

SIUSLAW

STUDENTS

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Mrs. Riggs' Fifth-Grade class Student Council
Back row, from left: Mason Gibson, Dylan Jensen and Jordan Albin
Front row, from left: Macali Lade and Darcy Edman

Students in Mrs. Christi Riggs' fifth-grade class at Siuslaw Elementary School decided they would like to have a student council this year. Classmates got together to talk about it and made the decision to create a council just for them.

Vice President Darcy Edman said, "The Student Council will agree/disagree on classroom concerns

brought to the attention of the council to make our classroom a better place to learn."

Students ran for the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

On Sept. 15, those in the running gave speeches before the election.

Votes were taken by ballot and the results were as follows: Dylan Jensen, president; Mason Gibson and Darcy

Edman, co-vice presidents; Jordan Albin, treasurer; and Macali Lade, secretary.

During the process, students learned more about conducting an election and what the responsibilities of each position would be.

Secretary Macali Lade said that her responsibility "is to log in the minutes of the meetings and give ideas to the president," while Treasurer Jordan

Albin said he "will keep the meetings on time and take the place of the secretary in case of absence."

President, Dylan Jensen, says that the Student Council will "take people's ideas and make them happen."

Additionally, Mrs. Riggs' class decided they needed a group who would help out with safety of the classroom. They called this group CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).

Members Roxi Clement and Aiden Webb said, "The responsibility of the CIA is to make sure that the children in the classroom are not getting hurt. We actively watch for the safety of other students."

Taking on these roles are Aiden Webb, Roxi Clement, Nevaeh Riley, Tyler Clark and Brandon Jagoe.

— *Story and photos by Diane McCalmont*

COUNCIL



Mrs. Riggs' Fifth-Grade class Central Intelligence Agency
Back row, from left: Aiden Webb, Roxi Clement and Nevaeh Riley
Front row, from left: Tyler Clark and Brandon Jagoe

Harmonious project bridges generations

The Harmony Bridge Project brings together Siuslaw Band students and senior citizens to create beautiful music, new relationships and lasting memories. The inaugural concert in June at Shorewood Senior Living featured 24 middle and high school students led

by Siuslaw Director of Bands Chris Rowbotham and Dallas Brass Founder Michael Levine.

Harmony Bridge is a unique, holistic instructional teaching program designed to link young and old. Its foundation is the development of personal growth, community outreach and musi-

cal development for instrumental students.

With a combination of old favorite tunes, including "Home on the Range" and "The Caissons Song," plus original music, each instrument section is highlighted and every player has a chance to shine.

Students learn how to perform for small audiences through ensemble work, solo parts, showmanship and audience participation, including old fashioned sing-alongs and pantomimes. Performers then interact with audience members individually after the concert.

The program is the brainchild of Levine, who developed the concept in 2010 after a chance meeting with a 107-year-old resident of Tripp, South Dakota (population 650). Since then, Harmony Bridge has been adopted by schools in six different states across the U.S.

The Shorewood concert was a rousing success, with students and residents sharing music, stories and memories afterwards.



The band directors finally had to remind students it was time to pack up and head to the waiting bus.

Like all great ideas, The Harmony Bridge Project took time, money and enthusiasm to get off the ground. Special thanks to go SEAcost Entertainment Association, contributors Sam Spayd and Maire Testa, and music di-

rectors Rowbotham and Levine for making this happen in only two short months. It also relies heavily on students and parents volunteering their time and skills.

Harmony Bridge at Siuslaw will have its full launch this fall.

For more information, go to Harmonybridge.net.

To volunteer for The Bands at Siuslaw, contact Rachel Pearson at 541-997-8241 during school hours.

— *Stories and photos by Rachel I. Pearson*

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FLORENCE COMMUNITY PTA

A NEW YEAR AND NEW STYLE FOR PTA

Florence Community PTA (FCPTA) is a group of parents, teachers and community members looking after the best interests of schools. The group

does this through programs, fundraisers and events.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION
The Campbell Soup Compa-

ny is winding down its Labels for Education Program. This program allows the Florence Community PTA to earn free Visa gift cards by sending in UPC codes with the Labels for Education Logo attached.

"We have through the fall semester to collect and submit labels," said Labels for Education Coordinator Button Watkins. "Our PTA will put the funds to good use for our students. Thank you."

The Labels for Education logo with UPC code can be found on older packages of the following products: Bic, Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti-Os, Swanson's, V8 juice and Post cereals.

There are collection boxes in the Siuslaw Elementary School office and the Siuslaw Public Library branch in Florence.

— *Submitted by Button Watkins*

MARK THOSE CALENDARS
FCPTA is excited to an-

nounce some changes to its meeting schedule for the 2017-18 school year.

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

This year, the Florence group will hold quarterly meetings. Two of our meetings will be at the traditional 4 p.m. time and two will be later in the evening and we will be serving dinner!

Join FCPTA to have your voice heard and connect with other parents, teachers and community members. Everyone should work together to help each child's potential become their reality.

Childcare is provided for all meetings.

The November quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Siuslaw Elementary School library.

Contact Florence Community PTA at www.florencepta.org.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Be a part of School Zone, a newsletter for students in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

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