

Nestucca Newsletter

May-June 2020



Hello Nestucca Valley Community,

As we close out the 2019-2020 school year, I think it is very important that we take time to reflect upon, and be thankful for, what we have been able to accomplish as a school district and community in this time of challenge. We were all faced with an unexpected pandemic that intruded upon every part of our “normal” life routine. Our staff, students, and community, while not happy about the circumstance, quickly jumped in and began to shape the new reality for our school year. On behalf of the entire Nestucca Valley School District administrative team, thank you!

This pandemic has helped to reinforce and provide examples of what a caring and supportive community we have here in the NVSD. All staff, students, and families quickly began to work together to find creative solutions on how to meet the needs of our learners. The food service team developed an amazing system to feed 75% of our students for the entirety of the school closure. Different community groups offered their time and energy to ensure that our students’ needs were being met. Educators embarked on new learning for themselves in order to provide instruction to our kids, and administration worked to develop systems for the school district with an entire staff that was working remotely. As a district, we have been able to accomplish many things in a matter of 12 weeks, but look forward to the days that our staff, students, and community will be able to return to our buildings!

So thank you to everyone! Whether you were a student who had to learn how to communicate with your teacher via RemindApp, a parent who wore the hat of teacher during this closure, or an educator who worked tirelessly to try and meet every new challenge that distance learning presented for you, you are appreciated. It took all of you to engage in order for this system to work! Each of you has earned a summer vacation, and I hope you all find time to relax and cherish all that you have.

We will look to next year through the scope of flexibility. I wish I could say that everything will return to “normal,” but that is not very likely. So as an administrative team, we will spend the summer working to develop a Pre-K-12 instructional offering that can be implemented in a physical classroom, as well as through a distance model. We will communicate regularly, as the state and county issue continued guidance about what our practices must look like. We will stay vigilant in monitoring what the latest guidance is concerning student athletics and activities, while driving to create opportunity for our kids to begin to engage in those activities again. While I do not know exactly how fall will look for all of us, I do know one thing. This school district, and community, will meet the challenge and create a successful environment for all of our members.

Please stay smart and safe in this every changing pandemic. We will plan to see everyone in September in one fashion or another.

Take care,

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Misty Wharton
Superintendent

Handwritten signature of Ken Richwine in black ink.

Ken Richwine
JRSR High Principal

Handwritten signature of Chad Holloway in black ink.

Chad Holloway
Elementary Principal

Handwritten signature of Megan Kellow in black ink.

Megan Kellow
Special Programs Director

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Athletics Update

from high school Athletic Director John Elder

Many of you might be wondering “what’s next” after the cancellation of Spring Sports this year. The short answer is, no one knows yet!

To quote Peter Webber, OSAA head, when asked about Fall Sports:

“At this point no one knows. We are considering many options”. The only thing everyone agrees on is that Fall Sports will look different.



Athletes are asked to remain active and train the best you can, and coaches will get the word out as things open up for possible practices and workouts. It is assumed that restrictions will be lifted gradually, just like with the other “phased in” societal activities.

Normal Summer activities and workouts are on hold right now, but coaches may get in touch with prospective athletes and suggest workouts. We’re hoping to have great participation when we finally are allowed to resume, with students taking full advantage of the athletic opportunities they are given.

Food Service Thank-You’s!!!

The COVID-19 closure forced everyone and everything to shift and adapt during the pandemic. The Food Service department was tasked with creating an entirely new service model that included delivery. Not a small task to undertake in a matter of days. The outcome? We feed up to 70% of our students during the closure and we fed them well!

We are very excited to have been working with Food Roots to include local Tillamook County products in our meals over the closure. With their help we were able to source beautiful greens and turnips from Circe's Garden and amazing ground beef from Nehalem River Ranch Beef. NVSD Food Service will continue to work with these fantastic partners to feed our kids with our abundant local bounty!

We'd like to thank the Tillamook County Creamery, Scout Northwest Trading Company, Philip & Leslie Bourbeau, and Dan & Laurie Smith for their generous support of our COVID-19 Closure Food Service program. And most importantly, the people on the ground. We couldn't have gotten all the meals out to our kids without staff jumping in and taking on food service roles. Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Bus Drivers, Administrators, Office Managers, Athletic Directors... they all jumped in to help and make it happen. Many hands make light work, and we needed every hand that helped! Thank you!

