



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## **NVSD School Board**

*Next Meeting:*

January 8th, 6pm

NHS Library

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## **Superintendent's Message**

December 15, 2017

### **THE STATE OF THE NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

I find it hard to believe that we are breaking for Winter Break, already! The 2017-18 school has been moving fast, and our students and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved vacation.

Many of you may have heard a reference to Measure 98. This measure, passed in the fall of 2016, by Oregon voters, creates a mandate to place emphasis upon ninth graders on track to graduate, the dropout rate and Career and Technical Education. As a district we receive special funds that are set aside for just that work. The administrative team will be drafting a plan for the Oregon Department of Education, detailing what goals and action steps we will set for our students to find success in the three identified areas. There will be much more to come on this in the 2018 year.

The board of directors, community stakeholders and staff recently took on the project of creating a strategic plan for the Nestucca Valley School District. This document, adopted by the board of directors on December 11, 2017, creates the vision, mission statement, fiscal practice goals, and ranked objectives that the staff will work with over the next five years. This plan holds administration accountable for decisions and lays a clear path for the direction the school district will move in. Simply put, it is a prioritization of needs/wants for the district. The document will be made public in January of 2018.

### *Nestucca Valley School District Winter Break:*

- **NO SCHOOL** Monday, December 18th through Monday, January 1st. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.



***“Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow”***

The Nestucca Valley School District has qualified in the number one spot for the possibility to receive four million dollars from the State of Oregon for a capital improvement project. In order to receive the grant, the district must pass a general obligation bond in the May 2018 general election. If the district does not pass the bond, then the four-million-dollar grant will go to another district. On December 11, 2018 the board of directors voted to place a bond on the May 2018 ballot for the creation of a K-8 facility on the existing elementary school campus. The district would seek to renovate the existing structure as well as add some new square footage in order to create a K-8 campus. Many more specifics about the proposal will be shared in the near future.

From January to May the district will begin to hold public planning sessions, question and answer sessions, surveys and strive to educate all voters with the facts of the proposed bond. This is a big undertaking for the school district. Anyone who wishes to assist in the work, please feel free to contact me.

I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season!

If you have questions, about anything, I can be reached at (503) 392-3435 Ext 302 or [mistyw@nestucca.k12.or.us](mailto:mistyw@nestucca.k12.or.us).

Misty Wharton  
Superintendent  
Nestucca Valley School District  
503 392 3435 Ext 302

Nestucca Valley School District participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Students may be eligible to receive Free or Reduced breakfast and lunch.

Nestucca Valley School District can not participate in the Special Milk Program while operating the NSLP and SBP. Any student who purchases an individual milk, regardless of their meal eligibility, will be charged \$.50 for the milk.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Liz Kellow at the District Office. 503-392-4892, Ext. 401.

An advertisement for bus drivers. The top part shows a yellow school bus parked in a lot. Below the image is a black and white checkered border. The text reads: "Now Hiring Bus Drivers" in yellow and black. Below that, in a white box with a black border, it says: "Substitute bus drivers are needed, with a starting wage of \$14.13 per hour. These drivers are needed quite often, so this is fairly steady work. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Bob Hurliman at (503) 392-3194".

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# Activities Calendar

## **Monday, January 1st**

No School

## **Tuesday, January 2nd**

NVSD School Resumes

## **Wednesday, January 3rd**

HS Basketball vs. Gaston 4:30pm

## **Thursday, January 4th**

Northwest High school Honor Band @ Pacific Lutheran University

## **Friday, January 5th**

Northwest High School Honor Band @ PLU

HS Basketball @ Vernonia 4:30 p.m.

