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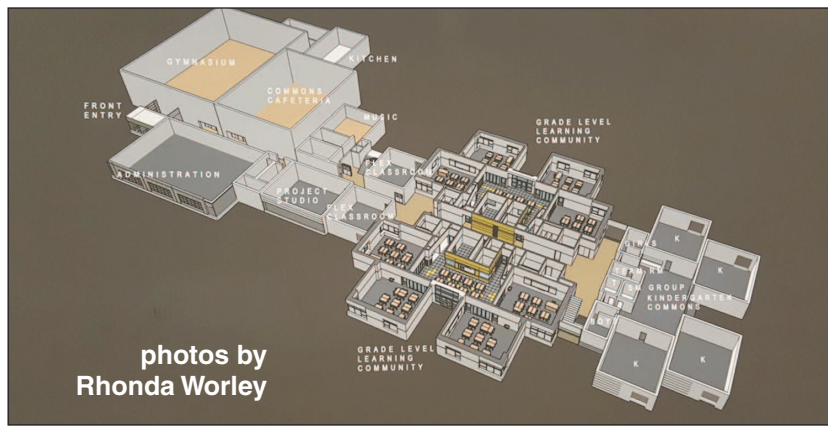
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A monthly newsletter covering Cottage Grove-area schools



Bond planning for new Harrison school progresses

A community conversation brought about 25 community members to Harrison School on Jan. 18 to see plans in development for a new Harrison School at the former CGHS site. Planning committees are developing a bond to replace the aging school for the May of 2016 election. Mike Gorman of BLRB Architects (above) presented conceptual drawings of the new school (a picture of one drawing is at right).



photos by Rhonda Worley

DORENA NEWS

CATCHing the health bug!

As part of the CATCH program Dorena students, staff, and community are working to become

more health-conscious. The new Farm to School program is sponsoring the Harvest of the Month program. This month, students are sampling the Oregon pear at lunch. The Health and Fitness FAD group is providing samples of healthy smoothies. The Parent Club is hosting an aerobic class and a community basketball game weekly. The teachers at Dorena often teach nutritional lessons

during their healthy afternoon snack, and students are helping teachers plan for physically active field trips.

Dorena Parent Club plans Parent Night Out

Parents that are looking for a special night out but can't find a babysitter may find help from

Dorena's Parent Club, which is hosting its first Parents Night Out event on Friday, Feb. 12 from 5-9 p.m. Besides trained supervisors like educational assistants, teachers and principals, the evening will offer a movie, healthy snacks, a craft room, fitness games and board games. The cost is \$10 per child or a \$25 family maximum. Funds raised will provide scholarships for student field trips.

THE ART OF THE INTERVIEW

Much of Cottage Grove High School's sophomore class took part in mock job interviews with members of the Cottage Grove business community on Friday. Interviews took five to seven minutes each, and students were scored on the conventions of a proper interview, including whether they provided a resume for their interviewer; the appropriateness of their dress and greeting; if questions were answered with depth and confidence and how the interview concluded. The process was supervised by Marc Bass of the Reaching Out Mentoring program.

At right: Ed Sowa, manager of Grocery Outlet in Cottage Grove, interviews sophomore Jordan True during Friday's exercise.



Gym at LMS gets new paint

While many of us were busy with the holiday season, Mark Dreiling, P.E. teacher at Lincoln Middle School, was putting in more than his share of work and pride into Lincoln Middle School. According to Dreiling, the paint was from the original construction of the gym in 1961. He donated many hours of time in order to paint and improve the safety and appearance of the gymnasiums.

Dreiling solicited the help of other volunteers, including Jeff Dreiling, Tim Dreiling, Larry Dreiling, James and Ben Deatherage, Ryan West, Bill Thompson, Jason Corwin, Robert and Jacob Hamil, Jeff Bascue, Iverson and Carter Bascue, Kyle Kishen, Lydia Shipley, Tre Gray, Joyce and Jim Settlemeyer, Peter Buekea, Jeremy Smith and countless others. They were able to complete the project in six days.



photo by Jeremy Smith

Jeff Dreiling applies new paint at the Lincoln Middle School gymnasium.

sixth-grader Sydnee McNamara about the improvements to the gym.

The work, however, did not stop there. The staff room also received an update. This work was completed by the parent

club, volunteers and staff. "It's beautiful," said Jenny Ladd, office staff. Thank you to all that made these improvements possible. As Dreiling said, "It is important to give back."

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Round-Up/Pre-registration will be held in South Lane District schools on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 3-4 p.m. For those with children who turn five on or before Sept. 1, 2016, it's time to pre-register for kindergarten. During these school events, families may come look in classrooms, meet the teachers and ask questions. For additional information, please contact your home school directly.

A letter to parents of future kindergarteners:

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school."

—Robert Fulghum – "All I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

Dear Kindergarten Parent,

KINDERGARTEN! What an exciting time! So exciting, adults write about it later in life and proclaim it to be one of their most important experiences ever. We in South Lane believe that too. Welcome to South Lane School District. We are proud of the learning opportunities we provide children in Cottage Grove, and we will work hard to get your kindergarten experience off to a great start.

The kindergarten pre-registration on Wednesday, Feb. 10 is the first step to ensuring a successful school experience. You will be provided with information at your registration visit that will assist you in getting your child ready for kindergarten. You will also receive a great checklist to ensure a smooth and enjoyable beginning for you and your child.

Please visit the KITS registration table at the pre-registration event. KITS (Kids

In Transition To School) is a fantastic FREE summer program for you and your child to learn about and practice the important kindergarten readiness skills to support your child's successful transition into kindergarten.

A successful kindergarten experience can serve as the foundation for years to come. There are numerous ways for you to get involved, and stay involved with your child's school experience. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's school, please contact the principal or office manager for how to get signed up.

We would like to be of assistance to you in any way possible. Please feel free to contact me, or any members of your neighborhood school staff. If you are unable to attend on Feb. 10, please call your school and ask them to add your child to the Kindergarten 2016-17 roster.

We have three core beliefs in South Lane:

Children come first!

Decision making is student-centered

Children learn best when they want to be at school

Sincerely,

Krista D. Parent, Superintendent

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