

## AIR QUALITY AFFECTS SCHOOL SPORTS, RECESS



to school in lightweight attire, with plenty of water.”

The statement concluded by noting, “The Oregon Health Authority advises that parents of sensitive children (e.g. asthma, respiratory infection, lung or heart disease) should follow their health care providers' advice about prevention and treatment of symptoms, and watch the smoke forecast to decide when to limit their child's activities. Parents' individual decisions about school attendance based on health concerns will be honored.”

Several sports games also felt the impact of smoke in the valley. OSAA released new standards that saw several games canceled including boys' soccer and cross country at Cottage Grove High School and football at Elkton.

With several wildfires burning throughout the state of Oregon over the summer, air quality has been affected. Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) routinely issued warnings of “unhealthy” and “hazardous” air quality in Cottage Grove as students geared up to go back to school. As a result, recess at the elementary level and school sports across the board were affected. The first day of school saw the South Lane School District issue a directive to hold recess indoors due to unhealthy air quality readings issued by LRAPA.

The district released a statement, saying, Wildfire smoke is affecting air quality in the Lane County area. In South Lane School District we take our students' health and safety very seriously. We are closely monitoring air quality conditions to guide our decision making around outdoor student activities.” It went on to say, “When air quality conditions are unhealthy, schools will hold indoor recess and reduce students' level of physical activity in PE and in classrooms. Sports practices will be moved inside or canceled and games will be rescheduled when conditions warrant. We are working to keep as much smoke as possible out of our school buildings, and will be keeping windows and doors closed to support these efforts. We encourage all families to send your students

## Student information shared if not denied by September 29

In the spring of 2016 the President signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This law requires schools to provide student contact information to military or university recruiters upon request. If you DO NOT want your contact information released, pick up a form in the main office that will need to be signed by you and your parents. Signed forms need to be returned to Mrs. Thoms by Friday, September 29.

School News is published the last Wednesday of the month and is included in the Sentinel.



## Students of the Month

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### LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL



VALETA OLIVER

Lincoln Middle School's September Student of the Month is Valeta Oliver. Valeta is an amazing student that pushes herself to be her best every day, not only in her academics, but as a friend and a member of our community. In addition to her academic strengths, Valeta is conscientious, trustworthy, and a natural leader. Val is a very caring and accepting student and friend. Finally, Val is also a great musician; she plays trumpet in Advanced Band and sings in the Concert Choir.

### KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL



JUSTIN SWEARINGIN

Justin has gone above and beyond stepping up to the plate in class and going out of his way to get his work done.

### BOHEMIA ELEMENTARY



KINSLEY JENSEN

Kinsley is a shining example of our three school rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible! She can always be counted on to do the right thing and set a great example for others. She is helpful, kind and hard working. She is a good friend and a true pleasure to have in class!

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### COTTAGE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



SHAHALEE BATES

Caremen Adler nominates Shahalee Bates for September Student of the Month. Shahalee is new to the Leadership class but is doing an outstanding job! She is enthusiastic, attends all events, believes in our school and wants all students to stay involved. Mrs. Adler is looking forward to seeing what exciting things Shahalee and the Leadership Class have in store for the rest of the year.

### NORTH DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL



KATELYN ANDES

Katelyn Andes is a senior at North Douglas High School. She plays varsity volleyball and is their libero. Katelyn plans to attend UCC next year and pursue nursing.



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