

# Eagle



# Update

Yoncalla, Oregon

Volume 3, Issue 11

June 2018

[www.yoncalla.k12.or.us](http://www.yoncalla.k12.or.us)

## Winchester Elementary School Visits Yoncalla Early Learning Center

Recently, Yoncalla School District hosted a visit from key staff and administration from Winchester Elementary School in Roseburg. The visit was in response to a growing interest in the authentic parent engagement approaches throughout the district, modeled after our Early Works project. Yoncalla School District is being recognized throughout Douglas County for our Early Works project.

Rick Synder, Winchester Elementary Principal, is interested in replicating key components of our strategies with the intention creating a broader understanding of the families within their district. A key takeaway for Mr. Synder was the importance of building trusting relationships with all families to best meet student's needs. Yoncalla School District shared their successes in increasing parent involvement and improving learning outcomes in part because of these relationships.

The tour included a visit to the Yoncalla Preschool with conversations with both staff and preschoolers. Megan Barber shared her strategies for meeting the needs of our youngest students, including an overview of our newest classroom behavior management approach, Conscious Discipline. The preschoolers were actively engaged in learning activities and demonstrated the importance of high quality early learning programs and how it impacts Kindergarten readiness. In addition, the visit included a tour of our Early Head Start classroom, the Family Room, and our new parent education room. The most powerful part of the visit was a conversation with a Yoncalla School District parent, Sherry Hargraves. Sherry and her partner are parenting a preschooler and Kindergartener. Sherry shared her initial hesitation to becoming an involved parent, and how she came to love volunteering and working with district staff. She also shared that her school involvement led her family to being more involved in the community, including coaching T Ball, attending a parenting class and connecting with other families.

## Yoncalla Elementary Holds Talent Show

Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> recently held a talent show. It is something that is scheduled to be an annual event, that is being reawakened. We started with special a musical performance by Mrs. AK and her daughters Farah and Fiona that combined singing, a tambourine, and the playing of an ukulele. Other performances that were enjoyed by everyone included tumbling, tricks taught to a dog, keyboard music, a lot of singing, and dance moves.

### Inside this issue

Shop News.....	2
Facilities Update .....	2
Trades Fair.....	2
Upcoming Events.....	3
National Geographic.....	3
Band News.....	3
Retirees .....	4
Retirees .....	5
Rocketry Camp.....	6
Graduation.....	7

While the event was fun and everyone had a great time, this was a chance for students to build relationships by getting to know each other and share their skill and/or interest areas. Most importantly, performing in a talent show is the chance to practice being in front of an audience. We are looking forward for next year's event!







## Shop News

As this school year winds down, things are getting busy in the shop area...The 25" planer finally arrived. With the assistance of Jeff Schmeichel, it is hooked up and working great. During the first week of operation, we were able to complete a planning project for a member of the community. We were able to plane 1350 board feet of cedar and pine boards. We were able to sell the clean shavings from this project to reinvest in the shop program.

We also took delivery of our new laser engraving machine. We hope to have it up and running before the end of school this year. This new equipment is vital for the shop program as it will help prepare students for the workplace that makes up today's economy.

## Trades Career Fair

Climbing straps, eye protection, steel toed shoes and earplugs are just some of the personal protective equipment (PPE) required at the Oregon Tradewomen's

Career Fair. May 18 four high school and four middle school young ladies attended the Career Fair and got the opportunity to try skills they probably didn't know existed.

The students got to build bird houses and tool boxes; climb steel girders and power poles; and go up in bucket trucks. The girls especially seemed to enjoy the police-women and the tools they use every day.

This was my first time (Ms. Wilde) to go to the Fair

and I was blown away. A "fashion show" was held where each of the women went on stage with their gear and explained what it was they did and what the gear was for. I was impressed by the competence and strength these women displayed.

I look forward to going next year!

## Facilities Update

- Jeff has been working to keep the blackberries at bay. He has a work crew on Fridays working to keep ahead of them.
- The painting at the elementary building is nearly complete. There will be continued work on the boiler house over the summer. It is in need of a new roof and gutters.
- There was a burst hot water pipe at the high school. Jeff was able to patch the pipe and clean up the mess.
- Jeff continues to work with ZCS and Ausland Group on Phase 1 and 2 of the seismic retrofit at the high school. Work will begin soon on the main building with work on the gym starting in July.
- Jeff will be interviewing students for the upcoming summer work crew. These students will be assigned miscellaneous tasks throughout both buildings. The main areas of focus this year will be the elementary building including general cleaning, removal of blackberry bushes and grounds maintenance.



