

## 47J Board reviews 2011-12 calendar

The Vernonia School District Board of Directors met early on February 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., before the Town Hall meeting on Educational Programs, which started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.

The board discussed how many calendar days will be in the 2011-12 school year, looking at options ranging from 180 to 190 days, before deciding to table a final decision until the March board meeting.

The Town Hall featured information on the following educational programs; Title I Reading, Career Education/Scholarships, Vernonia Rural Sustainability Center, Positive Behavior Intervention Support, the CLASS Grant, Homework Club, Student Leadership, and Athletics. Babysitting and student activities were available at Washington Grade School to allow parents to learn more about these programs.

Following the town hall, the

board convened in an executive session to review employee performance. Executive sessions are closed to the public and not reportable.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Hands-on Art (HOA), which will handle scheduling of the new schools 'community center' portions, and is eligible to apply for grant funds to do so;

- approved a MOA with the Vernonia Police Department for a School Resource Officer (SRO), paid for with funds from the Vernonia Prevention Coalition. This position will be up to 30 hours a week on campus for the rest of this school year, as a trial;

- approved make-up days on Feb. 14, June 10 and June 13 to replace inclement weather days when school was cancelled Nov. 22-24.

The next board meeting will be held on March 10, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the district office.

## Many earn spot on VHS Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Vernonia High School academic Honor Roll for the 2010-11 second quarter. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Jacob Alf, Rachel Brown, Charlette Burghard, Kaytee Burghard, Daniele Della Rossa, Janae Easlon, Mackenzie Frantz, Kristina Halvorson, Laura Hein, Aleksa Jacimovic, Samantha Lindauer, Alyssa Loggins, Marina Mekidiche, Jackson Miller, Sicily Scott, Kelly Smith, Ellyssa Szlavich, Natalie Wallace, and Samantha Wallace.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Ashlee Archer, Silvia Barberis, Skylar Binford, Jacob Bringman, Joshua Butcher, Crystal-Ann Carreon, Rowan Cheney, Austin Cutright, Christopher Dass, Katie Ellington, Robin Elliott, Jessica Gardner, Mandi Hartford, Nora Hieronimus, Tudor "Theo" Ionita, Quinlan Johansen, Brandon Krause, Dalibor Kufa, Kendrick Leaverton, Joshur Liman, Mickell Maller, Nathen McMillen, Vaclav "Bob" Michalec, Samantha Morgan, Heather Patton, Laura Rice, Leah Rice, Deziree Roberts, Ryan Sandstrom, Daniel Shaw, Lane Sullivan, Nicole Thompson, and Jacob Vifquain.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Joseph Benes, Casimir deNecochea, Cierra Henson, Jerrid Johnston, Ronnia Maldonado, Courtney Paden, Kaitlin Paleck, Elizabeth Poulin, Justin Rainbolt, Makayla Roach, Parker Roach, Mason Roberts, Ariel Rock, Rowan Scott, Zachary Smith, Sean Solberg, McKenzie Tarkalson, Jacob Titus, Sarah Wagner, Jared Whitton, and Sara Wilmot.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Kimberly Allen, Kelsey Brown, Mackenzie Brown, Savannah Brown, Stephanie Castro, Holly Cavett, Jesse Edgar, Brandy Fosdick, Danielle Hevron, Adonis Hopkins, Kayleigh Johnston, Jacob Levenseller, Rebecca Levenseller, Ashley Martin, Sara McMahon, Jacob Medearis, Kanan Olsen, Jonah Ooten, Leonie Perron-Anctil, Jerrian Pond, Tasia Pond, Darian Ragsdale, Megan Rock, Kacy Strand, Chonnikarn Suesat, Chantel Szlavich, and Paul Whiteman.

## Chalk Talk

*Chalk Talk is a column of information about Vernonia schools. This column was provided by Principal Nate Underwood.*

I hope that you are all enjoying the New Year and that 2011 will be the best for the Vernonia Community. We are indeed experiencing some exciting times as we all eagerly await the completed construction of our new schools. With a special thanks to the Vernonia Community PTA for their continued support of our teachers, thank you all for being proactive partners in your student's education.