HS Wrestling @ Pac Rims in Seaside

## **Saturday, January 6th**

Northwest High School Honor Band @ PLU

HS Wrestling @ Pac Rims

## **Monday, January 8th**

Board Meeting @ 6pm

## **Tuesday, January 9th**

HS Basketball @ Delphian : 4:30

HS Wrestling @NKN 5pm

## **Thursday, January 11th**

All State Band @ Eugene

HS Basketball vs NKN @ 4:30

## **Friday, January 12th**

All State Band @ Eugene

HS Speech @ Pacific University

## **Saturday, January 13th**

All State Band @ Eugene

Speech @ Pacific University

HS Basketball vs. Knappa @ 1:00 p.m.

HS Wrestling @ Southridge

## **Sunday, January 14th**

All State Band @ Eugene

## **Tuesday, January 16th**

HS Basketball @ Faith Bible at 5:30

HS Wrestling (league duals) Home @ 5

## **Wednesday, January 17th**

ASVAB @TBCC @8am

## **Friday, January 19th**

Jr. Sr. High School Honor Band @ St. Helens

HS Basketball vs. Columbia Christian @4:30

## **Saturday, January 20th**

Jr. Sr. High School District 3 Honor Band @ St. Helens

## **Tuesday, January 23rd**

HS Basketball @ Gaston leave 4:30

HS Wrestling @ NKN (All League Duals)

## **Wednesday, January 24th**

JV Girls @ Jewell 5:30

## **Thursday, January 25th**

Basketball @ Life Christian (Varsity Boys Only) 7:30 \

## **Friday, January 26th**

No School - Teacher Workday

## **Saturday, January 27th**

Speech @ McMinnville

HS Basketball vs. City Christian @ 2:30

HS Wrestling @ Illwaco

## **Tuesday, January 30th**

HS Basketball vs Delphian @ 4:30



# Mrs. Serven's News

Junior High Choir performed at Kiwanda Center last week, then visited with the folks who were there for lunch. They enjoyed visiting, and learned new things about some of the wise people in our community.

Senior high choir performed three times Friday, December 8th: at the Dorchester House, Lakeview Retirement Community, and Lakeview Memory Care. The choir students and Mrs Serven found the memory care unit to be especially rewarding and tough at the same time. Students observed people who were sitting there with no reaction or apparent desire for interaction come alive when they sang carols that were familiar to the residents. They were able to observe Music Therapy in action, and the staff at Lakeview invited the choir back "any time."

## Honors:

*Congratulations to Carissa Albin and Kayla Cross* of the Nestucca Sr High Band for being selected to the NW Honor Band event in Tacoma, Wa on Jan. 4-6th. Carissa was one of 30 flute players selected from 83 nominations; Kayla was one of 16 selected from 56 nominated alto saxophone players. They will be auditioning for which band (Symphonic or Concert) they'll play in, and which seat placement they will obtain within their section. Good luck, ladies! (Pictures in next newsletter)

*Quinn Elliott*, lead trumpet in Nestucca Junior High Band, has been accepted into All-State MS Band in Eugene at the Hult Center on January 11-12th. He has music he is currently practicing for the event, and will perform the selections in the All-State Middle School Band the evening of January 12th. Good luck, Quinn!



# Student Giving

As part of Winter Spirit Week, the students at the Jr/Sr High collected money to donate to the Nestucca Valley Lions to help purchase items for their annual Christmas Baskets. In just 10 days students brought in over \$300! The Christmas Baskets are great benefit to our local community. Thanks to all the students who contributed!



# Student Newspaper Up and Running

A collection of students in Mr. Foster's Journalism class have breathed life back into the old student newspaper, *The Nestuccian*. To view the most recent issue, visit: <http://www.nestucca.k12.or.us/hs> and click on the link that reads "Student Newspaper."



The Nestucca Art Department was awarded a grant from the Siletz Tribe of Charitable Contributions. The grant was for \$1403.07, and funds will be used to buy printmaking materials, like a printing press, plates, styluses, ink, and paper. Printmaking is one of my all time favorite mediums, and I am so excited to bring this program to Nestucca for the first time ever. This project is anticipated to begin in February of 2018.

