



# School Zone



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A monthly newsletter covering Cottage Grove-area schools

## Bohemia Elementary School

Principal Heather Bridgens

### Gentleman's Playday

Three of our 3rd grade students, who are impacted by Autism, were treated to a Gentleman's Playday at Bohemia with their superstar volunteer, friend and mentor Max Monson-Daniels. Max has taken these three young men under his wing and is teaching them valuable social skill lessons. The boys had supervision on their President's Day by our highly skilled temporary EA Rosalie Juhl. The boys did art, ate lunch, read books and talked about the things most important to them.

### Buddies

Bohemia teachers and students are embracing the idea of buddies. Our teachers pair up primary and intermediate classrooms to complete reading, technology, art, nutrition and P.E. lessons. Students love it!

### Spirit Week

Staff and students partici-

pated in Spirit Week during the week of February 8-12. Dress up days included Fan Day, Pajama Day, Wildcat Day, Crazy Hair Day and Rainbow Day.

### Kindness Week

February 16-19 was kindness week at Bohemia. Staff and students planned acts of kindness for those around them and students focused on acts of kindness throughout their day. As a reward, students earned "warm and fuzzies", little fuzzy pom-poms to fill their classroom jar.

### Penny Drive

During Spirit Week, students brought in coins as a way to fundraise for field trips at Bohemia. Each penny counted as a positive point and each silver coin contributed to the sabotage as negative points. The winning grade level was Kindergarten for the 2nd year in a row. Bohemia elementary brought in

nearly \$1000.00.

### Verizon Supply Boxes

We are so proud of our Bohemia Elementary School teachers, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Hankins, who won Verizon School Supply Boxes. The teachers were surprised with their school supplies last week by Verizon managers. One of the Verizon managers was a former student of Mrs. Strickland! Teachers were nominated by Verizon store customers.

### OBOB

Congratulations to the Bohemia Oregon Battle of the Books champions! The Dragon Readers, Everett Heegard, Eli Williams, Carter Bengston, and Payton Bickford, will be representing Bohemia Elementary School at Regionals on March 12.



Verizon supply boxes show up at Bohemia



Gentleman's Playday with Max Monson-Daniels

## Harrison Elementary School

Principal Ali Nice

Dental health instruction keeps kids smiling! First and second grade students were treated with a visit from Terra Hoy, dental health educator, and her assistants. They created fun, interactive stations for students to visit and learn about how to take care of their teeth in a way that will help them last a lifetime. Our students had a great time learning how to keep their "pearly whites" strong!

Fifth grade teachers and high school counselors team up for a fun night of Bingo to support Outdoor School! Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and night of games, and funds were raised to support our fifth grade Outdoor School program. Each year the fifth grade class must raise approximately \$12,000 to provide this 4-day experience of learning away from campus. We are looking forward to the lifetime memories we will be making this year!

## Dorena School

Principal Kim Scrima

### Ophelia's Place Brings the Allies Presentation to Dorena

On March 9th, Ophelia's place gave a presentation to our middle school and fourth and fifth graders. The presentation, entitled Peers As Allies, helps stop bullying behaviors. This presentation defines the many different types of bullying, discrimination and harassment, and helps students build skills to stand up for each other. Typically presented in 2 days of 45 minutes each, students work together to define peer aggression and role-play strategies for intervention. Teachers will also participate in a training that builds awareness and unifying strategies.

### Celebrating the Good Doctor

Students and Staff celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday by making Bartholomew's oobleck, wearing striped hats, and most importantly, reading Dr. Seuss books. The middle school will read their favorites to the K/1 class, and the 4/5 students will pair up with our 2/3 classes. Students are adding to their list of books that they are reading for reading competitions like Sluggo's Homerun and Books for Bikes.

