



# School Zone

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A monthly newsletter covering area schools

## What's happening in South Lane — school by school

### Bohemia Elementary — Heather Bridgens, Principal

Bohemia's **CATCH family night** was reportedly a huge success with about 300 attendees. Students and families were provided a passport to be stamped as they completed their stations. There were eight stations offered, including yoga, a GO snack, circuit training with a PE teacher and Go Noodle sessions.

**Jog-a-thon:** We are so proud of our hard working Bohemia students. In its second year, our jog-a-thon was another huge success. Students ran 4,627 laps altogether. The student with the most laps ran 21 laps in 30 minutes. That is 5 miles! Students are still bringing in money, but so far we have raised over \$16,000 for our PTC. This money is used to fund our specials, field trips and teacher wishes. Teachers and students supported each other throughout the day. Even Hampton, Bohemia's therapy pig, came out to support our runners.

**Kinder Registration:** Kindergarten registration welcomed many new Bohemia families into the school community. Incoming kinder students participated in classroom activities in while parents listened to kinder teachers talk about the full day kindergarten experience.

**Intellicast:** Fifth-grade students have been tracking weather from around the world. Students used data collected for a specific town of their choice using the website Intellicast. In the end, students took their data and created a forecast for their city.

### Dorena Elementary

**Dorena Egg Drop**  
Mr. Sadiq's class has been studying engineering in Science. Their objective was to engineer a protective case for an egg that would allow the egg



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to withstand a drop of 20 feet! Students enjoyed this exercise in collaboration and science.

### Dorena Welcomes Linda Pabst!

Next year, Dorena will welcome Linda Pabst as its new principal. Pabst has more than 35 years' experience in education. She worked for many years in California as the District Program Director for over 20 preschools. Since Dorena will have a new preschool program next year, her experience will be very valuable.

Pabst came to South Lane School District in 2007 as an instructional coach. She worked on special assignment as a coach for four years before budget cuts required her to move back into the classroom. She currently teaches kindergarten at Latham; however, she has taught preschool through fourth grade. Pabst brings with her oodles of experience with technology and grant writing in addition to her instructional and administrative experience.

Mrs. Scrima, with a heavy heart, will be leaving Dorena to take a position as the assistant principal at Cottage Grove High School.

### Tsunami simulation

The fifth-grade students joined Mr. Ghelfi's middle school students in a lesson on Tsunami. After studying about them, they spent some time researching ways to make structurally sound facilities that will endure the damage. They created buildings, and at the simulation, they tested how strong their structures were. Three waves crashed over the creations, and not a one remained standing.

### Harrison Elementary — Ali Nice, Principal

**Smarter Balanced Assessment has begun:** Harrison has closed its computer lab for the month of April and May as it begins state testing. Students are



### Heidi Brown will be welcomed by the Harrison Parent Club as the school's new principal next week.

working hard to demonstrate all they know in reading and math. These tests are scheduled to take three to five days per content area.

**Parent Club** sets up a meet and greet for the incoming principal: The Harrison parent club has arranged for an informal evening ice cream social to meet its new principal, Heidi Brown. Guests are welcome on Thursday, June 2 from 6-7 p.m. for this fun event!

**Students headed to Outdoor School on May 24:** Fifth-graders (and fourth graders in the blended classroom) have been fundraising all year to support their outdoor school experience. They raised over \$13,000 through candy sales, bowl-a-thon and a Bingo/Silent Auction to pay for their week at Camp Tadmore. They are ready for some great learning experiences in the woods!

### Latham Elementary — Anne Fisk, Principal

#### Latham Afterschool Clubs

For May, Latham offered five different clubs (to which parents, teachers, and community members generously donated their time):  
Beading  
Crafts  
Chess  
Zumba  
Mask Creation

**Famous people** came to life for the students in Ms. McGinley's second-grade class

Each student chose an important person to study. They wrote biographies, illustrated each famous person on a backdrop and practiced presenting the information they learned. The culminating project was a "living museum" in which each student dressed up like his/her famous person and shared the information with visitors who pushed their button to hear them talk at the museum. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the students practiced newly acquired academic skills!