Sydney Leja  
Digital & Visual Art Teacher - NJSHS

# JANUARY

If your student hasn't completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), this is the month to do it! The FAFSA is used by federal and state governments, as well as by many colleges and scholarship providers to award financial aid.

There are four basic types of financial aid that you might be eligible to receive: [grants](#), [scholarships](#), [loans](#), and [work study](#). Grants and scholarships do not need to be paid back.

## 1 Complete the FAFSA.

- Remind your student to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid if he or she hasn't done so already. Your student will likely need your help in obtaining all of the documents they need to file the FAFSA. This includes social security numbers, tax returns and other financial information.
- The Student Aid Report (SAR) is a summary of what your student filled out on the FAFSA – offer to go over the information to make sure that everything is correct and make any changes if necessary by March 15.

## 2 Continue applying for scholarships.

- Help your student search for scholarships online and check with your employer or organizations you might be a part of for scholarship opportunities.

## 3 Make a summer plan.

- Encourage your student to apply for summer enrichment programs, internships or jobs.
- Many college orientation programs take place during the summer, so help students make their plans accordingly.

## 4 Register with Selective Service.

- Male students must register with Selective Service within 30 days (before or after) of their 18th birthday. If they do not register, they will not be eligible for federal financial aid for college.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS

What are your goals for the summer?

What are your favorite ways to spend time with our family?

Learn more: [oregongoescollege.org/itsaplan](http://oregongoescollege.org/itsaplan)



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# Middle Cats

## *December Updates*

Second quarter is keeping us on our toes in Jr. High! All students have rotated to their new homeroom classes and completed Bully Prevention Week with an assembly emphasizing positive connections showing appreciation for others. Stopbullying.gov gave us resources to build on and is still a great reference. In math, students are working on fractions, decimals and equations, oh my. All students have access to Khan academy or DreamBox to help build their math skills or move them to a whole new level.

In science students have been learning about how our bodies run in our Body Systems unit. Students are putting together a wealth of knowledge on how all of our body systems come together to make us fully functioning humans! In kitchen chemistry, we are using everyday objects we could find in our kitchen junk drawers to learn about the world around us.

English is moving along at a brisk pace. All students have access to an on-line text book as well as our Scholastic Scope resources. Parentvue is also available. As we near the end of second quarter, it really makes a difference to keep up with your student's progress. If you don't have a Parentvue account please contact Robin in the office.

Nestucca Inc. students have been very busy making our school bright and cheery for the holidays. Students received their new shirts this week as well. We are always looking for new projects and opportunities to support our community. Contact Tori Kirkpatrick if you have any projects our students may be able to assist with.

We know that cold and flu season is very much upon us, and it is important to stay home if you are sick. We encourage students to bring cough drops if needed. Students are not allowed more than one day's worth at a time. Oregon law does not permit staff at school to provide cough drops and many students have been asking for them.



# Softball Pitching Clinic

January 7th, 2018



10:00am to 2:00pm  
Arrive at 9:30am for warm ups



NHS Fieldhouse

*--ALL AGES WELCOME--*

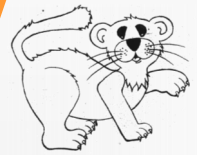
Catchers needed to participate and will need to provide their own gear.

**CAL STATE FULLERTON - OUSTANDING ATHLETE Candice Baker** will be her to share her knowledge with our pitchers, their parents, and coaches of all ages groups.

Contact Aaron Hagerty to sign up by January 4th , or with questions at 503-329-2445



# THE WILDCAT WAY



Parents and Friends,

Thank you to Bobbie Stirling, and staff, for another wonderful Winter music and band concert! As always the students performed wonderfully and both events were well attended. Thank you to those that could make it! We are very fortunate to have such a first rate music program at Nestucca Valley Elementary!

When we return from Winter Break, the school day begins to become even more focused on academics. We will begin to complete some of our state testing, with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, in February, and before we know it we will be meeting again in April at Parent Teacher Conferences.

