

School board hears pros and cons of flashing school zone signs

Vernonia Schools will have 173 days of student contact in the 2007-2008 school year, according to a unanimous decision by the school board at their board meeting on April 12. This was a change from the calendar presented to the board which called for a staff development day on March 21. The board decided to change that staff development day into a student contact day, but oth-

erwise approved the calendar as presented.

The board discussed the Oregon Department of Transportation offer to place flashing school zone signs on Bridge St. The signs have to be programmed and cannot be left on longer than two hours at a time. That would mean that, at some daily intervals, the speed limit would be 25 mph and when flashing it would be 20 mph.

The board agreed that having the 20 mph speed limit in effect all day probably offered better safety than having the flashing signs.

Washington Grade School Principal Aaron Miller gave a powerpoint presentation showing that Vernonia students are doing better than the state averages on good behavior using the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program.

Maintenance Supervisor John Lewis told the board, "I've been here five years and we've just been putting bandaids on Washington Grade School and we are running out of bandaids. I encourage you to replace Washington Grade School."

The board reviewed a list of proposed summer improvements at Vernonia High School, including contracting for paint removal and painting of the entire exterior (estimated at \$93,000 to \$150,000, depending on methods used on existing lead paint), having staff help a contractor replace 15 heating valves and thermostats (estimated at \$15,000), replac-

ing lights in five classrooms, and installing four additional electrical circuits in the library to facilitate moving all computers to one area (estimated at \$1,500). These project will be reviewed by the budget committee meetings to determine which can be undertaken.

In other business, the board

- heard that labor negotiations went smoothly and the union will vote on April 23,

- presented employee John Lewis with a certificate of appreciation for his hours of work during the December power outage,

- appointed Tobie Finzel to the Budget Committee.

Vernonia schools announce honor role students

VMS HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Vernonia Middle School academic Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 third quarter. Grade Point averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Kaytee Burghard, Kaitlyn Carr, Laura Hein, Samantha Lindauer, Jackson Miller, Madeline O'Leary, Tasia Pond, Sven Sandstrom, Ellyssa Szlavich, and Natalie Wallace.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Ashlee Archer, Riplee Burch, Rowan Cheney, Christopher Johnston, Austin Cutright, Ciera Henson, Rebecca Levenseller, Sara McMahon, Vanessa Ortiz-Torres, Makayla Roach, Deziree Roberts, Sicily Scott, Amanda Sebring, Kacy Strand, Levi Taylor, Shyla Tungwenuk, Jacob Vifquain, and Samantha Wallace.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Jacob Barnes, Rachel Brown, Kora Hamilton-Fawver, Jerrid Johnston, Kayleigh Johnston, Kelly Smith, Mckenzie Tarkalson, and Nicole Thompson.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Sarah Dahl, Christopher Dass, Robin Elliott, Mackenzie Frantz, Quinlan Johansen, Jacob Loveland, Sarah Miller, Mikol Pihl, and Mason Roberts.

VHS HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Vernonia High School academic Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 third quarter. Grade Point averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Amber Abney, Michael Calhoun, Mackenzie Carr, Karly Dewitt, Adrienne East, Celia

Gendron, Samantha Lee, Brittny Lindauer, Souvanny Miller, Bonnie Organ, Melissa Sandstrom, and Rebekah Young.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Ben Bamburg, Alex Bittinger, Adam Buchan, Thomas Carr, Ashley Cavett, Christina Cavett, Jerid Chelby, Melissa Chelby, Tyler Corey, Cody Eaton, Jessica Espinoza-Long, Nicole Gray, Sean Gritman, Travis Hansen, Kelly Howley, Luke Johnston, Tarray Johnston, Joreigh Landers, Brittny Lason-Dyer, Alex Lende, Breonna Maldonado, Rhiannon Meyer, Kesha Morgan, Rebekahann Pearson, Amy Rethwill, Preston Roach, Tabitha Schivley, Andrew Senn, Zachary Serafin, Sahrina Smith, Katy Stevens, Brent Thompson, and Levi Timmerman.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Bonnie Birkmaier, Ricky Brolin, Alysa Brucken, Tyler Clines, Megan Farmer, Fabian Funke, Yolande Gendron, Tom Hoerauf, Keli

Krieger, Ralee Lanphear, Nicole Mitchell, Karina Nelsen, Brittny Paden, Phillip Pearson, Gavin Roberts, Byron Schorzman, Theresa Schuster, Lia Sebring, Kelly Simpkins, Josh Tong, Nandi Vanmeter, Dylan Vaughn, and Ashton Yontz.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Kahli Anderson, Bethany Angle, Chris Bamburg, Heather Bassett, Kayla Baughman, Nathan Bonora, Jeffrey Brewington, Nicole Bridge, Timothy Brown, Stephanie Carr, Gillian Cheney, Marissa Clement, John Collins, Sarah Dupree, Ashley Eastlick, Nicole Frantz, Brandon Gilbertson, Casandra Gunter, Jacob Hales, Kelsey King, Tricia Levenseller, Ashley Paleck, Megan Perry, Danielle Robb, Brittanee Roberts, Sierra Roberts, Lindsay Shaw, Hee Yeon Shin, Amanda Sliger, Katie Wilson, and Nicholas Young.

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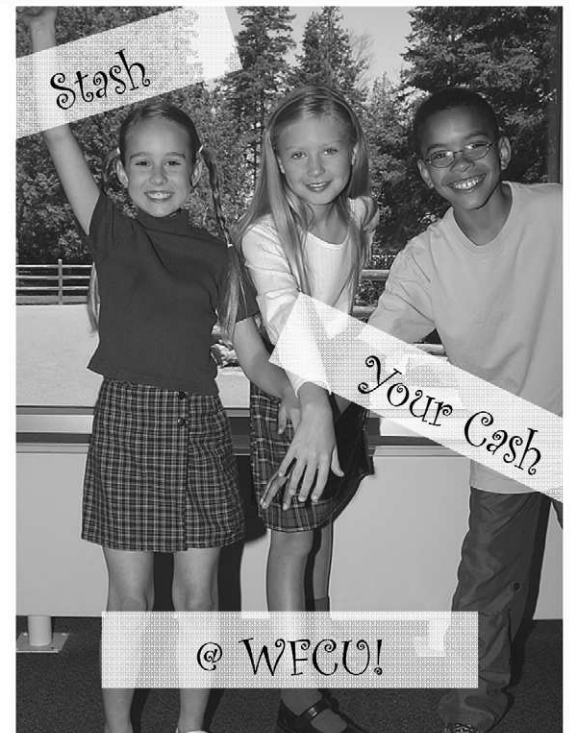


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