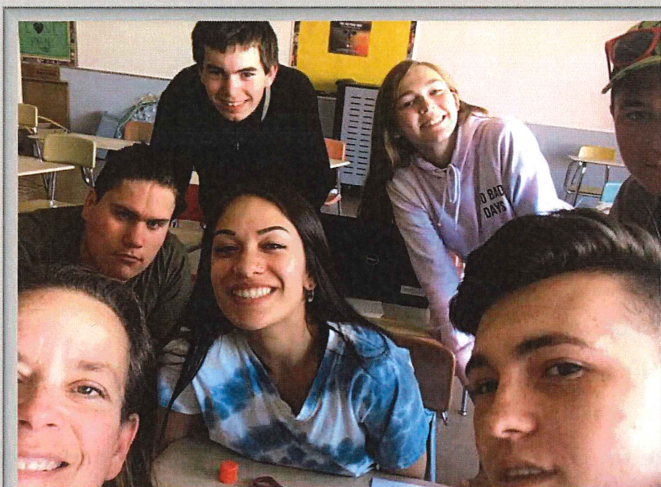


## National Geographic Program

These last few months, Ms. Wilde has worked on professional development called the National Geographic educator program. The Educator Certification program equips educators with the resources and training needed to teach students about the world in innovative, interdisciplinary ways. Benefits of certification include professional recognition; connection to a community of like-minded educators; and access to resources, mentorship, and leadership opportunities with National Geographic. Through this program, educators will learn about the National Geographic mission, how to teach interdisciplinary through various scales and perspectives, and the National Geographic Learning Framework—all while applying these ideas to their own work and collaborating with educators worldwide.

Following the protocol, Ms. Wilde taught a lesson from the National Geographic teaching resources and then developed a hands-on lesson for her Natural Resource class that included many principles of the NG Learning Framework. Her chosen lesson from the teaching resources was a lesson on the Bay of Pigs. Her real love, though, is Natural Resources. She developed a lesson where students made Biltmore sticks and diameter tapes, both used to measure the size of trees to determine how many board feet exist within a given tree. It involved measuring skills, math principles, and some artistic license. For a capstone project, Ms. Wilde made a video describing how the equipment is made and how it is used.

Ms. Wilde is pleased to be part of the National Geographic education family, with all of its supports and resources.



## Band News

Calling all alumni, current students, and community members interested in playing with the Yoncalla Summer Honors Ensemble! Rehearsals will be held June 18-22 at the elementary music room from 9am-11am. Performances are June 23 (Yoncalla Deli 30th anniversary), July 4 (Star Spangled Banner at the fireworks), and August 4 (Yoncalla Summer Festival). Bring your own instrument or use one of ours. Support school music in our community and keep music alive in the summer!

### Yoncalla School

#### District Priorities

1. Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments.
2. Each child will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post secondary education and careers, and the self-reliance to be a productive citizen.
3. A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all stakeholders
4. Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.

#### Upcoming Events

For a complete list of events visit our web site @ [www.yoncalla.k12.or.us](http://www.yoncalla.k12.or.us) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/yhseagles/](http://www.facebook.com/yhseagles/)





**Cheryl Simons-  
Mathematics, Athletic  
Director & Coach**



How many years have you taught?

**31 years**

How many years have you taught in Yoncalla?

**31 years**

What and where was the first school you taught at?

**Yoncalla High School**

Your favorite teaching moment?

**It is when my math students finally understand a concept. The moment the light turns on and they have the confidence to do their math. I love watching them get excited about math and start talking about how much fun it is. I love watching my students mature over the course of their high school years.**

What are you going to miss about Yoncalla?

**I am going to miss the students in my classes that wanted to learn. I am going to miss the staff that wanted to work together to make our students better students and better people.**

What are you going to do after retirement?

**I am going to be a substitute teacher. I am hoping to playing more golf and biking.**

**Gar Rodgers-Language  
Arts,  
Drama and Radio Theater**



How many years have you taught?

**17 years**

How many years have you taught in Yoncalla?

**17 years**

What and where was the first school you taught at?

**Yoncalla High School**

Your favorite teaching moment?

**Being able to reopen up the Little Theater as a drama performance space and to teach drama and acting for a number of years.**

What are you going to miss about Yoncalla?

**I am going to miss being exposed to, meeting, and following up on a good number of the great kids I have had the pleasure of torturing in my classroom over the years. Along with that, I have also come to realize that a number of my colleagues over the years have become good friends, and I will miss contact with them.**

What are you going to do after retirement?

**Retirement for me will be occupied with working with my wife on a business start up in Eugene.**



**Mary Marshall-Title 1  
Teacher**



How many years have you taught?

**20 years**

How many years have you taught in Yoncalla?

**4 years**

What and where was the first school you taught at?

