

SCHOOL NOTES

Let the good times roll at Perrydale

PERRYDALE — Perrydale Parents' Club will host a Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction from 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dinner will be served at 6.

This year's oral auction items include a Jacuzzi spa, a hot air balloon ride, a romantic evening package, an artistic wine barrel table and Disneyland admission tickets. Classrooms will auction off themed baskets. Between 4 to 6 p.m., people may bid on silent auction items.

Tickets are on sale for \$22. Proceeds from this event assist K-12 students by providing educational school assemblies, supporting field trips, and career exploration opportunities as well as paying for school improvement projects.

Contact our website or stop by Perrydale School to purchase tickets. Free volunteer child care is available with early ticket purchases.

Central High FFA to hold plant sale

INDEPENDENCE — The FFA Plant Sale is coming up on Friday and Saturday. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days in the FFA Greenhouse next to the Panther Pit at Central High School. The sale includes vegetables, herbs, hanging flower baskets, flowers, and other plants.

Contact Brenda Phearson (bpearson@central.k12.or.us) for more information.

Education leaders to hold forum

KEIZER — Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Salam Noor and Salem-Keizer Superintendent Christy Perry will hold a community education forum in Keizer on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Marion and Polk county communities are invited to attend the forum at Claggett Creek Middle School, 1810 Alder Drive NE, Keizer to learn about the state's education initiatives. The public will also have a chance to discuss a variety of education topics.

For more information: Meg Koch, 503-947-5990, or Jenni Knaus, 503-947-5860.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Santiam Christian lists honor roll

ADAIR VILLAGE — Santiam Christian School has released its third quarter honor roll for students living in Polk County.

The following students achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher:

Seniors: 4.0 GPA — Jack Fowler (Dallas), Jocelyn Porath (Falls City); between 3.5 and 3.99 GPA — Chance Ottinger (Independence) and Kevin Sheng (Dallas).

Juniors: 4.0 GPA — Mikayla Manzi (Monmouth), Katie Richert (Dallas) and August Thornton (Independence); between 3.5 and 3.99 GPA — Sarah An (Independence), Macklin Butcher (Monmouth), Peggy Liang (Independence), Louis Loviat (Monmouth), Long Nguyen (Monmouth) and Alexandra Watson (Dallas).

Sophomores: 4.0 GPA — Kaylee Breyman (Independence), Shelby Myrick-Duckett (Independence) and Zachary Watson (Dallas); between 3.5 and 3.99 GPA — Grace Moseman (Dallas), Tomoka Naru (Monmouth), Kyle Paratore (Independence), Sebastian Perfecto (Independence), Rebeka Preston (Independence) and Buckley Sheng (Monmouth).

Freshmen: 4.0 GPA — Tony Li (Dallas), Sherry Liu (Dallas), Jason Manzi (Monmouth), Winn Miller (West Salem), Isabel Montoya (Dallas) and Cole Setniker (Dallas); between 3.5 and 3.99 — Abby Riedinger (Independence).

Eighth grade: 4.0 GPA — Ainsley Beam (Monmouth) and Olivia Bellinger-Verbits (Monmouth); between 3.5 and 3.99 GPA — Lily Hardy (Dallas) and Amanda Preston (Independence).

Seventh grade: 4.0 GPA — Joshua Montoya (Dallas) and Ben Steffen (Independence); between 3.5 and 3.99 GPA — Cooper Brasel (Monmouth) and Carolyn Wilfong (Monmouth).



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Seniors Isaac Mitchell and Martina Herrera designed the logos on Central High School's new water bottles.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Central High seniors design logos that will last on water bottles

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Martina Herrera didn't have a lot of time to work on a logo for Central High School's water bottles.

"I just did it in one period," she said.

But what she did, a C with the word "Panthers" across it, was good enough that it was chosen along with Isaac Mitchell's work to represent the school.

Mitchell, a senior drew a coat of arms for Central High.

Neither Mitchell nor Herrera have taken any art classes, they said. Both have always loved drawing.

The water bottles were distributed to all the kids and teachers at Central, thanks to a grant from the Central Health and Wellness Center. Power Peers, intro-

duced in fall 2015, encourages students to take leadership roles, and implement lessons, celebrations and promotions based on positive behavior interventions and supports.

"Power" stands for Purpose, Ownership, Work ethic, Empathy and Respect. All year, Power Peer members lead the student body in projects and celebrations focusing on those areas.

Central Health and Wellness teamed up with Power Peers to offer water bottles for the student body.

A contest was held to create a logo to go on those bottles.

Having their design on the bottles has been a unique experience for the high school seniors.

"It's cool because you see your work everywhere," Herrera said. "I did that; Isaac

and I did that."

Mitchell agreed.

"It's fun to see people walking down the hallways with 50 water bottles," he said.

It hasn't changed Herrera's plans to be a preschool teacher after high school, but it has helped solidify Mitchell's plans to go into graphic design.

In fact, it's helped him find more work in the field.

"The ELCI (English Language Cultural Institute) in Monmouth is having me design a logo for them because of this. Before that, I did a T-shirt for our Scout troop, but that's it," he said.

Mitchell and Herrera have different processes for drawing when it came to the winning logos.

She sketched it out quickly and went with her first draft, while he did five different designs and picked

the one he liked best.

"I did it on black paper with white charcoal," he said. "I did the final draft by hand."

Mitchell said it's important to have an idea before you start.

"It's good to just throw everything you have on paper," he added. "You might think it sucks, but you might use it later."

Herrera agreed.

"Sometimes I think it's very bad, but keep going and see how it ends up," she said.

The students each won a \$25 gift card to Subway and a \$25 gift card to the Independence Cinema as well as metal versions of the water bottle with their winning logos.

All students received a plastic bottle to encourage them to stay hydrated while reducing waste.



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