
- Taft High School, Lincoln City
- The Dalles-Wahtonka High School, The Dalles
- Tigard High School, Tigard
- Toledo Junior/Senior High School, Toledo
- Tualatin High School, Tualatin
- Vernonia High School, Vernonia
- Waldport High School, Waldport
- West Salem High School, Salem
- Westview High School, Portland
- Wilson High School, Portland
- Woodburn Academy of Art, Science and Technology, Woodburn