



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 20, 2018

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## NVSD School Board

*Next Meeting:*

January 9th, 6pm

NHS Library

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## THE STATE OF THE NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

As this week comes to a close, we will begin our winter break as a school district. I hope that each of you will have some time to slow things down and enjoy your families. Here are a few updates on projects that are going on in the district.

**BEAVER BUILDING-** The board of directors has accepted an all cash offer on the Beaver Building. As a district we are in the escrow process and are hopeful that the deal will close by January 23. There are still some school district property located in the Beaver Building. The administrative staff will be working to create a list of goods that the board can declare surplus. We will then organize an event where community members can come purchase the surplus goods if they like.

**BOND-** As a district we now have our entire bond team lined up. Our architect and engineering firm is DLR Group. Our project management services are organized by Day CPM. At the January 7 2018 Board of Directors meeting it will be recommended to hire O'Brien Company as our construction firm. These three organizations, in collaboration with school district, will be the key players in designing and building the K-8 structure. As timelines go we are still on track to begin construction in June of 2019. This spring we will be able to share the final design of the expansion.

**SCHOOL DELAY AND CLOSURE-** It is the time of year that we need to review the process for school delay and closure. Each morning when the weather and roads are of a questionable nature, the NVSD administrative team and transportation coordinator awake at 4:30 am. With the assistance of bus drivers we begin to look at roads and consider weather reports. Our school district covers 419 square miles of land! Much of our district is on windy, river side roads, which presents a challenge for us when determining what the roads are like in every region. As a district we will always error on the side of caution. We take this into consideration when building our school year calendar and add numerous days above the state mandated number to account for days that our district may not be in session when others are.

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

It is always our goal to have a report out to patrons by 5:45am-6:00am each school day. If school is cancelled then you can also conclude that all evening activities are also cancelled. If we issue a two hour delay, know that we are still monitoring conditions and still may cancel school. If families are signed up with the district to receive automated message, a message will go out at 5:45-6:00am. If you are not on the automated list, please contact the office to be placed on the list. The district will also update our Facebook page with school delays or closures.

I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season!

If you have questions, about anything, I can be reached at (503) 392-3194 Ext 404 or [mistyw@nestucca.k12.or.us](mailto:mistyw@nestucca.k12.or.us).

Misty Wharton

Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Nestucca Valley School District

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## **Nestucca Valley School District - Open Positions -**

### **After School Instructional Assistants**

The District is currently seeking applicants to work as Instructional Assistants in our 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program.

-Part time position, Monday -Thursday 3:00-5:30pm  
-\$20 per hour

For information contact Ursula McVittie  
[ursulam@nestucca.k12.or.us](mailto:ursulam@nestucca.k12.or.us) — 503.392.3194 x403

**Substitutes needed** for Teaching, Instructional Assistance, Busing,  
Custodial & Food Service Staff

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HR & Food Service Specialist

December 19, 2018

Families, Staff and Community Partners

This morning, at both the NVES and NJSH, staff members had quick staff meetings to address the Lockdown/Lockout of yesterday, and develop a plan on how to educate our students and each other about what happened. Each classroom of students K-12 had a debrief session with their teachers this morning as well. As parents and community members, please know, that I could not be more proud of how our staff and students acted in this emergency situation. Families, you too were amazing in allowing our staff to complete the procedures we needed to, in order to assure that all staff and students were accounted for.

We have now entered the phase of processing what happened, and we begin to ask ourselves, why? Why did this happen? I do not know the why, but I do know the following facts. The threat that our school received came from a phone registered in a different state of our nation. The caller relayed that there were pipe bombs in the JRSR High. Newport High School experienced something similar yesterday, as well as Beaverton School district today. These threats are similar in nature and content of several other online threats, and phoned in threats that have been received in our region. Those other threats have been investigated and determined not to be credible, just as the threat to our school was.

As a district and community we will examine the actions that were taken by law enforcement, and district staff, and use the information gathered as a learning tool. This will allow us to amend our practices, if needed, in an effort to become even more efficient in emergency management.

Lastly, thank you! One of the conversations that some administrative team members and I had last night, focused upon how fortunate we are as a school district and community. As a staff we know every kid and family, and run our district as if we are a big family. Please know that we take the safety of your children as seriously as we take the safety of our own. Yesterday was a shining example of how seriously our employees uphold their duty to keep our students safe. Thank you families and community in supporting us in that work. We felt the support yesterday!

I wish each of you a relaxing and restful winter break! Enjoy your time with your family.

