



# School Zone

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## LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL RAISES \$3K FOR AFRICA

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Lincoln Middle School announced that it had raised over \$3,000 for its Community Sharing, Africa Bridge campaign.

"We are excited to announce that our fundraising totals are in for Community Sharing/Africa Bridge: \$3066.19 Asante Sana! Thank you so much," the school said of the efforts.

Africa Bridge is a nonprofit with an office in Oregon that works to better the lives of children in Tanzania, specifically those children affected by HIV/AIDS.

"Our five-year program helps villagers identify most vulnerable children and develop care plans for them, establishes agricultural co-ops to produce income for these children's families, and changes the economy of the entire village," the organization's website reads.

In the last five years, Africa Bridge has spent \$26,000 on animal and crop co-ops, \$26,000 on education access, \$11,000 on village training and \$10,000 on health care access.

Community Sharing is a local organization here in Cottage Grove that works with low-income and homeless individuals to provide basic needs. The group, which was established as a nonprofit in 1982, offers meals, clothing and other essentials for those in need. Community Sharing also assists individuals with the process for affordable housing and teams with community organizations to give out food boxes each month and during the holidays.

Funds raised by Lincoln Middle School will be divided equally between Community Sharing and Africa Bridge.



Lincoln Middle School raised \$3,000, half of which will go to help children with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania

## Harrison to break ground March 23 in public ceremony

South Lane School District will break ground on the new Harrison Elementary School on Thursday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. The school, being funded by a voter-passed bond measure, is expected to be operational by fall 2018.

To commemorate the occasion, South Lane School District has developed a program that includes local officials and state representatives.

Senator Floyd Prozanski will take time off and make the trip from the state legislature in Salem to speak at the event which is expected to be ushered in by the pledge of allegiance.

Other speakers include South Lane School District Communications Coordinator Garrett Bridgens, Cottage Grove Mayor Jeff Gowing and South Lane School District Superintendent Krista Parent.

The public is invited to attend the event, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at 1000 Taylor Ave.



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## Dental clinic expands to accept pre-k students



Superintendent Krista Parent visits pre-k students at South Lane Dental Clinic

The South Lane Children's Dental Clinic expanded its services this school year to children ages 0-5 and expectant mothers. Two "baby" dental clinics have been conducted so far this year with more planned for later in the year. The clinics are open to any children ages 0-5 and expecting mothers regardless of any insurance coverage.

South Lane School District P-20 Coordinator Jackie Lester said the idea for the program came from working with Lane Community College's Dental Program last year. "LCC did a baby dental clinic with us last school year and we wanted to create an opportunity to do this more regularly" said Lester. Lester worked with local dentists and sought funding for the baby dental clinics. She received a \$7,800 grant from the Garcia Foundation and local dentist Dr. Tammy McClung offered to help with the clinic and donated her time as a way to help make the money last.

This program is unique from the LCC Baby Dental Program in that it goes beyond conducting just screenings. "After LCC did the screenings we did not have anything set up for actual treatment. We shouldn't measure screenings without a treatment vehicle in place. This program creates an opportunity for the kids and mothers we see to receive treatment," said Lester.

A lot of work goes into the clinics with volunteers and staff helping to make the clinics fun and educational. In addition to the screenings, they provide dental care packages with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and timers and educate children on good nutrition, and proper dental care.

For more information about any of the South Lane Children's Dental services you can contact Dental Care Coordinator Courtney Long by email or at 541-942-3383.

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