

SCHOOL NOTES

Perrydale hosts summer reading

PERRYDALE — Perrydale School's Mrs. Yovino will host a summer reading program through Aug. 2. The program is Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the school, 7445 Perrydale Road. For more information: 503-623-2040.

Perrydale board approves budget

PERRYDALE — The Perrydale School Board adopted its 2017-18 budget on June 13, based on a \$7.8 billion state school fund for the 2017-19 biennium. The district's budget includes a general fund of \$4.14 million and a total of \$5.27 million. On June 27, the state legislature voted to send a \$8.2 billion state school fund to Gov. Kate Brown for her signature. Board member Anna Scharf said at the budget meeting planning conservatively and hoping for more is the best strategy for the district — even as lawmakers considered sending more money to schools. "The \$8.2 (billion) that is now being worked through the legislature would mean that we would have a higher level of revenue," Scharf said. "But we budgeted like we are not getting it, which is the best thing we could possibly do." She said the board could accept and spend more revenue by resolution or reconvene the budget committee if necessary.

REUNIONS

DHS Class of 1997

Dallas High School Class of 1997 will celebrate its 20th reunion at Rogue Farms from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 5. On Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., classmates will meet at Dallas City Park for a family picnic. For more information and tickets go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dallas-or-class-of-97-reunion-tickets-35530112523>, or on the DHS class of 1997 reunion group on Facebook.

CHS Class of 1972

Central Class of 1972 will celebrate its 45th class reunion on July 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Independence Riverview Park. No host; just come and visit. Hope to see you there.

MHS 85th reunion

The 85th Monmouth High School all-school reunion will take place Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Historic Gentle House, 855 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. The event will feature a potluck lunch, photo displays and lots of memories. Plates, silverware and beverages will be provided. For more information" Calene, 503-38-3990 or Madeline, 503-838-2995.

DHS Class of 1962

Dallas High School Class of 1962 will celebrate its 55th reunion on Aug. 11-13. For more information: Case Chaney, 503-881-5810.

Falls City schools

Open to anyone who has attended Falls City schools. The event will be held on Aug 26 starting at noon at The Breadboard in Falls City. The event moves to The Boondocks at 4 p.m. when The Breadboard closes. There is a Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/434784380189748/. For more info: Tracy Quiring, dgutf@outlook.com or 541-903-1434.



Blake Ogilvie watches a 3-D printer create a design during an exhibition night at LaCreole Middle School in 2016. The school is building a makerspace lab designed for projects that use 3-D printers, laser cutters and imagination.

LaCreole makes a makerspace

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Standing in the middle of an L-shaped, mirror-lined room at the end of a hallway at LaCreole Middle School, it's hard to imagine what Principal Jamie Richardson has in mind.

The school's former weight room is empty and ready for a major remodel, some of which will be completed by the school's teachers. By September, that room will become the Innovations Lab.

The vision Richardson and his staff have for it becomes clearer once he describes what has been happening in the school over the past two years.

Students are elbow-to-elbow in the school's makerspaces, he said.

Makerspaces provide students a variety of materials to invent, build and test inventions, often in response to a "design challenge." One such challenge last year was building a functional bottle opener that meets design standards. Teachers and staff built makerspaces in a



Principal Jamie Richardson in the green screen room.

corner of the library, a couple of large closets, a science classroom and a portable makerspace that students can set up anywhere.

"I've watched over the last couple of years. Our kids kind of trip over each other in these makeshift labs," Richardson said.

The green screen room — for making videos — is so busy, the school built portable screens, and even those aren't enough, Richardson said. Students resort to taping up green paper to make due.

The science classroom is larger, but it's still designed best for science labs.

of our parents know what we do on a daily basis. We have our exhibition nights and our open houses, and we try to have things on hand that our kids have created or that they are working on," Richardson said. "But wouldn't be cool if we could have parent makerspace night?"

Innovations Lab will have mobile work stations, a 3-D printer, a laser cutter, sanders, saws and other tools and materials for building.

Along with the lab, LaCreole is adding a business and design class that could make use of the space. The point of the class is to teach students about all phases of running a business, from idea to development to marketing.

Whether students use the lab to complete a class project or through stem (science, technology, engineering and math) after school clubs, Richardson and LaCreole teachers want to provide them with chances to have fun — and develop skills.

"We are looking at those things that are really good for kids," he said. "I can't wait to see what they come up with."

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