

COASTAL COMMUNITY

PTA Reflections puts arts contest 'within reach' of students

Florence Community PTA's Reflections program was designed to enhance quality arts education. This is a national program that allows pre-K to 12th-grade students to explore and express their unique artistic abilities. Reflections also provides parents and peers with an opportunity to recognize the students' artistic endeavors, which will help to promote a desire for lifelong continuing education and involvement in art.

The PTA believes strongly in making every child's potential success a reality — and this is a great way to start!

The Reflections theme this year is "Within Reach." The students could interpret this in any way they choose and there were several different categories they can submit their original art pieces in. Students had the opportunity to submit a piece to any or all of the categories and a chance to be recognized and



From left, Reflections winners Bree Carpenter, Brook Carpenter, Charley Holdhal, Connor Sarles, Natilee Isham and Jessie Hoover. Clover Holbrook was also a winner.

awarded for multiple categories. These include dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, visual arts and 3D visual arts.

Each piece was judged on: Interpretation: How closely the piece related to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement.

Creativity: How creative and original the piece was in its con-

ception of the theme and its presentation.

Technique: The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

The submissions that fit these criteria the most closely could next be turned in for the local, regional, state and national level awards and recognition.

This year, Siuslaw School District had eight very talented

young artists submit their original art pieces in for judging.

Pre-K to Second-Grade Division:

Connor Sarles – 1st place, visual arts

Clover Holbrook – 2nd place, visual arts

Natilee Isham – 3rd place, visual arts

Third- to Fifth-Grade Division:

Charley Holdhal – 1st and 2nd place, visual arts

Bree Carpenter – 3rd place, visual arts

Brook Carpenter – 4th place, visual arts

Sixth- to Eighth-Grade Division:

Jessie Hoover – 1st place, choreography

There were no submissions for the high school category.

First place winners Sarles, Holdhal and Hoover will now be moving on to the next round of judging at the state level.

— Submitted by Melissa Samel

Seeking homeschooled high schoolers for new group

If you are a highschool homeschooler and would like to join other students for field trips, classes or social opportunities join a new group on Friday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Old Town Coffee, 125 Nopal St.

The group will be discussing

ideas at this time.

Homeschoolers are invited to stop in and share their thoughts about fun and educational opportunities.

For more information, contact Usnea Lichen at usnea@gmail.com.

Hula scholarships for middle and high school students

Pacific Northwest Hula Academy (PNWHA) Cultural Arts Program for Youth is an immersion program to the language, music, history and dances of Hawai'i through the storytelling tradition of hula. The program may also include other dance traditions of Polynesia.

A tuition scholarship is currently offered to youth ages 12 to 17.

Participants must be available to attend all classes and re-

hearsals scheduled in the series, commit to at least three or more performances for community awareness of the program, and help fundraise for costumes, expenses and other necessary supplies.

Classes and rehearsals will be held at Lane Community College Florence Center. Limited spots are available; email or call instructor Iwalalani Raes for more information, pnwhula@gmail.com, 541-603-4393.

RECORD AUDITIONS SHOW CROW NOT 'MONKEYING AROUND' WITH 'TARZAN'



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CROW PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

A total of 87 excited and nervous kids auditioned Jan. 8 and 9 for Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops' (CROW) production of Disney's "Tarzan." The youth ranged from small roles for 3 and up all the way up to their 20s. With so many talented kids to select from, it became exceptionally difficult for the production team to choose the final cast. CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard said, "We are impressed and amazed by the caliber of auditionees this year. Many wonderful new faces, as well as some 'old pros,' made for a really amazing start to this fantastic mainstage musical." This full mainstage musical of Disney's "Tarzan," featuring music by Phil Collins, will be performed at the Florence Events Center April 13 to 15. "Hold onto your vines, Florence. Tarzan is going to be epic," Heard added. For information on CROW, including classes, summer camps and the "Tarzan" cast list, visit www.crowkids.com.



TAKING LEAPS WITH 'FLIGHT' DANCE

CROW's FLIGHT Dance Team is definitely one of my favorite things to do because it shows me how much I love to dance.

Dancing is complicated, but I've learned I love to challenge myself to do what I couldn't before. If anything, FLIGHT shows

how practice really does pay off. FLIGHT is a family. We stick together so none of us have to be alone. Because of this, I have a lot of friends from FLIGHT.

After all of our practicing, it's fun to perform and share what we've worked so hard for. There's nothing like that rush you get

when you're on stage. It tells you you're about to make someone's day.

That is why I'm a member of FLIGHT.

— Victoria Schlager, a CROW kid and dancer

For more information, visit crowkids.com/flight-dance-team.

MAPLETON

Volunteer

Mapleton School District welcomes and encourages parent and community volunteers in its schools.

The schools have several opportunities for volunteers to help students and teachers. People can volunteer to help with the Elementary Rolling Readers Program, chaperone fieldtrips or volunteer in a classroom.

All volunteers must pass the district's

criminal background check. This check is free and is good for two years.

Interested people can download the background check form from www.mapleton.k12.or.us or pick one up from school offices.

Thank you for your interest in helping the Mapleton School District.

For more information, call the District Office at 541-268-4312.

FAFSA CAN HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE

The application period to file for federal student financial aid for the 2018-19 academic year (June 2018 – June 2019) opened on Oct. 1.

To apply today, visit fafsa.ed.gov to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, or request a paper FAFSA by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

For the hearing impaired, contact the TTY

line at 1-800-730-8913.

Applications for both 2017-18 and 2018-19 are currently being accepted, so please use care in selecting the correct academic year.

The FAFSA is open to all students planning to attend schooling, not just current high school students. — Submitted by Lane Community College Florence Center

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.

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