### Kids In Transition to School (KITS)

Preschool students at Dorena are signed up for the KITS summer school program. The program offers instruction on preparing young students for full day kindergarten and classes and support for parents and families. The goal is to support our young preschool age students in preparing to start kindergarten. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten next year and are interested in the program, contact Jackie Lester at A Primary Connection or Kim Scrima at Dorena.

### Dorena Students Bowl over the Staff at the Cottage Bowl

On a February 26th field trip to the Cottage Bowl, Dorena students impressed the staff with their respectable behavior and good manners. The manager reported that Dorena students were the most well behaved, polite students that have ever visited the bowling alley.

The CATCH program funded our Bowling Field Trip. It was a celebration of the efforts of our school students to improve their nutrition and fitness levels at school and out in the community. It was also an incentive for all of our students who had no unexcused absences and no behavioral referrals. Dorena School students showed that making healthy decisions is fun. They had a great time at the Cottage Bowl as you could see from their smiles. Many of the students were bowling for their first time and they had a splendid debut, clad in their special bowling shoes and colorful bowling balls. The younger students even had the opportunity to sit in a Life Flight helicopter and learn more about what they do for our community. Butch Cardoza, the owner of the Cottage Bowl, thanked the teachers for having such polite and gracious students. Thank you students for representing Dorena School with pride while out in the community.

### Home Activity Journals Article

All students in second to fifth grades brought home their Home Activity Journals recently. As a part of our CATCH grant these students are recording their physical activities outside of school time. For five weeks students will be recording and graphing their active time after school. They are trying to share their enthusiasm for fitness and healthy choices with others by including others in their activities and recording extra points for their participation because

they all know that fitness is more likely to stick if you do it with someone you enjoy spending time with. Students will receive prizes for participation and for best activity levels at the end of the 5 weeks. Parents and families can help them with their "PE Homework" by encouraging physical activity, joining in for family fitness and helping guide them in their daily activity record keeping and graphing. Join Dorena School in doing the most we can for the health of our kids.

### March is Nutritional Awareness Month

Students at Dorena continue to work on the year's nutrition and fitness. Since this month is nutritional awareness month, we are focusing on food awareness at lunch. Our cafeteria manager has displayed informational posters and is engaging students in discussion about nutrition. Our Harvest of the Month sampling will be on March 17; students will be sampling Oregon cabbage in a yummy coleslaw. In February, students were introduced to the Oregon pear and Shrek Smoothies, a combination of spinach, kale, and fruits. Students loved the smoothies.

### Eighth Grade Parent Night at CGHS

Cottage Grove High School will host the Eighth Grade Parent Night on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. Elective teachers will be available beforehand to showcase their programs. The eighth graders will also visit the high school on April 8th. We will meet in the cafeteria for introductions by our Principal, Iton Udosenata. Following this, parents/students will go to breakout sessions (assigned classrooms) to hear more about electives, complete registration forms and have questions answered. This evening will give you an opportunity to learn more about curriculum choices, hear about the Link Crew Orientation Program, meet administrators and explore opportunities that the high school can

provide for your student. You will be registering your students for elective choices so it is critical to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Evans, CGHS Counselor 942-3391 ext. 134.

### March is Music in our Schools Month!

Dorena School is excited to announce that, next year, we will be adding an additional day of music to our schedules! Currently, every grade level at Dorena receives 30 minutes of music enrichment per week, and some are able to participate in an additional 30 minute FAD enrichment class on most Fridays. We have an upcoming performance in April and a school-wide performance at The Beat Goes On is planned for June 3rd.

Kindergartners Celebrate the 100th Day of School!

### The Middle School Thinks Dorena is For the Birds!

Thanks to Peggy and Bruce Cameron, the middle school is enhancing the school garden areas by adding bird houses. Bruce and Peggy Cameron provided the materials, and student built and painted the bird houses. They are, now, working with our custodian Barb Rohr to display them throughout the garden and play areas.



Dorena students were the most well behaved at the Cottage Bowl!



Dorena Students pay tribute to Dr. Seuss.



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