

# Tuition payments for BHS students now require review of funds

Student reports were the highlight of the Banks School District board meeting October 14, with three students from teacher Sarah Blackman's eighth grade American History class explaining their projects. Dayton Vaughn, Nisha Fox and Kristin Halls told the board and audience about the Native American tribes they had been studying, and how local geography affected the culture and impacted the daily life of the tribes. Each student also brought a physical project, such as a model canoe or bentwood hut that they made.

## Tuition policy undergoes change

Responding to a question about a proposed revision of district policy on paying students' tuition, high school principal Jim Foster explained that the policy is applied in two ways, for credit recovery and to allow a student to take a course not offered at Banks High School. Foster told the board that 4-6 students had started courses last year and that three or four of them successfully completed the coursework. In order to be reimbursed for tu-

ition, Foster said, students must bring in a transcript showing that the course was completed.

The policy revision added language that will allow the district to consider the availability of district funding before granting tuition payments. The policy revision was unanimously approved.

## Principals' Reports

Elementary principal Marty

Voge told the board that the October 9 in-service on writing was one of the most valuable, ever, according to staff members' comments. A T-shirt design has been chosen from a variety of student designs and will be sold by the parents group at cost in an effort to increase school pride and identity.

Junior High Principal Mark Everett told the board that

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AmeriCorp member Sam Chan has started the after-school program. Chan will also be working with students in the classroom. In January, the junior high will begin a student conflict mediator program that is designed to build on the program in place at BES. Everett told the board that discipline referrals during the first six weeks of this school year were reduced by 50 percent, compared to the same period last year.

High School Principal Jim Foster told the board that all staff members have been trained on the "Mastery in Mo-

tion" computer program that tracks student progress on the CIM and CAM. He also announced that BHS has inducted eleven new members into the National Honor Society. Athletic Director Jim Smith told the board that 115 students attended a KATU Sports Action event and had a great time.

In other business, the board approved both the Superintendent's and Board goals for 2002-2003.

## Director notes role of volunteers

During the board round-table Doug Nordholm commented on the great involvement of parent volunteers, "...the district wouldn't survive without all those people giving their time and effort," he said. Ann Statton said she was very interested in the amount of information given in the student reports and Joe Evers said that he was very impressed with the greenhouses built by students as an Eagle Scout project.

## Christmas trees will aid Boys and Girls Clubs

The Boys and Girls Club Christmas Tree Sale will be held November 29 through December 15 in the Murphy's Furniture Parking Lot on TV Highway, 2962 Baseline in Cornelius. Tree sales will benefit Portland Metro Area Boys and Girls Clubs.

For more information, call Kathy Murphy at 503-640-1124.

## Dinner and bazaar help to maintain Banks Cemetery

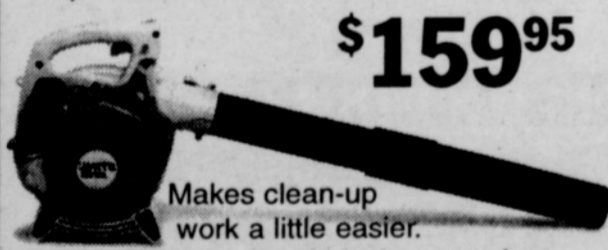
The 79th Annual Banks Union Point Cemetery Turkey Dinner and Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 7, in the Banks Elementary School gym and cafeteria, 42350 NW Trellis Way. Dinner will be served from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the bazaar will be from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost of the dinner for adults is \$8.00; sr. citizens (age 60 and over) \$7.00; children under age 10 are \$4.00. All proceeds go toward the care and maintenance of Banks Union Point Cemetery.

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