

SIUSLAW

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Cassidy Moore

— *Advanced Art*

BY AUDREY LOWDER
Siuslaw High School
Student



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Cassidy Moore was selected by Mrs. Kim Pickell as the December Artist of the Month. She is the daughter of Dustin and Jeniffer Moore and is currently a senior at Siuslaw High School. Cassidy has Mrs. Pickell for two periods of the day: third period as a teacher's assistant and sixth period for Advanced Placement Art.

The last painting she did for A.P. Art was "a purple, red and blue watercolor around this girl that I drew with a rose" and is currently her favorite work.

Cassidy is currently the only student in A.P. Art but hopes there "will be at least two or three people next year."

She describes the atmosphere of her class as "a nice place to just relax and draw."

The class has helped increase her creativity by allowing her to not be restricted by guidelines. Cassidy says her "favorite thing about [Mrs. Pickell] is that she lets me do what I want and gives

me tips and helps me form my own art."

Her favorite things to do in addition to painting are reading and writing.

After high school, Cassidy plans to "start out in community college and maybe go to a liberal arts college."

She plans to be "an artist, whether that be writing, painting or drawing," after college.

Cassidy said she especially enjoys painting landscapes and drawing people, so make sure you keep your eye out for her work.

"Normality is a paved road: it's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it."—Vincent Van Gogh



COURTESY PHOTOS



7th-graders explore trail, woods

Cindi Ramsey teaches Siuslaw Middle School seventh-grade Science and Stream Team, and combined Lego Robotics for sixth- through eighth-grades.

The Stream Team took a field trip on Oct. 30, to the PAWN Trail. "We learned about old growth forests and their unique habitat," said Ramsey.

On Nov. 1, the Stream Team visited the Rankin Woodlands, owned by Dave and Dianne Rankin. Both of them are retired Siuslaw School District teachers — and both taught Ramsey when she attended school there.

"Our class learned about many different types of forests, the riparian zone and habitats for both plants/trees and animals," Ramsey said.



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Thankful third-graders



Mrs. Greene's third-grade class wrote Thanksgiving poems to share with their families. The project had students using the five senses to express their ideas. Together, as a class, they also composed a collaborative poem and created artwork to illustrate their knowledge of healthy foods. This project corresponds with the new elementary school emphasis on healthy eating habits and physical exercise through the CATCH program.

Sixth-Grade Stream Team visits Siltcoos

In October, the Siuslaw Middle School Sixth-Grade Stream Team went on the first field-based research trip to Siltcoos Outlet. They were in groups, decided on their interests and collected data to answer a question they had developed in class in the days leading up to the field trip.

There were groups focusing on Forests, with volunteers Jim Grano and Matt Smith with the U.S. Forest Service, Water Quality with Siuslaw Watershed Council's Kyle Terry, Mammals with local hunter Rick Mumpower, Marine Debris with expert Mary Goff, Birds with retired sixth-grade teacher Ty Perry, and Macroinvertebrates with the Stream Team teacher, Mrs. Perry.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who joined us.

Each group spent five hours exploring the environment and collecting data and preparing for the presentation they would give back in class.

The day was beautiful. The mammal group took trail camera pictures of six different mammals native to the area, the macroinvertebrate group gathered 15 different species between the outlet and the lagoon and the marine debris group collected garbage on the beach while also collecting data, leaving the area better than they found it. — Photos and story submitted by McKenzie Perry



Hello Community Members,

Are you interested in working with students? Do you have a background in science? Are you passionate about the outdoors? I am looking to get in touch with community members willing to volunteer occasionally with my sixth-grade Stream Team (an elective course focusing on watershed stewardship) classes on field trips. On these field trips, students will be conducting field based research based on their own questions, research and findings. What I need is a variety of people with different expertise to come along on field trips to assist students

in small groups of about five to define questions that can be answered with data they will collect, and organize that data so that it can be reported back to their peers in a gallery walk format.

In order to join us in this venture, I need your contact information, your areas of expertise or passion and, last but not least, I need you to be cleared with a background check in order to volunteer in the schools.

Our field trips take place once per quarter (4 times each school year) at the Siltcoos Outlet/Lake trail area. Students will be guided to ask questions that can be answered with data or observations from that

area specifically, so I am looking for people interested in teaching about forests, water quality, dunes, beaches, rivers, native and invasive species, as well as our watershed as a whole.

Students will also need help taking and organizing their data in a way that communicates their question and findings.

If you are interested, please email me at mperry@siuslaw.k12.or.us with your information, and/or any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your time.

Respectfully,
McKenzie Perry, Sixth-Grade Science & Stream Team

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