Our district has placed a greater emphasis on regular school attendance this year. Each of you received a booklet detailing the importance of attendance. Some families have also received a letter detailing the law concerning student attendance. One of the greatest predictors of your child's success in school is a look at their attendance record. We thank you for making regular school attendance a priority for your child.

Have a wonderful vacation! See you in 2018!

Misty Wharton

Nestucca Valley Elementary Principal

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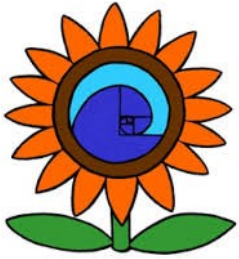
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**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped at both the Hollydaze Bazaar and the Halloween Carnival, if it wasn't for volunteers these community events wouldn't happen. If you're interested in becoming a member of PIE and participating in these and future events feel free to contact Jamie Carver, PIE President at (503) 812-2259.



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In November garden lessons students have been making scrumptious snacks! When we made ants on a log (also known as celery with peanut butter and raisins) we watched a discovery channel segment about how raisins are made! Students continued learning about squash by making pumpkin pie smoothies for one another. We read "Gregory the Terrible Eater" to discuss healthy food options and what edible vs. non edible items are and why they are important!

## Mrs. Hulburt's Kindergarten Class

### Journal Drawings





# Food Roots 2016-2017 Farm to School Summary

## Stay Informed

Join our e-news list:  
[www.foodrootsnw.org](http://www.foodrootsnw.org)

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/foodrootsnw](http://www.facebook.com/foodrootsnw)

Twitter:  
[@foodrootsnw](https://twitter.com/foodrootsnw)

Find local food:  
[www.northcoastfood.org](http://www.northcoastfood.org)

Find a School Garden:  
[www.foodrootsnw.org/schoolgardens](http://www.foodrootsnw.org/schoolgardens)



**Growing a robust food system** on the north Oregon coast by engaging the community, supporting farmers and entrepreneurs, and improving access to local food.

## OUR FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Farm to school activities enhance classroom education and encourage healthy lifestyles through hands-on learning, tasting fresh fruits and vegetables, gardening, and direct engagement with farmers. Food Roots has partnered with FoodCorps and the Oregon Department of Agriculture since 2011 to serve all three school districts in Tillamook County.

## 2016-2017 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 737 students received 242 hours of food and gardening based lessons
- 1178 samples of locally grown produce were given out at 8 Tasting Tables
- 147 pounds of school garden produce harvested and \$470 raised through School to Market sales
- 25 students experienced a day on the farm at Nehalem River Ranch
- 1061 students participated in farm to school programming in 2016-2017!

## ON THE HORIZON FOR 2017-2018

- 875 students will receive food and gardening based lessons
- 1175 students will have the opportunity to try local produce at 20 Tasting Tables
- 3 Local Food Open Houses will celebrate the variety of food producers in Tillamook County
- 12 classes will either visit a local farm or host a farmer in their classroom
- 18 engagement events will encourage families to explore 6 school gardens

## BENEFITS OF FARM TO SCHOOL

- Increased academic achievement and attendance
- Increased children's consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Creates a positive learning environment for teachers and students,
- Serves as a valuable tool in educational engagement

## CONTACT US

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**Nestucca Valley Head Start Program:** It's hard to believe it's already December, and we are approaching Winter Break! Our Head Start winter break (throughout the tri-county Community Action Team region) starts on December 25<sup>th</sup>, returning for class on January 8<sup>th</sup>. That is a week off of what the school district is doing, so this year will be a little more crazy than usual!

In November, we started our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Study, participating in the Tillamook County Solid Waste plastic bag collection (thank you to all who brought in your plastic!). We gave students the opportunity to become more aware of the world around them, and help solve problems in their own neighborhoods. We had a super fun family game night on November 6<sup>th</sup>, with everyone bringing their own game to play. Thank you to ALL who participated in this fun evening! We continued the exciting work of Zoo Phonics, with a focus on C- Catina Cat, and D- Dee Dee Deer, E- Ellie the Elephant, and F-Fancy Fish! Home Visits started this month, and the parent group is working on a plan to raise some funds, so watch for those opportunities!

