

Bridging Behavior

How local schools handle, and help, students with behavioral needs

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Each month, school administrators around the district report to the South Lane School Board, notifying them of changes, progress and struggles individual schools have. This month, it was Bohemia Elementary's turn and principal Heather Bridgens was prepared.

She showed the board a photograph from 1992.

Then she started picking out the changes.

If the photo were to represent the same grade-school classroom in 2018, it would be missing one of two of the adults pictured. There would be six more students. Four of those students would be English Language Learners, meaning they spoke one of the four languages Bohemia encounters in their student population that isn't English.

Twenty of the 27 students in the photograph would be living in poverty and six would have behavioral issues; four would need a behavioral chart monitored by their teachers and two would have disruptive behavior.

And while children who were in that photograph from 1992 are well into their 20s now, Bridgens told the board that it was much closer to today than they thought.

"In the trajectory of education, it's not that long ago," she said.

Bridgens and Bohemia aren't alone when it comes to an increase in factors that make learning more difficult for students. Schools across the nation have reported an increase in behavioral issues and the Centers for Disease Control reported that as of 2016, 6.1 million children between the ages of two and 17 had been diagnosed with ADHD. Its most recent data showed that one in 59 fell on the autism spectrum.

However, not every behavioral issue found in the classroom can be traced back to a medical diagnosis. Children are also

facing obstacles like poverty at increasing rates. A 2017 report from the Oregon Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that issues grants and scholarships throughout the state, noted that 47 percent of children in Oregon were from low-income families. Put another way, in 2017, one in five Oregon children was living in poverty, according to the report.

The increase in the factors that contribute to behavioral issues in the classroom coincides with shrinking budgets that lead to fewer resources at local schools with teachers doing more with what they have.

And what they have at Bohemia is a positive attitude.

"I know you can do it, I believe in you," is the most common phrase heard throughout the day, according to Bridgens and it encompasses a district approach to a multi-faceted problem.

"This is what drives our behavior program in the district and not just our district but all across Oregon. PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention Supports," said Chad Hamilton, South Lane Special Services Coordinator.

The idea was developed by Dr. Rob Horner at the University of Oregon.

"It's really well respected, well researched and the way we look at it is in terms of a pyramid," Hamilton said. "And we look at this not just for behavior but for also for academics and we have something we call universal interventions which are for all kids. And that usually gets 80 percent to 90 percent of all kids. And those interventions are just enough for a variety of kids. Some kids need a little bit more. Five to 10 percent, that's some more targeted interventions."

According to Hamilton, the most "explosive" behaviors are concentrated in about five percent of the student population.

At Bohemia, Room One serves as a resource for students to provide the time and attention that five percent of the pop-

ulation may need to continue with their day.

At the May 7 school board meeting, Bridgens told board members that she's often the one who steps in to handle children who need extra attention throughout the day.

"Room One is like other classrooms at Bohemia Elementary and in South Lane School District. We provide a level of service to students, whether academic, emotional or social, that meets student needs. There are fewer students in the classroom which helps students monitor their own progress, receive consistent feedback from adults and build on their successes. Room One helps students build the skills that they need to be successful in school," Bridgens said.

Lincoln Middle School utilizes the Bridge program, a self-contained program comprised of two classrooms made up of approximately 12 students each.

"With the name bridge program was purposely chosen because it's meant as a bridge back into the general education curriculum. It's not a place we want kids to be for their whole school careers," Hamilton said.

There's not a Room One or Bridge program in every school in South Lane, but there is South Lane Mental Health.

Each school in the district has a counselor presence on campus to help students and teachers navigate mental health issues that may occur throughout the day.

"Some buildings there is someone there twice a week, sometime once a week, sometimes three times a week based on resources and need at that specific system. So, that's another universal intervention," Hamilton said. "Anyone can access that. Because sometimes the behaviors that go unnoticed are those internalizing. Kids that are just wound up with anxiety for instance. They may not, you may not see that in the classroom but it's eating inside them. So, we need to address all kids, their mental health status."

Quilts for a cause



PHOTO BY CAITLYN MAY/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Quilts hang on pews ready to be blessed before being sent to areas contending with flood, wildfires or other natural disasters.

The room the ladies of Cottage Grove's Lutheran Church use every Tuesday is a bit of a mess. They had a garage sale last week and the remnants are still scattered around but it hasn't stopped them from working as they have for the last 27 years. In what they describe as a "social event," approximately 10 women gather around the quilting table and tie bits of fabric together for hours and weeks at a time to be able to donate the quilts to areas around the world facing natural

disaster and poverty. The group recently finished its latest quilting push, completing 50 quilts that will be blessed and then displayed before being shipped through Lutheran World Relief. A group conversation trying to pin down who exactly started the group and when, lands on 1991 and an estimate that hundreds of quilts have left the church on 7th St. whether they were sent overseas or purchased by a member of the congregation to help fund shipping and material costs.

Worship Directory

DRAIN:

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:

6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Service times: 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cscottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cg bible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueff
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Service: 10:00am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S. 6th St • 541-942-8242
Interim Pastor: Reed Webster
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm
cgfirstbaptist.com

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope In The Grove
700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Sunday services:
Worship: 9am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am
Bible Study: 10:30am

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
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Youth Worship Sundays: 11a (all ages welcome)
Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave
541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
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1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
Holy Mass:
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Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
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820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thu
5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
1st & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
umcgrove.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

CRESWELL:
Creswell Presbyterian Church
75 S 4th S • 541-895-3419
Rev. Seth Wheeler
Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
website www.creswellpres.org

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Middlefield Men's Club
Monday 5/7/2018
Game: 2M Best Ball

First Place: -29
Rock Ackerman, Jim Cunningham, Don Perkins, John Kallbrier

Second Place (tie): -24
Darrell Lee, Pat Rickard, Jim Lehl, Tom Lemmon

Second Place (tie): -24
Larry Emery, Rick LeBrun, Tim Martin, Mike Stahl

Fourth Place (tie): -22
Larry Eyman, Mel Gowing, Jerry Pennington, Larry Zuvich BD

Fourth Place (tie): -22
Manny Anderson, Jerry Haugen, Frank Gates, Mike VanWyck

Sixth Place: -21
Jake Cox, Al Nelson, Rudy

Nellermoe, Keith Rowling
Low Gross:
Gary Sparks 72, Jake Cox 75,
Larry Emery 75, Tim Martin 75

Low Net
Keith Rowling 56, Darrell

Lee 60, Jim Cunningham 60,
John Kallbrier 61, Bill Avery
62, Jerry Pennington 62, Jim
Lehl 62, Pat Rickard 62

Closest to the Pin: #5 Jerry
Haugen, #7 Larry Emery

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The City of Cottage Grove Public Works Department will be conducting the annual Tree Limb Pickup May 22, 2018. Property owners will be responsible for removing any branches or limbs placed in the street after May 22, 2018.

Residents can not place branches in the street where curbside parking does not exist.

This is strictly a tree limb pickup, nothing other than loose tree limbs or branches will be picked up.

If you have questions regarding the Tree Limb Pickup Program, please call the Public Works Department at (541) 942-3349 or stop in at the Public Works office located in City Hall at 400 East Main Street for a brochure.



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