

## Child's Way Charter School offers eclectic options

Where can a middle school student go to school today and expect NO homework? Is it possible to build on one's strengths and improve on one's weaknesses to a significant degree in a brick and mortar school without dealing with large crowds, multiple teaching styles and a whole lot less adolescent drama? Is school choice a reality?

It sure enough is. South Lane School District provides four options for middle school students aside from Lincoln Middle School — Academy for Character Education and Child's Way Charter School, London and Dorena.

Child's Way has a small, self-contained middle school class with fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders ("self contained" means that all subjects are taught by one teacher and there's no moving from one class to another for each period.)

Learning is done with technology (online programs such as Achieve3000 for reading and IXL for math). Mrs. Sinclair

is the teacher, and she is very creative with science experiments and other engaging activities. Small group PE activities are led by Ms. Rocco two afternoons a week.

This year the middle school students are able to participate in a variety of electives being offered by a talented group of folks including five teachers from Aprovecho and two other community members. These include gardening and food preparation, hand crafts, art, music, lego robotics, drama and chess.

There are still several openings for enrollment in this class. Contact the school for more information.

Child's Way is located in Dorena. Bus transportation is provided from Cottage Grove.

Another aspect that makes Child's Way unique is its four-day school week, which includes long days on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with a shorter day on Wednesdays.

## How students can handle the transition to middle school

A child's school-aged years are filled with many different lessons and experiences. While in school, kids have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and meet new people.

Many students will attend various schools before moving on to college, and therefore they must learn how to adjust to new schools. While many students attend elementary school together for years, students may not know their classmates once they make it to middle school, which tends to boast larger student bodies than elementary schools. That's because many middle schools' student bodies are a combi-

nation of several elementary schools. Making the transition from elementary school to middle school or junior high can spark anxiety in students, but that does not have to be.

The National Education Association says a common element of a successful middle school experience is a smooth and positive transition from elementary school. The following are a few ways students can handle their transition to middle school:

- Participate in a school-based transition program. Middle schools frequently host open houses for elementary school students, who can take tours of the campus. Parents can take part in these events with their children. If your schedule does not allow you to attend, then schedule a private tour with the middle school principal or a faculty member. Middle school guidance counselors or guest speakers also may make the rounds, visiting elementary schools directly. Be sure your student attends such information sessions so he or she can get an idea of what to expect during middle school.
- Dispel any myths your youngster might have heard about middle school.

Youngsters hear lots of things about middle schools, and much of what kids hear might be untrue. Ask kids what they have heard about the schools they will be moving on to, and then do your best to dispel any myths.

- Find a middle school buddy. Ask an older sibling or invite someone who is currently enrolled in the school to speak with your child and answer any questions he or she may have. Hearing directly from a fellow student may make your child feel more comfortable about what to expect.
- Talk about any other fears. Engage in an open dialogue with your son or daughter about any additional fears he or she may have. If students are worried about academics, spend some time over the summer going over the curriculum. If the potential for peer pressure is a cause for concern, reinforce advice on how to react to peer pressure.

Parents and their children can take several steps to make students' transitions to middle school as smooth as possible.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS FROM BEYOND COTTAGE GROVE

### Ukraine educators to visit UCC

Umpqua Community College and the Zonta Club of Roseburg will co-host their ninth Open World delegation from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2. Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center, this program brings emerging Eurasian young professionals to the United States to facilitate a better understanding of our country through intensive professional development seminars and cultural interactions with American host families.

The Open World Program is a unique, nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress designed to build mutual understanding between the United States and Eurasia. Over 19,000 Open World participants from 20 countries have been hosted in all 50 U.S. states since the program's inception in 1999. Delegates visiting the U.S. come from a variety of professions including social services, health care, economic development, law, public health, and education.

This year's Open World delegation consists of five Ukrainian

educators, one interpreter and one facilitator. The delegation will spend nine days in Roseburg learning about Oregon's educational system, as well as state and local government. Four of those days will be spent on the UCC campus, where the delegation will take part in campus tours, discussions and class visitations. This year's delegates come to us from Uzhhorod National University and Kremenchuk Technical University.

While in Roseburg, the delegates will be given detailed briefings on higher education and will participate in activities that focus on democracy in the United States

In addition to the many professional development activities, the delegation will experience a day at the Oregon coast, take a trip to Oregon State University and have numerous opportunities to attend local events and activities with their host families. Lodging for the five delegates, their facilitator, and an interpreter for the nine-day visit will be provided by seven local families.

### 4-H to host open house

To kick off National 4-H Week, Lane County 4-H will host an open house to share what the program has to offer on Monday, Oct. 3 at the OSU Extension Office at 996 Jefferson St. from 4-7 p.m. Families are encouraged to drop in at their leisure to connect with club leaders, meet staff and pick up enrollment paperwork.

