Yoncalla School District's Community Newsletter



#### "Constructing Leaders": Yoncalla Leadership Takes OASC Fall Conference by Storm

This last month the Yoncalla High School Associated Student Body team got the incredible opportunity to attend the OASC Fall Leadership Conference in beautiful Seaside, Oregon.

OASC, which stands for the Oregon Association of Student Councils, is a nonprofit student-led organization that sponsors and organizes leadership conferences throughout the year for leadership students to participate in. The Fall Conference, which was held on November 3-5th in Seaside, hosted over 1,600 high school students from all around the state. The theme for the event was "Constructing Leaders", which was cleverly named after the fact the Convention Center where the event was being held was under construction.

The Yoncalla group arrived in Seaside Saturday evening and spent the night in their beach house relaxing, learning about each other, and bonding over some tasty lasagna, rock painting, and scary movies. Sunday morning the students were able to explore the beautiful city of Seaside, get a nice

cup of coffee, go for a walk on the beach, and enjoy each others company. The conference began with a bang Sunday afternoon with the talented Houston Kraft starting as our first guest speaker. Houston mesmerized the crowd with his messages on acceptance, love, kindness, and how we can all be better people to each other.

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Sunday evening our YHS students were able to do a little bit more shopping and grabbed some dinner before heading off to Seaside High School to participate in the nightly workshops. Each student was able to attend three workshops, with topics ranging from how to create more school spirit to community service and fundraising activities. Our YHS team of



Brody Best, Kaleigh Soto, Trevor Weinhold, Kali Schuster, Cassidy Bragg, and Ashley Powers presented their own workshop to a crowd of about 70 students. During their presentation these students talked about people's different personality styles, how people work together, and how people can resolve conflict effectively and efficiently.

After the workshops, the students were treated with the annual Fall Conference dance back at the Convention Center. Blackboard Music (Portland's hottest DJ services) provided students with an incredible dance atmosphere and an hour and a half of today's best music! The OASC crew also provided Zumba, a selfie station, an obstacle course, life-sized Jenga, and tables and tables full of snacks for students to celebrate the work and growth that they had experienced over the weekend!

Monday morning....well, was a bit rough! Our leadership group had to get up incredibly early, check out of our beach house, and then we headed to the Convention Center once again for the closing ceremony. We listened to Denis Estimon's message about loving everybody you come across and the power that a single hug can have as part of his "We Dine Together" campaign. The 2018-2019 SEC election results



were also released and we welcomed Margaret Marks from Grants Pass High School as our new Southern Representative and Matt Brown from Tualatin High School as our new State President!

Once the ceremony was over, your YHS ASB council made the long journey home full of gratitude, love, and energy. In a recent interview ASB adviser (and longtime OASC alumni) Brett Andry summed up the trip for his group. "The OASC experience is unlike anything our students will ever get to experience in their lives. This weekend was truly remarkable! It has been such an honor to share what OASC has to offer to all of our students. It continues to amaze me each year how in just 36 hours our students can go through this journey and we can see obvious, tangible growth in each one of them. OASC continues to change my life and I am so blessed to get to witness it change the lives of our students here at YHS."

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Freshman Grace Dover, who experienced OASC for the first time stated "The OASC Fall Conference at Seaside was without a doubt the best experience of my life. I learned so much about kindness and leadership techniques to implement in our school. Everyone I met was so accepting and they all really inspired me to better myself."

Freshman Ali Van Loon also shared her experience "OASC was one of the best things I have ever experienced. Every single person I met was so sweet and so caring. I learned a lot about leadership and how to be better all-around person."

Senior Kali Schuster, who experienced OASC for the last time in her high school career stated "I can honestly say that this weekend has changed my life for so many different reasons. I got to bond and learn so much about the people that I get to go to school with, but I also learned so much about myself and who I want to be. I now know that if I want to change the world, the change starts with me. I am so beyond thankful for everyone who has helped me find myself through this experience."

The Yoncalla leadership group is looking forward to continuing to find ways to participate in OASC throughout the school year and are already talking about how they can raise money for Winter Energizer and Summer Camp!