We had to say "Adios!" to Miss Bertha in November as well. We wish her well in her move to Washington, and are very grateful for all of her work for us. The bi-lingual position has been posted and all qualified applicants are encouraged to apply here: <http://nworheadstart.org/employment.html> As always, if you know a family interested in this high-quality, federally funded program, please let them know we are here! Applications can be submitted year-round, and a wait list is kept. Go to: <http://nworheadstart.org/headstart-app.html>



**Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center Preschool:** Over on the other side of the building, Teacher Lorena has been continuing to partner with Head Start Teachers Tasha and Autum, also learning about recycling and the Zoophonics letters.

We currently have openings in either the 3 or 4 day programs (9-12, Mon-Wed or Mon-Thurs). Go to our website ([www.nvelc.com](http://www.nvelc.com)) for application materials, or call the center (503.392.4449 x1) to set up an appointment!

We love being outside as much as possible, even in the rain, and want to give a HUGE shout out to the Bros & Hoes Landscaping, for donating their time mowing and cleaning up our front yard area!



**Bros & Hoes  
Landscaping**  
LCB #8710



**Food Roots** visited all of us again in November, and helped us evaluate our seeds, as well as tasting some winter squash. It wasn't EVERYONE's favorite, but Rachel and Julia do an amazing job working with all of us and make gardening and growing food fun and exciting!

Teacher Nicola from the **Community Arts Project** helped us work on some beautiful 'stained glass' creations, learning about medieval times and painted glass found in castles and cathedrals!

**Cookie Debbie** wants us all to know that the Food Bank Food is available every day. Ideally, please pick it up at either drop-off or pick-up times, to keep the staff from having to monitor the front door. Don't forget to fill out the paperwork on the clipboard, showing how many are in your family. This information is anonymous, and is important for us to gauge how much food to request each time! (the background check through the school district does not work for the child care division regulations, unfortunately!). Start the process ASAP here: <https://oregonearlylearning.com/providers-educators/providers-educatorschr/>

**Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center Infant/Toddler Program:** Teachers Kim and Ebony are BUSY over here! We have a room FULL of 1-3 year olds! (new students are on a wait-list). They are "active learners" but the teachers work very hard with them. They are learning about the letter "B" this month, and work on lots of art projects. You might see their turkey and handprint tree artwork on the Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center Facebook page! We do a lot of singing and dancing and dressing up in here, as well as a LOT of reading.

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer, *\*in any of our programs\** please let us know! All volunteers need to have a current background check on file (the background check through the school district does not work for the child care division regulations, unfortunately!). Start the process ASAP here: <https://oregonearlylearning.com/providers-educators/providers-educatorschr/>

## Remember to mark your calendars for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific City Beach Challenge!

*Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2018*

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and is a super fun day!





Community Arts Project  
PO Box 248  
Cloverdale OR 97112  
[www.communityartsproject.net](http://www.communityartsproject.net)

### **Your Art's Desire - A Special Event Supporting Art Literacy**

Help support the young artist in your family! Community Arts Project, the organization that presents the NVES Art Literacy program, is having their annual fundraising event. All are welcome! Come see student and professional artwork.

### **Your Art's Desire: A Celebration of Art, Wine & Chocolate**

Saturday, February 10, 2018  
6:30pm until 9:30pm  
Kiawanda Community Center, Pacific City

Appetizers, beverages, desserts (chocolate!), art sale, student artwork display, silent auction, raffle, live music! Advance tickets \$30; at the door \$35. Secure online ticket purchase is available at [www.communityartsproject.net](http://www.communityartsproject.net)

Contact Nicola Harrison at 503-550-9655 or email [communityartsproject101@gmail.com](mailto:communityartsproject101@gmail.com). to answer questions, purchase tickets and general information.

We hope you will join us for this special celebration! Come support our young artists!