

Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a monthly column of information about Vernonia schools. It is written by various staff members. This column was written by Superintendent Kenneth W. Cox, PhD.

Another school year has arrived and I was pleased to see so many smiles on the faces of students returning to school this week. I look forward to a successful year where much learning takes place and mutual respect is shown.

After having the kids home all summer I am sure that there are at least a few parents who are looking forward to getting back into the routine of the school year. Hopefully that routine will include active participation in your children's education. As parents and grandparents you are in an ideal position to have a great deal of influence on how seriously your children take their education. Research has shown that those

students whose parents regularly talk with them about their school work and are interested in what they are doing at school are more successful.

I would ask that you take the time to get to know your child's teachers. All district staff members have email accounts and our teachers are willing to meet with you to discuss any concerns you might have. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our children and in our community.

I have set a personal goal this year to make our district website more informative, so keep an eye out for updates there. As always, I encourage all patrons of the district to share with me their concerns and ideas for improving our schools. My email is ken.cox@vernonia.k12.or.us and I look forward to hearing from you.



Registration now open for new Girl Scouts

Girls are you looking for something to do? Girls from kindergarten up to high school are welcome and encouraged to join Girl Scouts.

Registration for 2007/2008 is open now and the troops would like to increase their numbers. Volunteers are encouraged to join and help the troops in a variety of capacities (co-leaders, leaders, board positions, drivers, etc.).

The troops plans to make fleece blankets again this year to donate to worthy organizations; last year they went to Emanuel children's hospital, the Vernonia Police Department and the Vernonia Ambulance.

The troops have visited with senior citizens and done crafts with them, handled Girl Scout cookie sales, sold poinsettias for Christ-

mas, taken a trip to the pumpkin patch, gone swimming and enjoyed other worthwhile activities. Troop leaders are looking forward to another great year ahead with new discoveries, new friends and memories in the making.

If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please contact Kin-nell Steward at 503-819-0143 or by email at mtskys@verizon.net.

PSU announces graduates

Portland State University has announced their 2006-2007 graduates, including; James W. Acton, B.S. in Philosophy; David

Emrey Kock, B.S. in Business Administration; and Marissa A. Soma, B.S. in Women's Studies, all from Vernonia.

Fall Schedule

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. SCHOLARSHIPS AND SENIOR DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE (65 & BETTER, 50%) FOR MOST CLASSES. APPLICATIONS AT VCLC. CLASS DESCRIPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT THE CENTER. COME IN AND SEE US!

www.myspace.com/vernoniaclc

Nutrition with Heather Lewis

Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8 pm
September 25-October 23

Join us for a continuation of the Nutrition Series. This is a fast paced course that incorporates clear concise nutrition information with hands on applications including, "field trips" and recipe evaluations. This second series will focus on disease prevention and support.
\$10 per class

Writing a Business Plan

Taught by Mario Pedraza

Brought to you by PCC Small Business Development Center.
Mondays September 24, October 8, & October 22 6.30-9.30 pm Space extremely limited.
\$50

Computers Made Simple

With Justin Smith
Wednesdays, 6.30- 8 pm
September 26-October 17
Limited to 12 students
10\$ per class

Introduction to the Internet and Email

With Justin Smith
Wednesdays, November 7 & 14
6.30-8 pm
\$10 per class

Microsoft Excel 2007 Level 1

Saturday September 29

Level 2

Saturday, October 13

Both classes 9.30-four pm

Learn how to enter and format data (both values and text), move & copy data, create formulas and functions to calculate data, format & print spreadsheets and more. The VCLC is proud to present this excellent opportunity for Vernonia residents at a very reduced rate. This company is among top choices for employers who wish to train employees. Please see www.kineticoregon.com for entire class details.
\$75 each class

Taught by Kinetic Software Solutions

Poetry Writing Workshop

October is poetry month!

Each participant will have the opportunity to present his or her poetry twice during the 6-week session, and every participant can expect individual feedback on her or his work. Participants can expect a writing prompt or two to take with them each week for between-meetings inspiration. You must be a junior in high school or older to be a member of this workshop.

Wednesdays October 3-October 24

6.30-8.30 pm.

\$60

Life Skills For Young Adults

Subject: Marijuana and Alcohol

In:Charge! Presented by Quality Research Associates, Tidewater, Oregon.

Discuss and reflect on real world issues like personal safety, dating, intimacy and decision making, partying, police, personal rights & responsibilities, blacking out, passing out, drinking games, lifesaving tip and much more! Prevent something from happening to you, your child or your friend in the future. No referral necessary, open to the public.
September 22, 9am - 5pm. Pre-registration necessary, forms available at the VCLC. \$50

Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, October 11 for 6 weeks

6.30-8.30 pm

\$80

Research: The Internet as a Resource Tool

Thursdays, October 4-25

Learn the vast array of discovery on the internet with four classes of precise search tips. This course is excellent for students and seekers of all types of information.

7-8pm

\$10 per class

Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Will be held in October

Dates and times TBA

Please call with interest.

First Time Homebuyers Class

October 2

7pm – 9 pm

Presented by Community Action Team and Oregon Realty Free

Health Insurance Information Session

Heathnet

Medicare

September 13, open house 10-12 and 1-3

Free

The Art of Collage

Making art with paper, photos, found art, scraps and even bus tickets. Create your own masterpiece in this guided class. Supplies included, but feel free to bring your own personal materials.

September 29. 11am – 2pm

\$20

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