

Don't miss Kindergarten Round-up

A "Kindergarten Round-Up" will be held Friday, May 23, at Washington Grade School (WGS) to begin the enrollment process for Vernonia School District students entering kindergarten next fall.

Students must be five years old on, or before, September 1, 2008 to be eligible for kindergarten registration. Parents also need to provide a birth certificate and immunization records.

If you have students entering kindergarten next year, or know of other families who do, put this date on your calendar, and notify the WGS office, at 503-429-7941, that you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next year.

Hearing, vision and basic

health and learning screenings will be available as part of this roundup, as well as information about programs and services that are available through the school and other local agencies. More details will be made available in the next couple of weeks.



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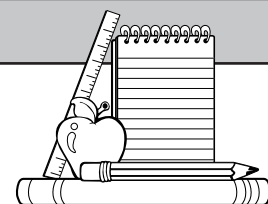
Chalk Talk is a monthly column of information about Vernonia schools. It is written by various staff members. This column was written by Superintendent Ken Cox, PhD.

As I write this the sun is shining and it is beautiful in Vernonia. It seems that spring has been long in coming this year. The daffodils are pretty much all gone from my front yard at home and other flowers are taking their place. It is natural for all things to continue in their annual cycle, and in following this pattern there are only a few weeks of school left this year.

As I reflect upon the events of this year I feel it is important that I share with you some of what has happened and our response as a district. In early March we had an explosive device set off in a garbage can behind the cafeteria. We have been criticized both for waiting too long to call the police and for calling them at all. Rather than take space here to explain our actions, I would simply point out that we, as a district, are taking

this incident as a learning experience. We are in the process of reviewing and updating our emergency procedural responses, making sure that our classrooms can be secured, and practicing with students and staff to ensure everyone knows what to do in similar situations. We are very much aware of the psychological impact that such an event can have on students and would encourage you to contact your child's school counselor if you have concerns.

Last week I was encouraged as I sat in an Oregon Solutions meeting with people representing agencies from across the state who had come together for the express purpose of finding the best location for new schools in Vernonia and the funding to make them a reality. I appreciate their efforts on our behalf and your continued support, patience, and understanding as we move forward together.



Baseball season off to wet, cold start

by Scott Rethwill, Assistant Baseball Coach, VHS

It has been a wet, cool Spring for this year's Vernonia High School baseball program. A small turn-out has all but eliminated the Junior Varsity schedule. Only two games were played this spring by the J.V. team. The first was a loss to Waldport over Spring Break in Waldport. The second game was a loss against Rainier at home.

The varsity team had two wins against three losses during preseason play. The Loggers opened the 2008 Lewis and Clark League, April 7, at Warrenton with a 6-0 loss to the Warriors. The Loggers then traveled to Rainier on April 11, hoping to bounce back from the season opener loss, but the

Columbians handed them a devastating 19-4 loss.

Vernonia's third league game was a hard-fought 4-2 victory over the Catlin Gable Eagles at Catlin Gable on April 15. Neah-Kah-Nie then traveled to a windy, blustery, and sometimes snowy, Vernonia on April 18, where the mighty Loggers won their second League game by dominating the Pirates 12-0. The game sched-

uled for April 23 against the Clatskanie Tigers was rained out, and rescheduled to Thursday, May 1, weather permitting.

The Warrenton Warriors rolled into Vernonia last Friday, April 25, and defeated the Loggers in a double header. The scores were 9-3 in game one and 10-0 in game two.

The season's not over yet, there is more action ahead for the Loggers.



Logger Cody Davis reaches the base ahead of the ball (in the circle) in one of the two April 25 games against Warrenton, played at Vernonia.

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