

47J will start finger scan pilot project

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if they want to take a class not offered at VHS, they can take it at Portland Community College (PCC) or other colleges and VHS must pay for it. The bill also sets a dollar limit for schools, based on 330 credit units per 1,000 students, which works out to about 80 hours for VHS. PCC's admission requirements are Writing 115 and Math 60 level, so some students may not qualify on that basis.

Kingsley reported that she had an email from the cafeteria staff that they are now ready to

implement a finger scan process for those families that want to use it. The board approved sending letters of information to all parents for a start-up of next semester. The finger scan will be used only with children whose parents have signed a permission form. The Middle School will pilot this project.

The 2005 audit report was presented by Grove, Mueller & Swank, whose representative said that the audit did not find any irregularities.

Consensus was reached to offer the interim superintendent

a negotiable salary of not less than \$6,500 per month for the final five months of this school year. The board also selected four applicants – Al Davidian, Marilyn McGlasson, Ruby Price and Nathan Underwood – to interview for the position. The interviews will be conducted in executive session on January 19-20.

The next regular board meeting will be February 9, starting at 6:00 p.m.

School keeps watch on disease

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much more than was required.

Elementary Principal Aaron Miller, who kept in close contact with Public Health and medical providers, said his main concern was the students. "I'm happy they are doing well and appear to be isolated cases."

See Health Notes, page 8, for more information about meningococcal disease, and page 3 for a letter from Sarah's mother.

Evening Chat on vaginal bleeding

Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding will be the topic of a Tuality Health Center Evening Chat on Tuesday, January 31, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Ken Jacobs, M.D., presents this "chat" to help women of all ages understand the causes

and treatment options available for abnormal vaginal bleeding.

This free, no registration required discussion will take place at Tuality Health Education Center, 334 SE Eighth Ave., Hillsboro.

Enter photo contest for cutest pet

The International Pet Owners Club has over \$10,000 to award in cash and prized in their 2006 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest.

"Every pet owner has at least one photo that shows just how cute their pet is," said contest chairman Rose Bonheur, "and they get excited about the chance at winning," she continued. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

To enter, send one photograph (full color or black & white) size 8"x10" or smaller. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back.

Send entries to: 2006 Spring Photo Contest c/o The International Pet Owners Club, P.O.

Box 1748, Pittsburgh, KS 66762.

Entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2006. Photos may also be submitted online at www.cutestpetcontest.com.

10,000 books

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Local Kiwanis Clubs are all non-profit corporations, so all book donations are tax deductible. The Kiwanis Clubs will continue to collect quality new and used children's books and parenting books to be distributed to community schools. To make a tax deductible donation of books, contact Jan Spika Kenna at 503-397-7225 or at KennaJ@co.columbia.or.us.

Take old voter cards to school

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tration cards are now required to ask for a registrant's Oregon driver's license number, or, if they do not have a driver's license, the last four digits of their social security number (other forms of identification may also be used).

In order to comply with this new federal requirement, the Secretary of State has updated

Oregon's voter registration cards. New voter registration cards are available from the Secretary of State's Elections Division.

No later than February 28, the schools will report the number of old registration cards collected to the Secretary of State, who will then pay each school one penny for every old card it collects.

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