



# School Zone

The inside scoop on Cottage Grove-area schools

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## Sophomores practice art of the interview

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Sophomores at Cottage Grove High School put their skills to the test Friday morning with a round of mock interviews conducted by members of the local business community.

Students left class and headed to the CGHS library in small groups Friday. There, they were assigned to a representative from a local business, government or nonprofit organization. After the appropriate greeting, the student presented a resume outlining their skills and experience. A few of the typical questions that would be featured in most any job interview were then asked, and the volunteer used a score sheet to gauge the student in three areas — the greeting and handshake and whether the student was appropriately dressed for the interview; the substance of the interview and student's



photo by Jon Stinnett

Cottage Grove Public Works Director Jan Wellman interviews sophomore Allison Thomas during a round of interviews Friday morning.

demeanor and body language throughout and the conclusion. Each interview took between five to 10 minutes, and each community volunteer conducted about a half-dozen interviews, with volunteers rotating in and out throughout the morning.

Marc Bass, who also oversees the school's branch of the

Reaching Out Mentoring program, said the program to give sophomores a taste of the world of job interviews has been bringing students and business leaders together for about four years now. Bass said students look forward to (and often, dread) the interviews. He often chooses volunteers who have conducted

interviews with students the previous year, he said, to gauge the differences in their answers and performances from year to year.

One such repeat volunteer, Brad Cohen of Brad's Cottage Grove Chevrolet, said he's never been more impressed with the quality of interviews and interviewees than he was this year.

## DISTRICT BRIEFS

### KEZI weather team visits Bohemia and Harrison

Last week, the Weather Team of KEZI News visited students at Bohemia and Harrison Elementary School. Students learned about the science behind both the weather and predicting the weather.

on Jan. 6. In fact, this one was magical, as the school brought back Magician Hart Keene, who ate needles, pulled glasses out of empty bags and (miraculously) made Mr. Smith's head shrink! Students are eligible to attend good behavior activities if they don't have a referral or multiple detentions. At this event LMS had an amazing 92 percent of its students attend.

### OSLC, Dept. of Forestry donate technology

The Oregon Social Learning Center recently donated 30

desktop computers, several laptops and other devices to our district. These computers and devices have already started to make a difference around South Lane School District. A donated video processor replaced a failed unit at Bohemia Elementary, which re-enabled the closed circuit cameras. The desktops have allowed the technology department to upgrade some classroom computers and the Harrison mini-lab in the Library. One of the laptops replaced a teach-

er's recently stolen one and also served as an upgrade. The technology team will continue to put these resources to use over the school year.

The Department of Forestry also recently donated 17 desktop computers and flat panel monitors. These computers will serve as upgrades to student lab computers.

### Abracadabra at LMS

Lincoln Middle School held another Good Behavior Activity

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## Event at Bohemia aims to help 'Parents Connect'

Slew of presentations begins at 7:30 p.m.

South Lane School District and Head Start are inviting Sarea parents to an evening of classes for parents of preschool through elementary-age students.

The Parents Connect event scheduled this Thursday, Jan. 29 beginning with a 6 p.m. dinner at Bohemia Elementary, offers parents a chance to attend one of a variety of presentations that suit their interests. The presentations and a brief description of each follow:

### 1. Get ready for full-day kindergarten

Full Day Kindergarten is coming in the Fall of 2015. District staff aims to work together to prepare children for success and joy in the rigorous expectations of Full-Day Kindergarten. Presented by SLSD Kindergarten Teachers Kristi Geisler (Bohemia) and Sarah Parsons (Harrison) for parents of 4-5 year olds.

### 2. Sensory Supports

Learn how sensory supports help manage behavior and prevent meltdowns. Make and take sensory supports during this presentation. Presented by Head Start staff.

### 3. Calming Your Child

Learn techniques to cope with a child's challenging behaviors and upset emotions. The presentation will cover underlying issues, as well as strategies to use to calm a child. Presented by Helen Riley, South Lane Mental Health

### 4. Creating Personalized Behavior Supports for Your Child

Learn how to develop personalized tools to help children become more independent in understanding and managing their own behavior. You will make and take supports during this session. Presented by Jen Burt, South Lane School District School Psychologist

### 5. Early Math Fun and Games

Learn how you can support the development of your child's math skills. Learn about a powerful digital game currently being used to develop these skills. Targeting ages 4-7. Presented by U. of O. Researchers from the Center for Teaching and Learning

### 6. FUN With Books

Learn how to make the most of reading with your child. Learn strategies to ask questions and extend a story through activities to increase vocabulary and comprehension. Presented by Gayla Clark, Emerald Reading Association

### 7. Managing YOUR Stress!

Being a parent is the most difficult job in the world. There are many healthy strategies to manage your stress. Presented by Head Start's Health and Wellness Specialist

### 8. Girls Can Be Bullies Too...

The social interactions of girls can be complicated and traumatizing. Learn strategies to help your daughter cope. Presented by Staff from Ophelia's Place

### 9. Early Literacy, How Parents Can Help Teach Needed Skills At Home

Parents are every child's first teacher. Learn strategies to help build early literacy skills and strengthen vocabulary needed in elementary school. Presented by SLSD Reading Specialists Angie Lamie and Amy Beck

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