-The NVSD Food Service Staff

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We offer our
Congratulations and Best
Wishes for a great future



Thanks to all the teachers for
continuing to give your
students a great education

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE
AND FUN SUMMER VACATION
"SEE YOU IN THE FALL"

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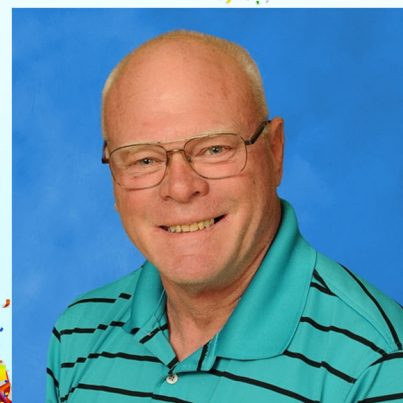
Happy Retirement!



Pam Abrams

&

Ron Smith



Community Arts Project

May 27, 2020

Community Arts Project is now creating its Art Literacy lessons for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are looking forward to a fun year of art with all of our Nestucca Valley Elementary School students! The agenda includes some dramatic portrait art in the style of Colonial America; outside-the-box, non-traditional Pop Art; and a lesson featuring some of our awesome local artists!

We hope you all are well and staying safe!



"Little Girl with Grapes"
John Singleton Copley, 1765



"Pop!"
Eduardo Paolozzi, ca. 2005



"Music Lady"
Maria Sund (from Otis)

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SENIOR PARADE



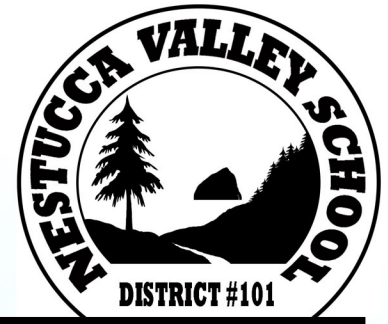
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for supporting
our seniors!

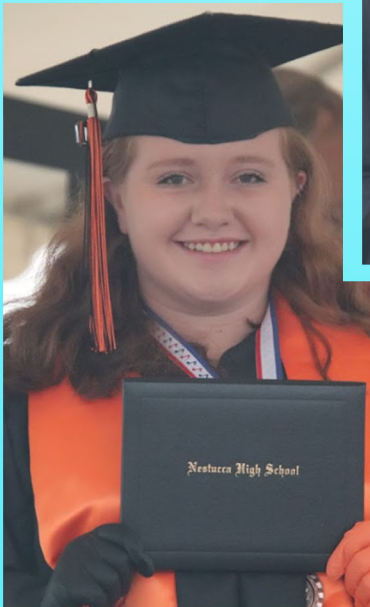
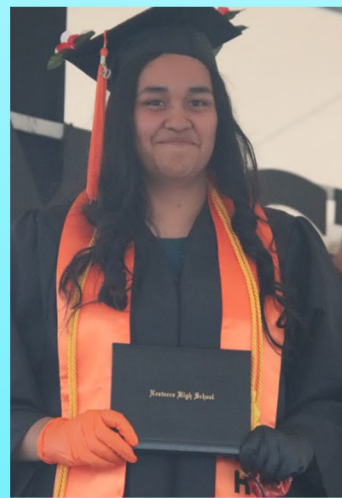
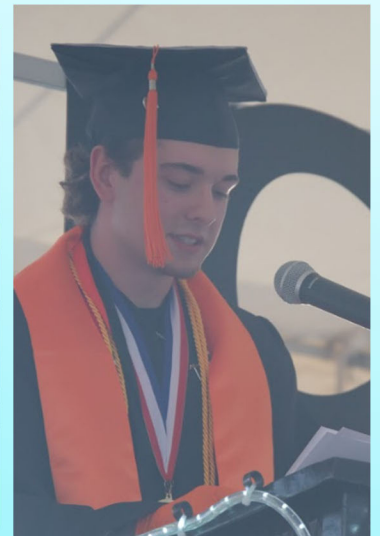
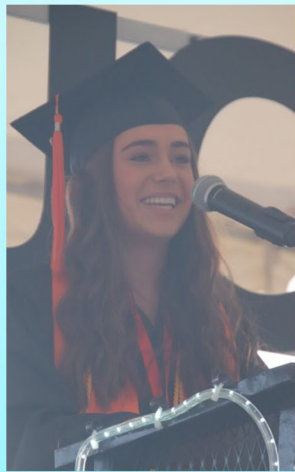


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GRADUATION



**Congrats
class of
2020!!!**