#### Upcoming Events

11/19-	-11/20 Eagle Exploration
11/20	MS Girls BB vs UVC
11/21 ·	– 11/25 T-Day Break
11/27	MS Girls BB @ No Doug
11/28	HS BB @ Rogue River
11/28	School Board Mtg
1/29	MS Girls BB vs Glide
1/30	HS BB Gilchrist Tournament
12/1	HS BB Gilchrist Tournament
12/1	LFL "B" Tournament
12/3	MS Girls' @ Oakland
12/3	HS BB vs Eddyville Charter
12/4	HS BB vs Crow
12/5	ASVAB
12/7	Cow Creek Classic
12/8	Cow Creek Classic
12/10	HS BB vs Triangle Lake
12/15	HS BB @ Triangle Lake
12/17	HS BB @ Eddyville Charter

### **PreSchool Update**

Preschool has been getting ready for the rainy weather ahead. Our matching school raincoats and boots help us as we discover the puddles on the playground and see just how high we can make the water jump! Thankfully there are plenty of umbrellas for all of us to share as we bump and twirl around outside. These students love experiencing the outdoors no matter what the weather may be! What a wonderful way to explore how our world changes from day to day.





#### 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

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





Congratulations to the seniors, who won the pizza party! We will serve you pizza on the last day of school before break for lunch! And congratulations to the whole school in meeting our goal! And thanks to the community for helping us reach our goal of 799 cans.

# **Chalkboard Grants**



Cascade Community Credit Union visited Yoncalla High School to give a check in the amount of \$1464.00. The recipients were Jerry Fauci, Happy Weinhold, and Jannelle Wilde. Mr. Fauci plans to use the money to help life skills kids learn how to shop for food with practical experience of planning and purchasing items at the grocery store. Happy will use her money for food for her cooking club. Ms. Wilde plans on purchasing a Go-Pro camera for her Natural Resources program. We're appreciative to Cascase Community Credit Union for their generosity.

#### Trick or Treat: Yoncalla Leadership Holds First ACCEPTANCE Night of the Year

There's really NOTHING that brings a student body together more than a scary movie...well at least that is true for the Yoncalla student body. The day after Halloween the Yoncalla leadership class held its first ACCEPTANCE night of the year, which showcased the playing of the movie "A Quiet Place" for the teenage audience. The school's ACCEPTANCE nights were created several years ago to provide high school students an opportunity to bond together outside of the regular school setting. In attendance were about 45 students who came to watch the film, eat popcorn, drink way too much soda, and enjoy each other's company. The leadership class also decided to show the movie "Coco" for those students who weren't really into the buzz of a good scary movie. There was also a costume contest, which was won by senior Shaunasi Hardy, who dressed up as a Ukulele player (she also plays the ukulele and is quite good at it).

Jannelle Wilde, who was one of two chaperones for the event commented on her experience. "It was incredibly exciting to see the kids outside of our regular school day, which is typically the only time that I see them. They seemed to really enjoy each other's company and the movie, too!"

YHS sophomore Tyler Davis shared his thoughts on the event. "I thought tonight was really fun because it gave us the opportunity to come in and see our friends, hang out with them, and eat lots of popcorn and candy. I think it's cool that our school gives us these opportunities to come in and have fun outside of the regular school day."



A few kiddos dressed up for the costume contest, won by Shaunasi Hardy, dressed as the island girl.



### Music Notes

Eleven Yoncalla students attended the OMEA District 10 honor band and choir event on November 14 at UCC. An annual tradition, the event features the most advanced students from Yoncalla, Elkton, North Douglas, Oakland, Sutherlin, Riddle, Glide, Winston-Douglas, South Umpgua, and Milo Adventist Academy who join forces to present a concert after only one day of rehearsal together. The concert was held in the Jacoby Auditorium at UCC. Students attending include: Shaunasi Hardy: flute, Ashley Powers: clarinet, Fiona Peralta: clarinet, Kaleigh Soto: bass clarinet, Ronald Evans: Euphonium, Tammy Smith: soprano, Grace Dover: soprano, Marilyn Deese: soprano, Trinity Bell: alto, Lilly Bell: alto, Ali VanLoon: alto.