Take Care-

Misty

# December Activities Calendar

## **Saturday, December 1st**

High School Wrestling @ Cascade 8:00 am  
SATs 8:00am  
Speech @ Clackamas

## **Monday, December 3rd**

HS Basketball vs. Sheridan *(All home games start at 3:00pm with Girls JV, followed by Boys JV, Varsity Girls, then Varsity Boys)*

## **Saturday, November 3rd**

High School Cross Country @ State in Eugene  
Linn Benton CC Girls Bxball in Gym 11:00am-1:00pm

## **Tuesday, December 4th**

Jr. High Wrestling @ North Marion 4:00pm  
Jr. High Girls Basketball @ Amity 3:45pm

## **Wednesday, December 5th**

Jr. High sports pictures  
HS Basketball @ East Linn 3:00pm

## **Thursday, December 6th**

Jr. High Girls Basketball vs. Willamina 3:45pm

## **Friday, December 7th**

Half Day of School; students released at 12:15 pm  
HS Basketball @ Willamina 3:00 pm

## **Saturday, December 8th**

HS Wrestling @ Scio 8:00am

## **Monday, December 10th**

HS Basketball @ Col Christian 4:30pm- NO JV GIRLS

## **Tuesday, December 11th**

Jr. High Girls Basketball @ Taft 3:45pm

## **Wednesday, December 12th**

Jr. High Wrestling @ Home 4:00pm  
HS Basketball @ Regis 3:00pm

## **Thursday, December 13th**

Cara Elder at NJSHS 8:00am-Noon  
Jr. High Basketball vs. Amity 3:45pm

## **Saturday, December 15th**

HS Wrestling @ Home - Bill Hagerty Invite 10:00am

## **Monday, December 17th**

Senior Safe Meeting 7:00pm

## **Tuesday, December 18th**

Jr. High Wrestling @ Santiam 4:00pm  
Jr. High Girls Basketball vs. Perrydale 3:45pm  
HS Basketball @ Gaston 4:30pm  
Jr. High Band @ Cheese Factory 12:00pm

## **Wednesday, December 19th**

Jr. High Wrestling @ Scio 4:00pm  
Jr. High Choir @ Kiawanda Comm Center 12:00pm

## **Thursday, December 20th**

Sr. High Band @ Cheese Factory - 12:00pm  
HS Basketball vs. Vernonia 3:00pm

## **Thursday, December 27th through Saturday Dec 29th**

HS Basketball @ Taft Tournament TBA

## **Saturday, December 29th**

HS Wrestling @ Willamina 9:00am



## **Winter Break**

Friday, December 21st through Sunday, January 6th

School Resumes January 7th



# January Activities Calendar

## **Friday, January 4th**

HS Basketball vs. City Christian 3:00pm

## **Wednesday, January 9th**

HS Basketball vs. Portland Christian 4:30pm

HS Girls JV Basketball vs. Seaside 3:00pm

## **Thursday, January 10th**

HS Basketball vs. NKN 3:00pm

## **Friday, January 11th**

HS Wrestling @ Pac Rims 3:30pm

## **Saturday, January 12th**

Speech @ Pacific

Wrestling @ Pac Rims 11:30am

HS Basketball @ Knappa 1:00pm

## **Sunday, January 13th**

Speech @ Pacific

## **Monday, January 14th**

HS Basketball vs. Faith Bible 4:30pm

HS Girls JV Basketball vs. NKN 3:00pm

## **Tuesday, January 15th**

HS Girls JV Basketball @ Seaside 6:00pm

## **Thursday, January 17th**

Cara Elder at HS 8:00am-12:00pm

HS Girls JV Basketball vs. Molalla 3:00pm

HS Basketball vs. Columbia Christian 4:30pm

## **Wednesday, January 23rd**

HS Wrestling Home Duals 5:00pm

HS Basketball @ City Christian 3:00pm

## **Friday, January 25th**

HS Basketball vs. Gaston 4:30pm

HS Girls JV Basketball vs. Delphian 3:00pm

## **Saturday, January 26th**

Speech @ McMinnville

HS Wrestling @ Ilwaco 8:00am

HS Girls JV Basketball 3-way @ NKN TBA

## **Monday, January 28th**

HS Girls JV Basketball @ Delphian 3:00pm

## **Tuesday, January 29th**

HS Basketball @ Vernonia 3:00pm

## **Thursday, January 31st**

Cara Elder at HS 8:00am-12:00pm

HS Basketball @ Portland Christian 4:30pm



# Band & Choir



HS Choir students with director Kathleen Serven perform for the residents at Dorchester House December 14th.



Mrs. Serven and the HS Choir perform a tradition they've kept for over 20 years: performing one of the holiday songs in sign language while they sing it. Singing and signing is something Mrs. Serven picked up to help with literacy skills when she taught K-8 music many years ago.

