

SCHOOL ZONE

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

110TH ANNUAL RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

Rhody Days opens May 18 with Queen Rhododendra, King of the Coast Coronation

All 13 members of the 2017 Rhododendron Court are preparing for the 110th annual Rhododendron Festival, May 18 to 21 in Florence.

Senior Court Princesses Eyza Abbas, Chehalis Stinger, Claire Waggoner, Abby Watkins and Jewel Roby and Senior Court Princes Benjamin Cahoon, Michael Larson and Kyle Doran will mentor the Junior Court Princesses, first-grader Clover Holbrook, second-grader Chloe Clark, third-grader Madi Jerabek, fourth-grader Arianna Williams and fifth-grader Ava Center.

Mapleton School District has three students participating this year and Siuslaw has 10.

The Senior and Junior Courts are working to be “Always Ready to Rhody” with the Rhododendron Court Committee to develop leadership and communication skills and make public appearances in the area.

This year’s Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be crowned in a coronation ceremony on Thursday, May 18, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.



2017 RHODY COURT

COURTESY PHOTOS

Tickets are \$10, and \$6 for 18 and under.

The Rhododendron Festival has many more opportunities for youth involvement, including the Davis Shows Carnival — opening at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, on the Port of Siuslaw grounds at the east end of Historic Old Town Florence. The carnival runs through Sunday at 8 p.m.

Discount tickets are available now through Wednesday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at FlorenceChamber.com and at the Visitor’s Center.

Saturday, May 20, features the Rhody Festival Junior Parade at noon at Miller

Park with kids’ games to follow at Siuslaw High School. Siuslaw Middle School will also show off its STEAM fair (science, technology, engineering, art and math) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 21, features the 110th annual Grand Floral Parade down Highway 101 to Old Town Florence. The parade starts at noon, and people are encouraged to line up early.

Are you “Ready to Rhody?”



Senior Court Princes and Princesses



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Professor Priscilla Ovalle conducts a discussion on movie trailers with Siuslaw students. Students picked from a list of top 10 movies currently at the box office. Ovalle helped students unpack these trailers and discover conventions used in trailers like genres, stars, sound, etc.

A study in cinema

Siuslaw middle, high school students tour UO film studies department

On Friday, April 21, 49 students from Siuslaw Middle School’s Nerd Squad and eighth-grade Communication Arts class and Siuslaw



High School’s Digital Film class went on a field trip to the University of Oregon’s Cinema Studies Department. Students attended work-

shops conducted by actual Oregon professors and toured the film and editing facilities at the Knight Library. — Submitted by Eddie Mielke



(Above left) Professor Mike Aronson greets Siuslaw students to the University of Oregon’s Cinema Studies Department in the Knight Library. (Above right) Professor Andre Sirois leads Siuslaw students in a workshop on music video visualization and treatment. Students looked at music videos and screenshots and analyzed them as Sirois reviewed the directors’ choices and techniques.