#### Just Do It: Yoncalla Students Visit Nike World Headquarters

On Halloween day 11 students from Yoncalla High School were given the incredible opportunity to attend the Believe to Achieve Sports Summit at the Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton. This conference, which is held every fall season, invites students inside Nike to see and experience everything that is Nike. Students got to meet and listen to some of the top executives of the company and got to hear about some of the more exciting career opportunities that Nike offers new employees. The students were also treated to lunch and a tour of the Nike Campus, which offered an inside look at the new Mike Krzyzewski building and the construction of the new Serena Williams building, which will be the biggest building on campus at just over one million square feet. Students also got to hear the story about the founding of Nike by Phil Knight and Ben Bowerman, as well as the incredible story of perseverance and Steve Prefontaine, Nike's first athlete.

Trace Graham, a YHS sophomore, attended the trip and had this to say about the day. "This experience was SO much fun! Through all of the people that spoke to us today, I learned so much about how the Nike business works, how important a good work ethic is in the business world, and how I can get my foot in the door during the summer and maybe even begin my career at Nike someday."

Alex Kilmer, the PE/Health teacher at YHS, who was one of two chaperones on the trip said "I felt like the Nike trip was an excellent experience for our kids. Their speakers had a clear and consistent message about the effort that's needed to succeed in any walk of life and our kids had the opportunity to

not only see what goes into such an iconic brand,but to know that there are countless opportunities outside of athletics when it comes to working for a company like Nike."

Overall, the Nike experience was one our students will not forget anytime soon, and we hope that we can provide this same opportunity to students in future years.





# 5th Grade

News From Mrs. Shilling's Class: In October, we enjoyed our Halloween Party. Mrs. Shilling had a pumpkin decorating contest. This is a tradition in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A few pumpkins made their way into the classroom! Mrs. Johnson and Ms Reynolds were summoned into the classroom to

judge. Alivia won 1<sup>st</sup> prize and 2 Honorable Mention went to Sapphira and Ian! It was fun to be able to show off our creativity!

After Thanksgiving we will be reading biographies, writing a report on the person we chose and then taking part in a Living Museum where we bring the character to life and share what we learned through our research! More on that later!

We just completed our study of decimals and headed into multiplication with 3 digit numbers!

In science we are learning about some of the constellations and how we see different ones during different seasons. Very interesting!

We are continuing to learn how we can use strategies to selfregulate when we become angry and upset. We have learned that deep breathing is an excellent way to calm ourselves.

Our class is in need of a Christmas Tree donated for the holiday season. If you have a small tree that you are able to donate or know of someone who can donate a tree, we would be very grateful.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have been sharing all the things we have to be thankful for. We are grateful that we live in such a beautiful community and have an awesome school!

## **Cooking Club News**

I hope everyone's school year is going great. I have some exciting news to share with you: I was honored to receive a grant from Cascade Community Credit Union for supplies for the Cooking Club.

With construction going on here at the school, I have not yet set a date for us to begin cooking. I need to get things in oreder and will set a date soon. Space will be limited since we only have two cooking stations now.

### Native News

November is Native American History Month. We were fortunate enough to be able to listen to Esther Stutzman (aka Nana) as she told beautiful Native Stories that have been passed down for many generations. The students learned that Native stories are ways that parents and elders taught their children lessons. The stories were not just a story but a teaching tool. Today we learned about Coyote and his selfish, copying ways that eventually ended up changing who he was. We also learned about Snake who thought he knew the best way to do everything and ended up being disliked and removed from the village. The last story we were fortunate enough to hear was about a local young man (150 years ago) who ended up falling in love with a young girl from 150+ miles away, Their story of love and over coming many obstacles and what their life ended up becoming and blossoming right here in Yoncalla.

Thank You Esther Stutzman for a wonderful and fun learning experience.



Esther Stutzman (aka Nana) with Coyote.



Students listen at the assembly during Native American History Month.



The Juniors at Southwestern Oregon Community College



PreSchool Fun!



Seniors go to OIT







The 7th graders visit Bay Cities Ambulance.

### **Eagle Exploration**











