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Old Boiler Room Gets a Facelift

Over the past 5 years, there has been a lot of construction going on throughout the Yoncalla School District. Through grants and strategic planning of the use of the building fund, the District has been able to make improvements in many areas. This year, one of the projects has been to remove the old high school boiler and transform the area into a much needed storage space for athletic equipment. Heavy duty athletic storage shelves will be used to organize

and take care of the expensive equipment needed to field extra-curricular activities throughout the district. The area will also be used to wash and dry the various team uniforms. Moving of the athletic equipment will begin in mid-February.

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YSD Continues to Work on Long Range Plan

Each year the Yoncalla School District administration discusses long term planning goals and projects for the buildings in the school district with the Yoncalla School Board members. One of the main projects that has been a priority for the Board is the remodeling of the high school science room. This room is woefully outdated and currently does not have functioning drains. This impacts the

number of lab activities that can be completed. Since lab activities are a state requirement, the leadership team at YSD has wisely put that project high on the wish list over the past few years. Last month, the project began. An architect has been hired and is currently in the early stages of design. There will be more news in the coming months. The goal is to complete the remodel this summer.





Emmett Mazelin Yoncalla Middle School January



Will Renfro Yoncalla High School January

Middle/High School Students of the Month

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.
- 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.

The past few weeks in 2nd grade were spent researching a topic of their choosing and writing a report on it! Some of the topics included king cobras, space, "the Rock", narwhals and many other interesting topics. They did an amazing job presenting their writing to the class!



Teacher Megan's class has been learning about the solar system! They read books on the subject, were encouraged to ask in-depth questions, and then they got to engage in sensory play with black beans and plastic planets.

Both our superstar preschool classrooms received their school family tee shirts recently and Teacher Jill's class couldn't wait to take a silly group photo together. We love our Preschool Family!



"Sweethearts Probability"

For the month of February, we are highlighting some extra LOVE for mathematics with a game centered around probability and the lovely heart candies, "Sweethearts".

When we look at probability, we are looking at how likely an event is to occur either in theory or through a set of experiments. For our "Sweethearts Probability", we will be looking at the probability of one color of candy to all the candies in the box. For this game, you will need:

A pencil

A piece of paper

A box of sweethearts

Directions:

Count how many total candies you have in your box Count how many you have of each color: Place each color into a fraction over the total number of hearts (ie:

the # of bluehearts

total number of hearts'

and simplify the fraction, if possible

Example: I have 8 blue candies and 34 total candies, this becomes

$$\frac{8}{34} \div 2 = \frac{4}{17}$$

So the possibility of a blue candy is 17 Do this for each candy color.

Now, experiment. Was your probability correct? Did you actually get that many candies if you pulled out 20? Is each box the same?

Have fun!



February is Black History Month

Established in 1970, Black History Month was designed as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of African Americans. Since its inception, Black History Month has expanded as a way to celebrate Black historical figures who are sometimes left out of traditional history books. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Here are a few facts about African Americans who have made history.

- Phillis Wheatley was the first African American to publish a book of poetry, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral,* in 1773. Born in Gambia and sold to the Wheatley family in Boston when she was 7 years old, Wheatley was emancipated shortly after her book was released.
- Anthony Benezet, a white Quaker, abolitionist, and educator, is credited with creating the first public school for African American children in the early 1770s.
- Renowned singer and jazz pianist, Nat King Cole, was the first Black American to host a TV show: NBC's *The Nat King Cole Show.*



- Stevie Wonder is not only the first Black artist to win a Grammy for Album of the Year for 1973's *Innervisions*, but the first and only musician to win Album Of The Year with three consecutive studio albums.
- Agricultural scientist George Carver was responsible for creating over 500 new products made from peanuts and sweet potatoes, including cooking oils, paint, and soap.
- Founded in 1984, The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo is the only touring African American rodeo in the world.
- In 1996, Sheryl Swoopes became the first player to sign with the WNBA, with the league debuting a year later.
- In July 1777, Vermont became the first colony to ban slavery.









Basketball Senior Night 2022