More information can be found on the Lane County 4-H website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h>

### Local students make Honor Roll at OSU

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Summer term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 184 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 523 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on

the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll from Douglas County included: Elkton

Straight-A Average: Hannah T. Whitley, Senior, Sociology. Myrtle Creek

3.5 or Better: Benjamin H. Wheeler, Senior, Earth Sciences.

Roseburg

3.5 or Better: Tyler J. Eberhardt, Junior, University Exploratory Studies; Timothy M. Williams, Post Baccalaureate, Computer Science.

Winchester  
3.5 or Better: Taylor H. Siling, Senior, Music.

### Umpqua Chamber Orchestra announces 2016-17 season

Douglas County's community orchestra has immediate openings for amateur and professional musicians.

The Umpqua Chamber Orchestra announces the start of its

2016-2017 season. The orchestra has openings for violin, viola, cello, bass, oboe, bassoon, and French horn. The Umpqua Chamber Orchestra rehearses on Monday evenings at the First Presbyterian Church, 823 S.E. Lane. The first rehearsal will be at the First Presbyterian Church on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. All interested musicians are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend this first rehearsal or have any questions, please contact Dr. Jason Heald at 541-440-4693 or by e-mail at [jason.heald@umpqua.edu](mailto:jason.heald@umpqua.edu).

## Inclement weather and emergency procedures

In the event South Lane School District is forced to close or delay opening any of its schools due to weather or other emergency, designated media sources will be contacted.

Those seeking up-to-the-minute school closure/emergency information or to subscribe for automated updates can go to Flash Alerts Web page for South Lane School District.

They can also follow South Lane School District on Twitter @SouthLane\_SD and on Instagram at SouthLaneSD

School Closure Media Sources

The following radio stations offer regular school closure reports:

- KNND 1400 AM
- KUGN 590 AM
- KPNW 1120 AM
- KLCC 89.7 FM
- KMGF 94.5 FM

Local television stations are informed but are not always able to report school closure information up-to-the-minute. The most up-to-date information can always be found at [www.valleyinfo.net](http://www.valleyinfo.net).

South Lane School District may use an automated dialer to call and email staff and students regarding school related emergencies. It is important that your child's school has updated phone and email information for this to be a success.

### Emergency release information

If a two-hour delay is reported, there will be no morning kindergarten.

If an elementary school is closed early or evacuated due to an emergency, every attempt will be made to contact families by phone (please make sure your child's school has all available phone numbers to reach you in an emergency). Students will not

be allowed to walk home without a responsible adult. Bussed students will not be dropped-off at an empty house, without prior permission.

Students will be kept at the safest location possible during any emergency situation and will be cared for by district staff until they are picked-up by their families. Please be prepared to show identification and follow on-site check-out procedures when picking up your child.

If a middle or high school is closed early or evacuated due to an emergency, regular dismissal procedures will be used. If the emergency prohibits regular procedures please listen to the radio stations above or click <http://www.valleyinfo.net/> to get information on evacuation procedures.

If a school is closed early or evacuated for any reason, media sources will be notified and information will be posted at <http://www.valleyinfo.net/>.

### Snow or inclement weather bus schedules

Drivers will attempt to run regular routes wherever safe. Bus drivers will have the option to modify their routes as needed with regard to safety and road conditions.

#### Snow Day Routes

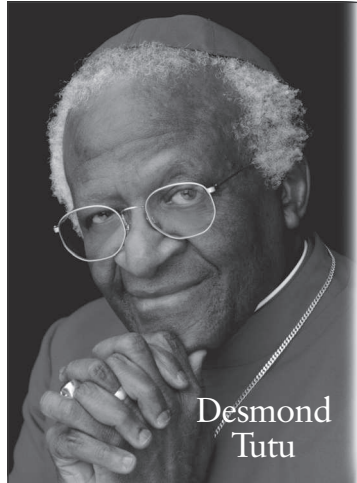
School buses will travel main roads only. Bus drivers have the option to modify their routes more extensively with regard to safety and road conditions. Buses will not travel the following roads:

- Bennett Creek
- Blue Mountain School Road
- Booth Kelly Camp Road
- Bryson Sears
- Cedar Creek
- Garrouette Road
- Gowdyville above Adams

- Kenady Lane
- London past Rouse Road
- Longview
- Lorane Hwy past Hazelton
- Lower Brice Ck Rd
- Martin Ck Rd.
- Meyers Road
- Molitor Ranch Road
- Overholser Road
- Perkins Creek
- Raisor Road
- Rat Creek
- Repsleger Road
- Saginaw West
- Shoestring
- Shortridge
- Sweet Lane/Talamena Dr.
- Taylor Butte
- Turkey Run
- Veatch Road
- Ward's Butte Road
- Wick's Road

Students who live on the above roads will need to arrive at the junction of their road and the main road to meet their bus.

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