## 47J Fingerprint program started Feb.13 VHS Honor Roll for first semester

Vernonia High School Principal Curt Scholl told the District 47J board of directors about a new class offering during the February 9 board meeting.

A Study Foundation class will now be offered to help students improve their study skills. He also told the board that the leadership class decided to move the Winter Formal to February 25 so members of the wrestling team will be able to attend. The original date conflicted with a scheduled wrestling meet. The Winter Formal will be held this year in the Washington Grade School gymnasium because the high school gym was already scheduled for another use.

High school student, Jonathan Kintz told of a new project, Pennies for Patients, where a milk jug will be placed in each classroom to be filled with change. The class collecting the most money will get a pizza party. Kintz also announced that there will be a Red Cross blood drive in front of the high school on February 22. The public can donate blood at this drive, too.

Nate Underwood, Vernonia Middle School principal, told the board that the cafeteria fingerprint project will start for middle school students, only, on Monday, February 13, and that only two students have opted out of the program. Underwood asked for and received board approval to use remaining QZAB and FlexFund monies to purchase computers and lockers or hooks for the middle school.

Middle School students Zach Shaw and Brandon Gilbertson announced that the students of the month were Alex Lende (grade 8), Nora Hieronimus (grade 7), and Vanessa Ortiz-Torres (grade 6). An upcoming event is the Close-up rummage sale on February 18. In health class, the three grades plus Mrs. Ward walked a total of 4,646.75 miles in the first semester. One seventh grader, eleven sixth graders and Mrs. Ward made it into the 100 mile club.

The board unanimously accepted the resignation of volunteer head football coach, Mike Funderberg.

The board is looking for three members from the public to serve on the Superintendent Search Committee. The committee will be made up of three board members, three public members, and three representatives from each school for a total of 15 members. The committee will review the applications received by the March 3 deadline and recommend about 12 candidates to the board for interviews. Members of the public interested in serving on this committee must be able to attend a training workshop on the evening of March 8, plus commit to six to eight hours of reviewing and grading applications. These reviews will need to take place during hours when the district office is open (daytime). Interested parties should call Barb Carr at the district office, 503-429-5891, by February 17.

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da Rogol, Allison Schilling, Byron Schorzman, Jessica Shaw, Sahrina Smith, Sam Thornton, Nicholas Welch.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Amber Abney, Ben Bamburg, Heather Bassett, Alex Bittinger, Nicole Bridge, Alee Chadek, Yolande Gendron, Nick Hammons, Alyssa Hauser, Kevin Johnston, Tarrah Johnston, Kristin Kelly, Jonathan Kintz, Keli Krieger, Lindsay Lennen, Nicole Moss, Burdette Robb, Lia Sebring, Amanda Sliger, Ashton Yontz.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 - Kahli Anderson, Jolene Botchie, Jeffrey Brewington, Christina Cavett, Gillian Cheney, Tyler Clines, Colton De-Witt, Ashley Eastlick, Elliott Gunter, Casandra Graf, Nicholas King, Jeramey Lende, Russell Lende, Karina Nelsen, Phillip Peerson, Tim Prpich, Brittanie Roberts, Gavin Roberts, James Rode, Zachary Serafin, Lindsay Shaw, Joshua Tong, Joshua Vanderzanden, Alisha Warren.

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