## **Congratulations to our Nestucca members of District III High School Honor Band:**

Jessica Bailey, Oboe  
Jonathan Winesburgh, Bari sax  
Michael Barlow, Tuba  
Almond, String bass  
Logan Blackburn, Trumpet 1  
Mariah Graham, Flute 2  
Makinzie Sedenius, Clarinet 2&3  
Nycole Kimber, Clarinet 1&2  
Kaitlyn Osias, Bass clarinet  
Fiona Hill, Alto sax

## **Congrats to the following Jr High District III Honor Band students from Nestucca!**

Stephany Moreno, Flute 2  
Melanie Velasquez, Clarinet 3  
Lulu Samek, Clarinet 2  
Adonai Velasquez, Alto sax 1  
Savannah Strader, Bass clarinet 1  
Cooper Stirling-Holloway, Tuba 2  
David Winesburgh, Sousaphone 2

**The District III HS and MS Honor Band event takes place January 18 and 19, 2019 at St Helens High School.**

# JANUARY

## 1 Complete the FAFSA.

- If you haven't already, fill out and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be eligible for federal grants, loans and work-study funds. You will probably need information from your family including tax returns.
- The Student Aid Report (SAR) is a summary of what you filled out on the FAFSA - make sure that all of the information is correct and make any changes by March 15.

## 2 Continue applying for scholarships.

- Update your OSAC profile and continue filling out the application information.
- Update your list of scholarships and apply to those with upcoming deadlines.

## 3 Make a summer plan.

- It's not too early to start thinking about the summer. Consider applying for a summer camp or program at a university, or an internship or job in a field you're interested in.
- Remember that many college orientations happen during the summer so make sure you include that in your plans!

## 4 Register with Selective Service.

- If you are male, you must register with Selective Service within 30 days (before or after) of your 18th birthday. If you do not register, you will not be eligible for federal financial aid for college.

### KEY TERMS:

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.

Information from your FAFSA is used by federal and state governments, as well as by many colleges and scholarship providers to award financial aid.

### NOTES:

### NEXT MONTH:

Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! Also, sign up for and attend preview days on college campuses.



# There's a new Case Manager in the building?

We have a new Team working in the Elementary School's Special Education classroom this year. Russ Sanders has stepped into the Elementary Case Manager position, moving over from the Jr/Sr High. Additional members of the Special Education Team include three dedicated para-professionals: (left to right) Linda Windle, Sally Kennedy, and Barbara Sanders.



Our team uses a combination of unconditional acceptance, and tough love applied to every student in a balanced effort to meet their individual needs. Collectively, the Team has over 120 years of experience working with children in Public Education. We all enjoy working with each one of our exceptional students, and are excited to see their growth and monitor their progress. Our Team serves students with a variety of support systems: some full-day, some partial-day, and some for a few “as needed” moments, when they need a break from their regular classroom routine.

We are developing plans for a shopping field trip, on December 11th, to practice real-life math skills. After we return, we'll guide our students through a snack-preparation activity, so we can celebrate the holiday with a Holiday Tea Party in the classroom on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

We share the following philosophy, regarding our students:

- All children can learn.
- We assist children to discover their gifts and opportunities in life.
- We recognize the dignity and uniqueness of every child.
- We promote self-reliance and independent living skills in every child.
- We facilitate each child's active participation, and inclusion in their community.
- Regardless of the circumstances, every day is a new day, and we all get a fresh start.



# THANK YOU!



We want to send out a Great Big THANK YOU to Chester's Thriftway staff. They supported our Special Education Classes, as we shopped for ingredients for Holiday Treats. They provided an extra checker for us, and the students all walked out with a bag of fresh-baked cookies. It is a wonderful thing to have Chester's Thriftway as part of our supportive community!

THANK YOU, Chester's!!

Amy Elder & Russ Sanders  
Special Education Teachers  
Nestucca Valley School District



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### **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 NVELC and Head Start Art Literacy program, is having their annual fundraising event. Come see student and professional artwork.

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

Saturday, February 9, 2019

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. Art matters.

Promoting community involvement in the arts since 1988



## Claude Monet

1840 – 1926

For the month of November, during Art Literacy, our students were busy studying Claude Monet who is considered one of the masters of art history. At the young of 15, he sold caricature artworks on street corners to earn money for his family. At the age of 19, he moved to Paris to study art. Paris had become the center for the art world partially because of their use of train transportation. It brought an abundance of travelers hungry for art and culture.

