**Yoncalla School District's Community Newsletter** 

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# Update

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Senior, Heaven Stevens, recently visited the fifth grade class at YES and presented the salmon lifecycle to the students.

"The students knew everything I was going to present. They are a pretty smart bunch of kids," Heaven said. The students had fun and participated in the activities around the lifecycle. In fact, they were so into the subject, Ms. Johnson asked Heaven to return and dissect salmon with the students later in the year.

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### Flu Clinic

Doctor Kanani Dilcher and the team from Aviva Health arrived at Yoncalla High School last week for a community flu vaccination clinic. With influenza being a potentially serious disease, the crew from Aviva showed up in their mobile van and administered a large number of vaccinations to community members. Dr. Dilcher said, "we enjoyed the opportunity to vaccinate at Yoncalla. I'm loving being integrated into the community more and look forward to future outreach events." Millions of people get the flu every year, however, it affects people differently. Some just feel bad for a few days while others can have more serious symptoms and end up hospitalized. The best way to combat these more severe symptoms may be to get an annual fly shot. While you still may get sick even after getting the shot, several studies show that the vaccine can reduce the severity of the illness.





Kris Brissette, Nicole Reyes-Skomars, Ashlee Chvilicek, Leila "Pax" Castaneda, and Jerica Bradley.

William Wiloth is not pictured but is our maintenance guy that helped us get everything set up and drove the rig.



## It's a Snowball Fight!

As we come into my favorite time of year – winter and all the glorious snow that comes with it – one special math game comes to mind. It is called Snowball Fight. This math game requires students to be creative, use a particular skill or concept, fosters team work, and even garners some rare preteen/teenage smiles.

In Snowball Fight, students actually have a snowball fight, sans the fluffy white stuff. Instead, we use paper. While this is an activity typically used in the classroom, it could be modified to use at home.

For the classroom, students should be given four half sheets of paper. Using solving equations as an example, on each half sheet, students will create a solvable equation. Once they have their equation on the half sheet, they will crumble it up into a "snowball".

Once everyone has their questions written down and their snowballs made, the teacher will start some extra special holiday music – because who doesn't love a little Mariah Carey – and the "Snowball Fight" will commence! Once the music stops, students should grab the nearest snowball, and try to solve the question before them. Once they have their answer, they will double check with a partner to confirm. If the answer is correct, the snowball gets placed in the "Igloo" special keeping. If the answer is incorrect, students have the chance to correct it with the help of a friend, if they so desire. The activity goes until there are no more snowballs.

So... Go out there and have yourself a snowball fight. You may just find yourself smiling too.









# **Yoncalla School District Priorities**

- Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments.
- 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.
- A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all stakeholders
- Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.

### **PreSchool Update**

We have been very busy here at Preschool!

This month has been full of cutting out snow-flakes, creating snow people, and reading winter season stories. This week we will be baking and decorating cookies and having a class pajama party! Have a great Holiday season!





**Third Grade Update** 

The third grade has been working hard this year on their spelling and vocabulary words. We also, have started learning our multiplication tables. We have watched some videos on skip counting and they recite the facts. We will be practicing these all year and hope to have them learned for the coming year. This Christmas season we have been making Christmas crafts and cards for our loved ones. They enjoy being creative and giving to their friends as well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Ms. Way

Middle/High School
Students of the
Month





Kaiden Marshall Yoncalla Middle School December



Tristen Herrera Yoncalla High School December

## Goings on at the High School













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