



Sunset School



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Principal's Pad – We had a very successful fire drill today with our local Empire Fire Department observing and providing us feedback. We will adjust our route to make sure the fire hydrant at the South end of our school remains clear for emergency personnel. It was nice to have the fire department work so closely with us to keep improving on our emergency drills.

More than any of my 24 years in our school district I have had cell phones, electronic devices, toys, etc. brought to school and while we have many students who are absolutely appropriate with their cell phones, we have also had several challenges where they have distracted operations of the school or learning. I shared with our staff that I plan to implement a different policy at our school next year and it was supported unanimously. I totally understand the importance of cell phones for communicating with parents/family before and after school and would not consider taking away that means of communication as it is closely related to being safe. I am no longer going to allow other items to be brought to school unless it is approved by a teacher and related to learning. Each teacher will have a place in their room that can be locked and each student with a cell phone/communication device will turn it off and check it in with their teacher as they enter their classroom and pick it up as they leave for the day. Of course we will allow students to use a school phone for any emergencies and will be more than happy to deliver messages if we receive them in a timely manner. I'll continue to keep you all informed with specifics as this new policy develops and as always, I welcome you to stop by or give me a call if you have ideas, questions, or concerns.

Thanks for all you do and have a great spring break!

Dale Inskip

5 Days of School the Weeks April 22 and May 6
 There will be 5 days of school the weeks of April 22 and May 6. This is a result of complying with the length of school-year language in the licensed contract that was ratified after the calendar was adopted. The last day of school for students will be June 13. Mark your calendars!

MARCH

25-29 Spring Break



APRIL



- 1-4 5th Grade swimming lessons
- 2 Art & Science Family Night
- 4 7th Grade *Sunset Manager Applications due to Mr. Sweet
- 8-11 4th Grade swimming lessons
- 8-11 OAKS Testing
- 26 Yes, school this Friday
- 27 Emergency Preparedness Fair

SPRING CARNIVAL

Sponsored by the MADISON BOOSTER CLUB & SUNSET PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION



THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE **WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD @ 6:30PM** at the Madison School Library.

This will be a Carnival Planning Meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend. We will be organizing games and activities. If you are unable to attend the planning meeting, but would like to volunteer during the carnival, please contact Rose Stinson at Sunset

What's happening at the Boys and Girls Club...

Kindergarten Soccer registrations are being accepted at the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. All boys and girls currently in Kindergarten are eligible for this activity. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the SWOCC Soccer Field during the Month of April. The fee is \$45.00 with a current Club membership. This program will teach the skills and fundamentals of soccer while participating in fun games and competitions. Call 541-267-6573 for more information.

All girls in grades 1-8 may register for Fast Pitch Softball at the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. Players will be placed on teams based on their age as of December 31, 2012. The fee is \$65.00 with a current Club membership. Fee reductions are available through April 12, 2013 for those that qualify. Register early as teams will fill quickly. Games will start May 11, 2013. Call 541-267-6573 for more information.



The Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon is offering Spring Break Tennis, Tuesday, March 26 – Friday, March 29 at the William J. Sweet Memorial Tennis Center. Boys and girls ages 5-7 may attend from 9:00am-10:00am for \$10.00 each day with a current Club membership. Whether experienced or just a beginner, all levels are welcome. A High School Doubles Clinic will be held from 10:00am-12:00pm and costs \$20.00 each day. Pre-registration is recommended at the Club office or Tennis Center, 3333 Walnut Ave, Coos Bay. Both sessions will be taught by Emory Watson a PTR (P-1) certified tennis instructor. For more information, please call 541-269-2475.

Spring Break Tennis will be offered for boys and girls ages 8-10, Monday March 25 and Wednesday March 27, 4:15pm-5:00pm at the William J. Sweet Memorial Tennis Center. The fee is \$10.00 per day. Registration forms are available at the Boys & Girls Club office or in the Tennis Center. Boys and girls ages 11-14 may play on Tuesday and Thursday, March 26 and 28 from 4:00pm-5:00pm or advanced from 5:00pm-6:00pm. The fee is also \$10.00 per day. Register at the Boys & Girls Club or in the Tennis Center. Come join the fun. Learn to play tennis or work on existing skills with Tennis Professional Emory Watson, a PTR (P1) certified instructor. Call 541-267-6573 or 541-269-5795 for more information.

What's on the menu: April 1-4, 2013

Monday: Ham & Cheese Melt with Green Beans

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Wednesday: Taco Dilla with Steamed Veggies

Thursday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Daily Items: Grab & Go Salads, Fresh

Veggie & Fruit Bar, "Build Your Own Sub Bar."