Claude Monet fell in love with plein-air painting. Plein-air paintings are made in one sitting outdoors as opposed to working in a studio, spending weeks, months or even years on a painting. Due to the nature of creating a painting outside Claude Monet began a new style of working unlike his predecessors. His short, quick brushstrokes and use of strong colors were an immediate visual impression of the landscapes he was painting outdoors. Thus the term “impressionist” was born. In the beginning, Monet’s work was considered unworthy of recognition because it was not realistic as everyone was use to. To fend for their recognition as artists, he and a group of other known masters started a group and created a manifesto for themselves, outlining what it was to be an Impressionist Painter.

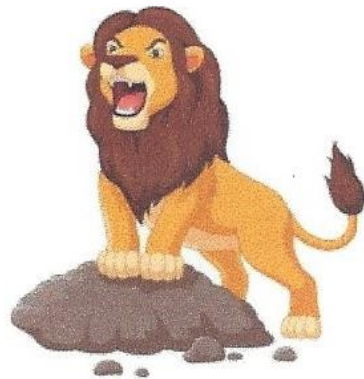
Claude Monet’s career gained success after an art dealer fell in love with his work. He sold many works during his lifetime which is rare, making a wealthy career from his paintings. Eventually he retired to his home in Giverny, France. Here he painted in his beautiful garden daily. He made over 250 painting of the water lilies in his garden, spending hours studying the change of light and how it changed the colors of the waterscapes. These paintings now sell for over 54 million dollars.

The students did a wonderful job practicing painting as Claude Monet would. They created their own paintings of water lilies from their imagination, a complicated task at hand. Their work is stunning and can be viewed in the hallways and classes of their school before they will be sent along to Community Art Works annual fundraiser. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, their water lily paintings will be displayed at the annual fundraiser ***Your Art’s Desire***, raising funds for art literacy at your school.





Photos from Garden and Nutrition lessons in November and December



Dear Students of the  
Nestucca Valley  
School District,

Nestucca Valley Lions “ROAR” with pride at all the food you gathered for the Christmas Basket Program. Thank you for being kind and caring about others.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a fun and safe Holiday break.

The Cloverdale Nestucca Valley Lions





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NVELC is focusing on the weather and our health this month! Please send in your child with jackets and boots every day, as we get outside RAIN or SHINE!! Remember to keep your student home when they are sick- some of us are still learning about how to cover our cough, and keep our hands (and mouths) to ourselves. It can be inconvenient, but will ultimately will be better off for everyone if we don't continue to pass things along to each other! In this instance NOT Sharing is Caring!



Watch for our Emergency Preparedness Checklist to come home to all families in the district. Have discussions with your children and extended family about what it would look like if a natural disaster were to strike our area during the school day, or when your child is in child care. Following up on our Great Shake Out, we visited the Fire Department again this month, and are learning about all of the ways to be safe. Make sure your phone numbers are all correct on file, and if you have a family member you'd like added in case of school closures, let one of the staff members know!

From the Kitchen: We are currently practicing our table manners, saying, "Please and Thank You" to our friends when we want them to pass us something to us instead of just grabbing. We are also trying not to talk with our mouths full and take small bites to be safe at mealtimes! Remember to contact Debbie if you want to join us for a meal at [dswanson@nworheadstart.org](mailto:dswanson@nworheadstart.org)

In Head Start, we are so excited to add a Family Advocate to our team. Please welcome Tina Dean!! We are thrilled to have her experience and background in social work, as she gets to know families and the resources in the community so she can help all of us be more successful! Our current focus is medical/dental statuses and providers. Following Head Start Performance Standards, we offer a holistic approach to early learning, and work with all of our families to make sure your children are in the best medical and dental health, as they prepare for Kindergarten and beyond! We have been having the Tillamook County Health Department Flu Clinic on site, now as well as the WIC nurse on some Friday's. Please contact the Health Department to set up a time to meet with them directly.



Over in the Infant/Toddler room, we are continuing to learn new songs, and learning some new letters with the Zoo phonics program! Based on our currently enrolled family needs, we have changed our hours to opening at 7:00 am and closing at 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



We'd like to give a huge shout out to all of the families that donated to our Woodland Creatures Tree, which was auctioned off for \$195.00 at the Kiwanda Community Center Dinner on December 8th!! Thank you!!! A second shout out to the Ziegler family and the Tillamook 4H group who donated fleece hats to every one of both our Head Start and our Preschool Promise classrooms! We are so grateful for your support and for thinking of us with the cold weather coming in!

**We have several positions open- if you are interested, go to our Facebook page to learn more and how to apply!**

Remember, when you get your 2019 calendar put up on the fridge at home, *add Sunday, August 4th 2019* for the 10th ANNUAL PACIFIC CITY BEACH CHALLENGE! This race is our biggest fundraiser, and we want to make this the best year ever! Watch for more information in the coming months. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, contact Diane Wilkinson at [admin@nvelc.com](mailto:admin@nvelc.com)!

