

SLSD takes home 2017 OSPA



South Lane School District Human Resource Specialist Tracy Ollivant was honored as the Oregon School Personnel Association's (OSPA) Human Resource Professional of the Year at their Spring Conference in Redmond, Oregon.

According to OSPA the award is given to an individual whose contributions have had significant impact on the efficiency of the human resources office and to the field of human resources; who has distinguished him/herself through leadership service; and is a collaborative contributing participant in personnel function and/or programs. Dr. Dawn Strong, Executive Director of OSPA, presented Tracy with the award and shared that Tra-

cy's empathy and compassion is second to none. In addition she is kind, considerate and caring to everyone that comes into the office.

South School District Human Resource Director Brian McCasline nominated her for the award and said that Tracy always goes out of her way to help people. "She is so kind and always makes people feel like that they are the most important person in the world. She not only does great work at the office but also volunteers in the community, volunteering for various activities and events" said McCasline.

*Submitted by South Lane School District.

Latham news

Afterschool Clubs

Our afterschool clubs for the 2016-2017 year were a success! We had volunteers teach drama, rag weaving, chess, Native American crafts, science, Chinese jumprope, woodwork, and gardening, just to name a few. If you would like to share an activity for our next year's afterschool clubs, please call us at Latham. We would love to have you!

Latham Lap-a-thon

On May 12, we enjoyed a morning on the track at Cottage Grove High School running to raise money to support Latham School. It was a rainy Friday, but, with the exception of a few sprinkles, the weather was perfect! At the end of the lap-a-thon, students, staff and volunteers were listening to "Here Comes the Sun". What a great way to end the event! Thanks to all that participated or donated.

Latham's School Garden

As we head toward the last few weeks of school, we are preparing our garden for the warm days ahead. Parent volunteers have faithfully redone the fence, prepared the beds, and facilitated the planting of the new crops. Students have been able to help in the garden at recess, participate with their class, or join the Gardening afterschool club. Students love to get their hands dirty as they learn about the natural world around them.

This is the third year that Latham students, community, and staff have participated in a Penny War to raise money to give to the Lion's Pride Pageant which in turn donates it to the Children's Miracle Network. The Children's Miracle Network provides money for the Springfield River-bend Sacred Heart Hospital's neonatal and pediatric units. The students listened to a presentation in which the high school participants in the pageant explained what their "pennies" would be used for. The staff and students look forward to the Penny War each year; pennies are the positive points and silver/currency take away from the penny totals. Each year we have raised more money than the previous year. This year Latham raised \$604.59.

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Students of the Month

BOHEMIA ELEMENTARY



VIOLET GARCIA

Violet is kind and helpful to everyone! She uses kind words and action with students and staff. She takes her schoolwork seriously, and is a very responsible learner. Violet makes our classroom a fun place to learn.

DORENA ELEMENTARY



ASHTON EDDIE

Ashton Eddie from Ms. Munson's 4/5 class is Dorena's student of the month for May. Recently Dorena went on a school wide field trip to Get Air in Eugene. While they were gone Ms. Pabst got a letter from a family that was there the same day. The mother complimented the entire class but singled out Ashton for helping her younger daughter have a great time. Four times Ashton went back to check on the young girl to make sure she was OK and having fun. Ashton truly displayed what it means to be a Dorena Panther.

HARRISON ELEMENTARY

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GRACE BROCKELMAN

Grace Brockelman is always actively engaged in her learning. In the classroom she follows directions and gives 100% of her best effort. Grace is honest, trustworthy and respectful. She has a wonderful attitude, greatly contributes to classroom discussions and provides great insight in a plethora of subjects.



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LATHAM ELEMENTARY



EVAN BUNCE

Evan Bunce is Latham's Student of the Month. Evan is a wonderful all around student. He does an outstanding job in all academic areas. He is an excellent hard working role model for his peers. He is always willing to volunteer and participate. Evan is a very thoughtful and kind friend. We are very proud of Evan and glad to have him at Latham.

LONDON SCHOOL



NATALIE B.

Natalie has been an extremely dedicated student at London and has prepared herself well for high school. She is ready to learn every day and possess the grit to get the job done, no matter how difficult or challenging. Her grit and determination have helped her be successful as a hurdler and middle distance runner on the Lincoln Middle School track team. Her hard work and love of running culminated in her qualifying for the district track meet in Pleasant Hill. Natalie's teacher and principal are extremely proud of Natalie and how she has grown at London. Keep at it Natalie-the sky's the limit!

NORTH DOUGLAS E/MS



NATALIE THOMPSON

Is an 8th Grade student at NDMS. Natalie is an excellent athlete and also competes in rodeo. Natalie always shows up with a positive attitude, eager to please and ready to work! Her dedication to her studies, her sportsmanship, and positive attitude make Natalie a wonderful well-rounded student!



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