

Presentation illustrates project "teaching through the curriculum"

The Vernonia School District Board of Directors, at their December 13 meeting, enjoyed a first-hand look at how funds raised in last spring's "Run for the Arts" provided a program the district would not otherwise have been able to provide.

Michelle Eagleson and students from her third grade class at Washington Grade School, displayed masks they were able to make this year because of funding provided by Run for the Arts.

Starting the presentation with a Power Point slide show (One result of a successful grant application securing an Intel Teach for the Future grant

Loggers open season with win

The Vernonia Loggers boys varsity basketball team opened their 2001-2002 season November 27, with a 60-38 win against Columbia Christian High School.

The Loggers played well in the second half, but struggled in the early going, showing the rust of the offseason.

Applying pressure throughout the game, VHS forced the Knights into many turnovers that allowed the Loggers to score.

"We played well in the second half, but we will need to play a much better game from start to finish, if we are going to compete this year," said Head Coach Jeff Cheney.

Leading the scoring for Vernonia was senior wing Kyle Cota, who finished the game with 17 points, followed by juniors Paul Orlando and David Koch, each with 8 points.

All 12 varsity players got time on the floor, with all but one contributing points.

Scoring: Cota-17; Orlando-8; Koch-8; Darcy Kunkel-7; Matt Peters-6; Josh Ward-4; Alex Dinger-4; David Weller-3; Eric Weller-2; Eric Lee-1.
Rebounds: Kunkel-5; Ward-5; Orlando-4; Koch-4; E. Weller-2; Dinger-2.

Loss in first round

The Vernonia Loggers were knocked out of the Driftwood Classic Basketball Tournament in Salem, Dec. 14, with a first round loss to ninth ranked East Linn Christian, 48-53. East Linn has since moved up to number seven.

The Loggers made a strong effort on both sides of the court. The scoring was led by David Koch with 17 points.

The team, as a whole, worked very hard.

that provided training and equipment for integration of technology into the curriculum.), Eagleson explained that Valerie Otani, an arts specialist funded by Run for the Arts, visited the third grade class four times. Eagleson was the model for the first visit, when Otani demonstrated to a rapt audience of third graders how to make a plaster cast of Eagleson's face. Working in teams, a mask was made of each child's face. The masks were then painted and decorated as animals, to coincide with a science unit the class was also studying. The entire process was captured on slides by parent volunteers working in the class and developed into a presentation by Eagleson and her students.

Three students attended the meeting with Eagleson. Zak Smith showed the board his red, yellow and green duck. A picture in a book inspired Sabrina Sulloway to paint her mask as a red, black and violet frog, and Parker Roach produced a feathered owl mask.

The board was pleased with the presentation, which demonstrated how one project could operate across the curriculum (arts, science and reading) using both technology and locally raised funds.

Superintendent Larry McClellan reported that he and maintenance supervisor Dave VanMeter met with a representative of Clayton Environmental Services (CES), a consulting firm, to review air quality issues at Washington Elementary

School. CES will submit a report outlining possible approaches for improving the building's air quality and to mitigate the growth of mold.

The board also accepted the resignation of board member

Jeff Blum and thanked him for his years of service. Blum's position will be filled by appointment, but the board did not say what process they will use to seek applicants.

Columbia County Horse Bowl set

The Columbia County Horse Bowl will be held Saturday, January 19, at the St. Helens Middle School Gym. Horse bowl is an excellent way for 4-H horse members to learn more about their project.

The top junior, intermediate and senior teams will qualify for the Regional competition. The

intermediate and senior teams may earn eligibility for State competition on April 27 and 28.

The Senior Horse Presentations and Public speaking will qualify here (at our horse bowl) for State in April. Pre-registration forms and \$2.00 must be received by January 11.



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