### London School — Bill Bechen, Principal

One School, One Book, part 2— April 25 was day one of London's One School, One Book program featuring "My

Side of the Mountain" by Jean Craighead George. As we did in November, we will be reading the book as a school community, answering trivia questions, and discussing the book in classes. Each student is provided a book and nightly reading schedule to take home and read with their family.

**O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory at Oregon State University**— Mr. Flagg's 6-8 classroom visited Oregon State to test its building designs and get a tour of the facility. Students have worked in teams to design and build structures that they believe will withstand tsunami-scale waves and protect their ping pong ball occupant.

### Lincoln Middle School — Jeremy Smith, Principal

**Testing Season** — About two months ago, Assistant Principal Emily Wren put together a team of people to try to come up with a new schedule for the SBAC testing. So often these tests can be long, arduous, and a prolonged disruption to the normal schedule and learning. Emily and her team put together a schedule modeled after CGHS. Each grade has one week of testing and then they are done. During that week they have an alternative schedule where they test for half the day and get a "Brain Break" for the other half.

**Recognizing Grit** — We remind the kids often that "At Lincoln We Never Stop Learning" and this week we are showing them examples of that. From first to second trimester we had a handful of students who did an amazing job bringing up their grades. We are announcing a few of these names each day and recognizing the students with certificates and prizes. We post these names in the main hallway to remind students that hard work does pay off!

**Schedule Update** — Now that we have a solid idea of how our schedule will be structured next year we are working on filling in the slots. We have finished surveying the students to find the electives they most like and are now working on assigning teachers to those classes. We are also finding other ways to adjust and possibly improve the overall day as well, even considering a shift to fewer lunches — which would maximize staff time for instructional purposes.

**Music Kudos** — Joanna Newton is now in her second year as our music instructor and this past weekend she really got to show off some Lincoln pride.

### Cottage Grove High School — Iton Udosenata, Principal

**Senior Boards:** Seniors will move one step closer to graduation when they present their senior boards on May 27. Seniors have worked all year on their boards, which are required for graduation. Last year all seniors

passed the senior board.

### Kennedy Alternative High School — Mike Ingman, Principal

At Kennedy we are simultaneously working in the present and looking to the future. Our hearts are with the students that are attending Kennedy today, but we allow our minds to slip into creating the best school that Kennedy can be. While the future is not far away, our primary focus right now is graduation day coming on June 11!

We have been working hard with our seniors that are working to earn their diplomas. The staff is spending energy trying to make sure that all of the students have all of the credits that they need as well as meeting the standards for essential skills. While credit calculations have been completed, we still need to make sure that all students are attending and completing work to stay on track. The harder target is making sure that all students make essential skills. This has meant that we are simultaneously doing state testing and work samples for students in reading, writing, and math. With limited computer lab resources, we find ourselves stretched thin. The reaction passing a work sample or a state test makes all of the stress and hard work.

### P-20 Coordinator Jackie Lester

**Preschool STEM** — The SLSD Preschool ESL Program has kicked off a spring garden discovery project. Preschoolers and their parents are learning targeted vocabulary along with plant science. This is a great foundation for a Spanish version of the Seeds To Supper Program, recently funded by a grant written by our Farm-To-School Coordinator Melissa Fery.

**KITS (Kids In Transition to School) Program** — Recruiting of kids and parents for the KITS program is actively in progress. We expect to fill all 80 slots with eager incoming kindergarteners and their parents. We will be interviewing for staff positions beginning the first week in May. Many SLSD staff members, as well as staff from other community programs have applied for the positions.

**Summer Literacy Collaboration** — Planning is in the works for the first ever SLSD Family Resource Center and CG Public Library collaboration on a Community Summer Reading Program for children ages 0-18. This fun filled literacy extravaganza includes LOTS of reading, as well as a variety of high interest activities & field trips. All kids will also have the opportunity to receive FREE BOOKS from the United Way sponsored Summer Reading Spot at Bohemia School and will receive raffle tickets for their participation in the Summer Reading Program with prizes being given throughout the summer.



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