**Pablo Roybal Elementary School in New Mexico**

Your favorite teaching moment?

**Developing and implementing a Dual Language Parent Math Night in Albuquerque.**

What are you going to miss about Yoncalla?

**I'm going to miss my Yoncalla colleagues.**

What are you going to do after retirement?

**I would like to work with a non-profit to develop a math tutorial program in Tacoma, Washington.**

**Judy Hartman-District  
Technology Coordinator**



How many years have you taught?

**20 years**

How many years have you taught in Yoncalla?

**20 years**

What and where was the first school you taught at?

**Yoncalla School District**

Your favorite teaching moment?

**I don't have a favorite teaching moment but I have really enjoyed the students that have worked as my tech assistants. They have all been a lot of fun to work with and have made me laugh a lot. Some of them have gone on to pursue Technology Careers so that makes me feel good about what I do. In fact you have one of my former tech assistants taking my job soon.**

What are you going to miss about Yoncalla?

**I will miss the people I work with and the students. We have great staff and students at Yoncalla. Although it has been a challenge to work in this position with a limited budget and a lot of roles to fill, I have enjoyed my job at Yoncalla but I am ready to have more time to pursue my own interests in my retirement. Maybe one day I will be fully retired.**

What are you going to do after retirement?

**I want to spend more time with my family, especially my 10 month and 3 year old grandsons. I also plan on spending as much time as I can outdoors. I love to grow flowers and work in the yard. My husband can't wait until I take over the yard care! He just doesn't know yet that I am only doing the fun part. We bought dual sport motorcycles a couple of years ago and plan on camping and exploring more back roads in Oregon and some other states we want to visit. We are both sports ( The Oregon Ducks ) and outdoor enthusiasts so anything that includes those we are all in. We enjoy 4-wheeling at the dunes with our kids and grandkids. So long as the weather is good you will find us outside enjoying life doing something somewhere!**

*Happy  
Retirement*





# 2018 ROCKETRY SUMMER CAMP

July 23-26 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Yoncalla Library

**Come explore the solar system and rocketry with us! We're going to learn about aerodynamics thru making our own kites and gliders. We'll make foam rockets, water rockets, and model rockets, too. On the fourth day, be ready for our mission to Mars! Join us for space fun!**



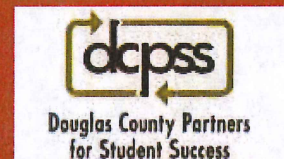
*This summer camp is possible thanks to the support of:*

- NASA Science Mission Directorate
- Northwest Earth and Space Pipeline (NESSP)
- Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium
- Douglas County STEAM Hub



**LIKE ROCKETS? LIKE SPACE? THEN DON'T MISS THIS WORKSHOP!!**

**FREE FOUR DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS (6-9 GRADE)**



For more information, contact:  
Jannelle Wilde

Jannelle.Wilde@yoncalla.k12.or.us

541-849-2175 or

541-733-2601

July 23-26 9:00 – 3:00



## Graduation Facts for 2018

Total number of graduates: 23

Valedictorians: Ben Simons, Melanie Frasiur, Megan Johnson & Brittany Miller

Salutatorian: April Santos

National Honor Society members: Olivia Cardillo, Kelli Conopa, Jamie Glenn, Ben Simons and Ted Wickman.

Essential Skills recipients: Olivia Cardillo, Kelli Conopa, Melanie Frasier, Megan Johnson, Nic Johnston, Brittany Miller, Toby Montgomery, April Santos, Ben Simons, Aubri Timmons, Ted Wickman and Jarrett Williams.

Honor diploma: Olivia Cardillo, Melanie Frasier, Megan Johnson, Brittany Miller, April Santos and Ben Simons.

Red Cross Honors participants: Sarah Ehmer, Laaron Lopez and Cassie Weinhold.

## Yoncalla High School Class of 2018

**Jerrod Ryan Bragg**  
**Olivia Quinn Cardillo**  
**Justice Rene Cox**  
**Bryson Dover**  
**Dylan Dean Forthman**  
**Melanie Florence Frasier**  
**Lizbeth Guitron-Torres**  
**Megan Elizabeth Johnson**  
**Nicolas Minor Johnston**  
**Laaron Nathaniel Anthony Danger Lopez**  
**Robert "Toby" Montgomery**  
**Cassandra Dawn Weinhold**

**Ariel Ravid Jones**  
**Kelli Desiree Conopa**  
**Jarrett Shane Williams**  
**Brittany Anne Miller**  
**Aubri Kay Timmons**  
**Jamie Lee Glenn**  
**April Lidia Santos**  
**Ashley Keevy**  
**Ted William Wickman**  
**Sarah Ehmer**  
**Benjamin Mathias Simons**

