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Advocates for Early Childhood Gather in Salem

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February 13, Children’s Institute staff joined advocates, child care providers, educators, and parents from across the state for Early Childhood Advocacy Day. More than 30 attendees representing 15 districts gathered in Salem to thank legislators for significant investments in early childhood programs and services passed in 2019 and remind them that their work to improve the lives of young kids and families isn’t done yet.

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Parents from Yoncalla and Superintendent Brian Berry shared how Preschool Promise, parenting education, and early childhood special education is transforming not only their children and parents, but their whole community. Now there is a wait list at the Yoncalla preschool. Relief Nursery parents and staff shared their excitement about the opening of a new Nursery in the small town of Monroe, Oregon, but shared their challenges in retaining qualified staff with such low wages. Parents from North Portland shared their hopes to bring preschool to Rosa Parks Elementary School and other Title I schools in the district.

During their meetings with legislators, attendees also talked about the impacts of last year's historic \$200 million investment in early childhood programs and services and new funding for [universally available home visiting](#). Thanks to this new annual funding, Preschool Promise will serve an additional 2,500 children, Oregon Pre-kindergarten will offer enhanced services to 8,100 kids, Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education will offer enhanced services to 13,583 kids, Relief Nurseries will serve an additional 710 kids, the Early Childhood Equity Fund will provide culturally specific services for 2,500 kids and families, and universally offered home visiting will be available in 16 counties.

But we still have work to do to ensure all children have what they need to succeed. This year, parents and providers reminded their lawmakers that more than 20,000 eligible children still lack access to publicly funded preschool; less than 20 percent of eligible families can access home visiting, Relief Nurseries, and other family support programs; and our state is in the midst of a [child care crisis](#).

While the [Early Childhood Coalition](#) is not asking the legislature for any new investments during this year's short session, the group of nearly 40 state and national organizations is looking ahead to 2021 to continue to expand access to high-quality early learning and find [solutions for Oregon's growing child care crisis](#).

If state investments in the programs and services that support young children are important to your family, make sure you [sign up for our newsletter](#). You'll receive the latest news on early childhood in Oregon and opportunities to share what matters most to you.

<https://childinst.org/advocates-for-early-childhood-gather-in-salem/>

February

21st STUDENT SCHOOL DAY

March

2nd Anti-Bullying Lesson 10am

4th Progress Reports Due

12th Community Day at the HS

17th Anti-Bullying Lesson 10am

20-29 Spring Break

April

2nd End of 3rd quarter

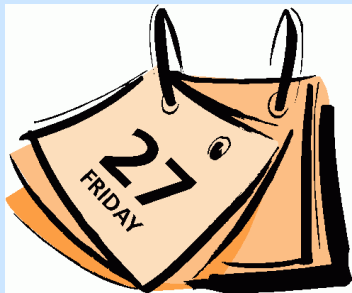
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7th Anti-Bullying Lesson 11am

9-10th P/T/S Conferences

21st Anti-Bullying Lesson 11am

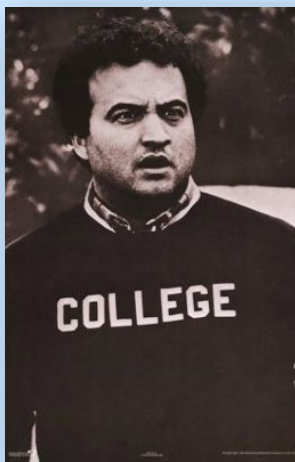
25th Prom



**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.

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month is college t-shirt day. Be proud and wear the college or career t-shirt of your choice.



The Impact of 2019 Investments

Universally Offered Home Visiting	Will be available in 16 counties
Healthy Families Oregon	Will receive \$2,000,000 to support existing programs to serve more families.
Relief Nurseries	Will serve an additional 710 children
Early Head Start	Will serve an additional 1,280 kids ages 0-3
Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education	Will offer enhanced services to 13,583 kids
Preschool Promise	Will serve an additional 2,500 kids ages 3-5
Oregon Pre-Kindergarten	Will offer enhanced services to 8,100 kids
The Equity Fund	Will fund culturally specific services for 2,500 kids and families



Student of the Month



Elijah Allen
Yoncalla High School



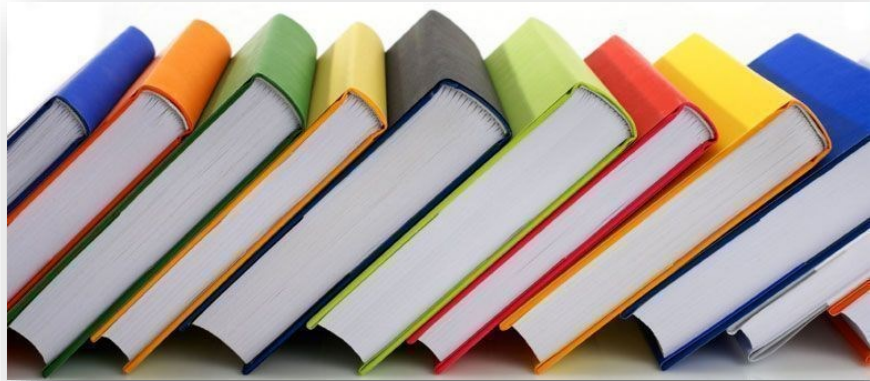
Mason Hilbun
Yoncalla Middle School

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/yoncalla>

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MORE Money, Money, Money

We are tickled to let our community know that we will be receiving \$125,000 for revitalization of our CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs. Currently, we have two official programs in Business and Natural Resources. We are also working on the welding and woods classes to bring them into the CTE fold as well as the fledgling cooking classes.

It costs the same to start and revitalize programs for a small school as a big school and big schools received a lot more money from Measure 98, the money we originally received for spending on retention and CTE programs. With this one time additional money, we will be able to spend money on new equipment for the Natural Resource program, Welding and Woods, and make an investment in electric cars. It will act as a shot in the arm to our programs.

Senior Night