As mentioned by Dr. Cox in the last edition of Chalk Talk, the School Board and the VSD hosted a Town Hall meeting, February 10, which highlighted various educational programs featured throughout the district. Thanks to all staff and community members who helped put on this event; including Debbie Stahlnecker, Rachel Wilcoxon, Beth Kintz, Dana Hyde, Aaron and Betsy Miller, Jan Dyer, David and Sonya Spackman, Juliet Safier, Doran Lower, James Brookins, Teri Willard, Liz White, Paul Whiteman, and the VHS Leadership Class.

The WGS Title I Reading Program is a now a School-Wide program that provides all children with the help they need to become proficient readers. The Positive Behavior Instruction and Support (PBIS) program helps students gain the tools they need to behave appropriately, and offers recognition for a job well done. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Spackman, the Homework Club, designed to offer free tutoring for students, is up

and running again staffed completely with volunteers.

Many staff members have been participating in the CLASS grant process. CLASS (Creative Leadership Achieves Student Success) is designed to provide all staff access to professional development opportunities that will empower them to take on leadership roles that will ultimately lead to increased student success. As part of the new school construction process, our campus, in partnership with the expertise of business and school leaders, will house a Vernonia Rural Sustainability Center. This flagship program has been a key component in the acquisition of outside funding for our schools. Additionally, we will be able to offer real, hands on learning opportunities using our own natural resources.

At the high school level we have several programs (Oregon Youth Conservation Corp and Youth Transition Program) designed to offer field work experience. Concessions and the Balloon Company are staffed by Vernonia students. And finally, student career and scholarship recognition are two areas that have grown significantly in the past few years.

If you wish further discussion and/or information on any of these topics, feel free to contact me or any of the above staff members. Thanks again for all you do. It's a great day to be a Logger/Topper/Wolf!!



## VMS Honor Roll members announced

The following students were named to the Vernonia Middle School academic Honor Roll for the 2010-11 second quarter.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Makayla Adams, Emily Bergeron, Marley Bower, Jacob Butcher, Megan Rice, Jocie-Raney Roberts, Dylan Taylor, and Chase Tolonen.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Tristan Adams, Kayla Aronhalt, Hayden Cieloha, Emilee Easlon, Kaitlyn Eyrrick, Ashley Hernandez, Hera Hopkins, Brett Jones, Reed Jones, Kirsten Leaverton, Nathanael McCroskey-Izzett, Sheyanne Pedersen, Jacob Perry, Jamie Scott, Paige Smith, Summer Snow, Autumn Sorenson, Meghan Sullivan, Taylor Titus, Payton Wolf, and Brittany Young.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Alexis Baska, Matthew Bringman,

Zi\_Xian Chen, Pearl Cook, Brett Elliott, Julia Fletcher, Lauren Glass, Nicole Glass, Jazmine Harper, Cheyanne Kemper, Alisa Levenseller, Liliann Lindsley, Jackhenry Masog, Garrett Mullikin, Daniel Rice, Jarrett White, Cassidy Whitton, McKenzie Willard, and

Damian Young.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Andrew Cheney, Grace Coleman, John Dean Jr., Jessica Farr-Smith, Tanesha Fowler, Nichole Gardner, Bryanna Larson, Johnathon Levenseller, Jarod Shaw, Winter Snow, Jessica Stringfield, and Kole Titus.

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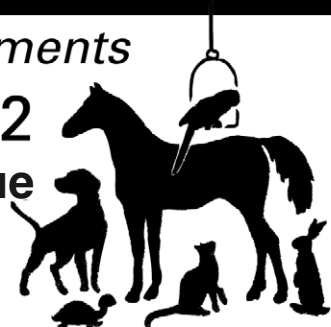
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