City of Coos Bay Library

Around the Library in 80 Days



Coos Bay Public Library's Independent Reading Program for students in Preschool-12th Grade, ***Around the Library in 80 Days*** will begin on March 8 and continue through May 24. This program is so popular with students of all ages because it brings together the excitement of reading and the chance to **win really great prizes.**

Students keep track of their reading and/or listening over 80 days on a special form available both in District 9 school libraries as well as Coos Bay Public Library. Everyone wins small prizes after reading 400, 800, 1200 and 1600 pages or minutes (keep track of whichever you wish). Everyone who finishes 1,600 – an average of only 20 pages/minutes a day – receives a paperback book and a chance to win one of the larger prizes donated by Bay Area businesses and organizations. Students may enter more than once.

The larger prizes will be displayed at the library as they are received. Check often to see which prize you would really like to win. A prize drawing for these prizes will take place in the children's department at the library at 3:30pm on Friday, May 24. Students need not be present to win. All students who complete the program will be invited to attend. Participants may select a paperback book of their choice at that time also, or if unable to attend may pick out a book at the library's children's department.

The Friends of the Coos Bay Library sponsor this and other library programs. For more information, visit the library at 525 Anderson Ave. or call 541-269-1101.

The Coos Bay School District's Board of Directors has an opening of Position #1 on its Budget Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2015.

Interested people who are registered voters living within the district boundary are asked to fill out the Budget Candidate Information Sheet and return it to Coos Bay Public Schools, Attn: Board of Directors, 1255 Hemlock Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Deadline for submission is March 30, 2013. You can find the form at www.cbd9.net.

The Budget Committee will begin the budgeting process for the 2013-2014 school year on May 8, 2013.

If you wish to know more about the Coos Bay School District's Budget Committee and its work, please call the Business Manager, Rod Danielson at (541) 267-1317 or go to the following link: <http://cbd9.net/business-office/budget>

2013-14 School Schedule

To the Coos Bay Schools Parents and Community:

On Monday, March 11, the Coos Bay School Board voted for a five-day school week with one early-release day per week for next year. The District's administration will design a detailed calendar and school schedules within this guideline for approval by the Board next month.

Two years of a four-day student week has allowed the District to shift its curriculum to the Common Core State Standards, a new, more-rigorous K-12 curriculum required by the State. We have redesigned report cards and changed our grading practices to include competency-based grading, another state mandate. We have moved to a new, computerized student information system that increases our ability to track student progress and allows families to look at current information about their students at any time.

Most important, our teachers have been given time to apply four questions to everything they teach: What do we want every child to learn? How will we know when they've learned it? How will we respond if they don't learn it the first time? How will we respond if they already know it? Answering these last two questions requires teachers to design and use intervention and extension activities to meet the needs of every student. Interventions may apply to individual students or to groups, and will occur both in the individual classroom and school-wide.

This critical work will continue during the early-release time in next year's schedule. However, we believe we can build on the progress of the past two years while also having our kids in school five days a week. The new schedule responds to concerns raised by community members, families and staff about the limitations of the four-day student week. Our goal is to support our teachers in providing the highest quality instruction, targeted to the needs of each student, while also meeting the needs of our community and giving our students five days in school.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Coos Bay Schools.

James Martin, Board Chair & Dawn Granger,
Superintendent

Wanna join Boy Scouts?

If you would like to join Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, please contact Cub Master Patrick O'Neill @ 541-808-2680.

Come join the fun today!

SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER MHS SENIORS

March 22nd at MHS Cafeteria from 5-7:30 we are having a spaghetti feed/dessert auction. 5 and under are free, 6-12 and over 62 are \$5, and 13 and up are \$8. We will have spaghetti/caesar salad/garlic bread/dessert and a beverage (coffee, ice tea, water, lemonade). You can purchase your ticket and reserve your spot by calling Irene (myself) directly at 541-297-0288.

A note from the nurse:

The Oregon Health Division will be requiring **all students** to have the **Hepatitis A** vaccinations starting with the **2014/15 school year**. If your child has not had these vaccinations please make sure that you get this taken care of.

The Oregon Health Division requires that all students entering the 7th grade have a Tdap dose. The Tdap must be given at or after the child's 10th birthday.



Art and Science Family Night – April 2nd



You are invited to Coos Bay School District's next Family Night on April 2nd from 6:00 – 7:30 at Sunset School in Room 36. There will be hands on art projects to explore how art and science go together. Parents are welcome to join the children as they do the art projects.

Childcare for kids under 5 will be provided and snacks will be available. We hope to see you there!

Hosted by the TAG Program. For more information, contact Theresa Hart at 541-267-1318 or theresah@coos-bay.k12.or.us