Yoncalla School District's Community Newsletter

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Update

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Halloween Tradition



City pumpkins found their way to the high school again this Halloween. A tradition older than Mr. Berry, high school students steal pumpkins from the porches of townspeople and pile them in front of the doors at the high school. This year, the 7th graders got the "privilege" of picking up the mess!



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OASC Conference in Seaside



Once again, Yoncalla's leadership class had the amazing opportunity to attend the fall OASC conference in Seaside this year. The conference is focused on bringing schools from all across the state to listen to keynote speakers discuss their stories to better motivate kids to become their best selves and future leaders. Additionally, our students had the opportunity to workshop with other schools to discuss strengths, accomplishments and activities that better create a sense of com-

munity and culture within their student bodies. For us, we've come back with the goals of increasing assembly engagement with fun activities, being more transparent as a class in what we're doing and having more games sprinkled within the year like our great duck hunt last year.





Pre-School

On October 25th, Preschool ventured out to the "Furry Friends Farm" out on Hayhurst for their first field trip. We are so thankful for the Patrick family for being willing to donate free pumpkins to all 36 students and for all the families willing to volunteer their time. Everyone enjoyed the adventure of finding their perfect pumpkin and raced to the bus just before the rainstorm hit! Looking forward to our next preschool outing!









Serving at the community center for the seniors Tuesday lunch on Halloween.

George-scary clown, Logan, Kaiden, Kitty– happy clown, Zach, Rosemary- owl, Steve-cowboy

Yoncalla School District Priorities

- 1. 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.











Middle schoolers went to the elementary school to meet author, CW Trisef. Students got to meet him and they learned about his series and what inspired him to begin the series, Oracle. Oracle is a fun, wholesome, and educational series that mixes adventure, fantasy, science, history, geography, inventions, and legends.





Seaside Oregon...wandering fun with the leadership students.



Will Renfroe programming the new Android plasma table.



Hailey Craig with a framed painting she created.

Middle/High School Students of the Month - November

Yoncalla Middle School November 2023 Gary Bash Jr





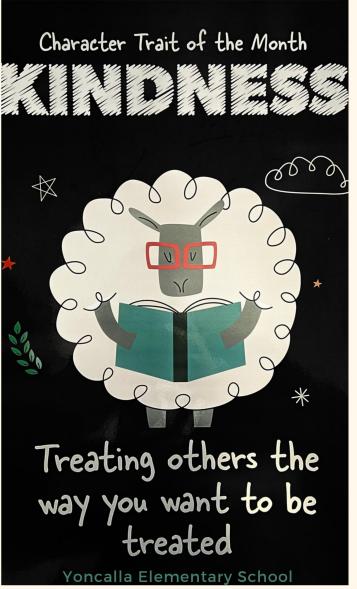
Yoncalla High School November 2023 Kaitlynn Ramos



The Second grade is enjoying Fall and all its fun activities.











Yoncalla Youth Sport Cheer



Yoncalla Youth Sports had a wonderful turn out for youth cheer! 8 students were on the 4th-6th grade squad and 19 ended up on the K-3rd team. The kids had 8 practices and then cheered at a flag football game. It was only 34 degrees that morning, but they pushed thru and had lots of smiles and spirit.



The Cure for Hate



In October, all students in a social studies or history classes watched a movie called The Cure for Hate. It follows the path of Tony McAleer, a former neo-Nazi, and his visit to Auschwitz. His journey takes him from violent extremism to humility and compassion. The leadership students prepared questions ahead of time and we had a great school-wide discussion.



College Fair

On October 12th, juniors and seniors took advantage of visiting over 40 college booths at the Douglas County College Fair that was held at Roseburg High School. Students had the opportunity to engage with admissions counselors from all over Oregon and throughout the United States. A quick stop to Dutch Bros. and Topp It capped off the trip!



Thank You Veterans













HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Dear Parent,

This year, Yoncalla School District is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Student attendance is an essential first step for students to learn. We want you to know that our school is committed to supporting your student(s) to attend and access their education and the opportunities that result in consistent attendance. Your students' future is our first priority, and we want to partner with you to ensure their success and a smooth transition into adult living.

DID YOU KNOW?

- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in the classroom.
- Missing 10 percent (just two days a month or about 18 days in a year) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of High School.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student(s) when they are not in school and we value their contributions to our school family. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. If you have questions about whether your student is feeling well enough to attend school, please reach out to the building office. We have a school nurse who can help you work through these types of questions.

Respectfully,

Brian Berry

Did You Know?

9TH GRADE IS CONSIDERED THE

MAKE OR BREAK YEAR!

9th Graders who pass all courses in the 9th grade year are **4X** more likely to graduate high school than their off-track peers!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

9th Graders with 0-4 absences have

an 87% chance of graduating on

time and 9th graders with 10-14.

ATTENDANCE AFFECTS G.P.A.

who earned a 3.0+ G.P.A miss fewer than 5 days of school in a school year.

9TH ON-TRACK MATTERS MOST

9th Grade On-Track is a better predictor of graduation than all other

factors including gender, race, socioeconomic status and mobility.

G.P.A. & COLLEGE/CAREER

G.P.A at the end of 9th grade year is a predictor of college enrollment and persistence.

YONCALLA TRACK AND FIELD



CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

The Yoncalla Champions Complex welcomes you to be involved in transforming the track to become a regional hub for both athletic and community events. Our vision is to have a safe and beautiful space the entire community can be proud of. We have started the process and would love for you to help us get to the finish line. The Yoncalla Champions Complex will help each student and community member reach their potential. You are invited to learn how you can help by attending our meetings or donating to the cause. Meeting dates are posted on Facebook. You can donate by check or by scanning the code to donate via square.

FOLLOW THE MISSION AT YONCALLACHAMPIONSCOMPLEX.ORG CONTACT: TRACI.SPRINKLE@YONCALLA.K12.OR.US

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