

C-A-L School District #66

Newsletter - Summer 2017

Greetings everyone,

I have been enjoying the warmer weather as I review all the activities that happened this passed school year. I realized it has been eventful and busy one for the district office. We have had several reviews and required audits that needed to be accomplished during the school year along with the normal daily operations. The following paragraphs are a rundown of just a few that have happened.

One of the first reviews was an accreditation of the high school by an organization called AdvancED. AdvancED formally known as Northwest Association of Accredited Schools certified that Crow High School provides a quality education at high standards. This organization is recognized by the educational community and universities throughout the nation and establishes uniform college entrance requirements. Not only does this report demonstrate that we already provide an excellent education for our students but it will also be used to help guide Crow High School stay at the forefront of educational standards. We are very proud of receiving this endorsement.

The second was an audit by the Oregon Department of Education which reviewed Applegate's Title I plan and how we implemented it. Title I is a federal grant program that provides financial assistance to help serve Applegate students who struggle to learn. This program provides customized instruction and curricula that helps students meet academic standards. The district received confirmation that we are in full compliance with the regulations required by the State of Oregon and the federal government. This is another accomplishment the district is proud of.

Coinciding with these reviews/audits was the progression of informing the public about the Educational Facility Master Plan and working towards a bond measure. Since the passage of the bond the district has been planning for the next steps. Our board of directors have been working hard to review all plans to make sure we receive the most from the funding available. This will be an ongoing process for the next few years as designs are approved and remodeling/construction begins.

The upcoming school year will be an exciting one as we continue to work on our 40-40-20 goal by focusing on the Natural Resource/Agricultural theme, establishing an FFA program, and continuing the ongoing initia-



tive of keeping our high school graduation rate high by addressing career and technical education programs along with college-level educational opportunities for our students at the high school.

Remember Applegate's registration will be during the week of August 28th through September 1st between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm and the high school registration is scheduled for Wednesday August 23rd between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm and Thursday August 24th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The first day of school is the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 5th. Applegate's open house is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th beginning at 5:30pm.

Enjoy the summer break! I hope you enjoy reading about the many activities that happened since the last newsletter.

Aaron Brown, Superintendent



I would like to introduce and welcome a few new people to the district.

The first is Steve Gillaspie. Mr. Gillaspie will be teaching Health and P.E. at the middle/high school. He will also serve as our Athletic Director. Mr. Gillaspie is an experienced teacher, coach, and Athletic Director who began his career in Southern Oregon but spent many years of his career in Alaska. He has now returned to the Eugene area and is excited to work at Crow High School. (To the Right is Steve in the broadcast booth volunteering as an announcer for the Eugene Emeralds)



We have also hired Mark Heater to be our YTP coordinator and Agriculture Mechanic instructor. Mr. Heater comes to Crow from the Gilchrist where he has spent the past 10 years working in the school district. He has extensive mechanic experience, loves small schools and will also be our head football coach. His passion for rural communities and athletics is unprecedented. (Pictured to the Left)



We are excited to welcome these two to our district. If you get a chance, drop by and give them a warm Crow-Applegate-Lorane welcome.



End of the Year Field Trip Down To Wildlife Safari

Another successful all school event occurred June 19, 2017.

Again our little district pulled off an all school field trip to Wildlife Safari on June 19, 2017. It was the last day of the school year and we managed to take 4 loaded school buses, with teachers and students and other staff members on an all day trip. We headed out the door serving breakfast on the bus to all. A big thank you goes to Tony and the Sugar Shack Bakery for donating fresh donuts to go with our milk and string cheese.

We left the school at 8:45 and headed down to Winston and arrived at 10:00 with many parents greeting us for the ride along. After going through the park with many of our students seeing the park for the first time we stopped and had lunch served by our cooks, Ashly and Brenda. The lunches were provided to all in attendance and the items were donated to the school by our food service vendor McDonald Wholesale.

We had a little time to check out the store for souvenirs along with the many exhibits inside their beautiful courtyard. We again boarded the buses and students living in the Lorane end of the district were dropped off on their way home. The rest of us arrived back to Applegate Elementary and were greeted by parents picking up their students.



It really helped to get notices out for our parents to read as well as our automated call to remind everyone of the big event. Our students left the 2016/2017 school year smiling, tired and happy as they start their summer vacations.

Lee Ann Hartwig, District Service Manager

The Music Department was very busy this Spring

The action started on March 10th, when the Crow High School Band made an all-day visit to the Junction City HS Band, under the direction of Mara Liechty. After playing for each other in the morning, the two bands rehearsed together for the afternoon. This was all in preparation for the District 12 Band Festival on March 17th, held this year at Willamette High School. The band performed at its highest level and represented our district with distinction.

Jump forward to April, and both the High School and Middle School Bands performed at the Mountain West Music Festival in Oakridge. The bands began the day by performing for not only all of the other bands and their directors, two world-class band directors as well, who provided excellent comment for both groups. In the evening all of the participating bands got together into two massive bands to perform music that had been rehearsed all afternoon. Included in that performance was the World Premier of "Sasquatch," an original piece written by Mr. Dixon especially for this festival.

In May and June things really took off. On May 16th both of the bands, now joined by the Crow Choir, performed at the 2nd Annual Crow Arts Fundraiser, an annual event organized by the Booster Club. Not only did the bands and choir perform, but Ms. Hohnstein's drama class put on an excellent series of small plays, and Ms. Dworakowski's classes had artwork to sell. There was even a silent auction! All of the funds raised went directly to Crow's arts classes: Drama, Art, and Music.

On June 1st both of the crow bands as well as the choir put on their Spring Concert in the CH/MS cafeteria. Included in that performance was an excellent vocal solo by Sara Sutton, as well as a fun mix of music from Italian opera to modern hits by Pentatonix.

Finally, the Applegate Elementary Music Concert was held on June Tuesday, June 13th. This was the only concert that AES was able to have this year, as the Winter Concert had to be cancelled due to weather issues. The parents finally got to hear the Crow Beginning Band after a full school year of very hard work, and also got to see fun routines to such pieces as "Orinoco Flow," "Hot Buttered Popcorn," and "Eye of the Tiger." It was a very fun, energetic concert.

The Arts are thriving in Crow! Thank you for supporting the arts in our district.

Pat Dixon, CAL Music Department

Sixth Grade Service Project

Having applied and received a mini grant from Selco Community Credit Union in November, the sixth grade class set out to repair and revitalize the tennis court at the Crow Grange. The tennis court was fundraised for and built in 1956 and through the years has fallen into disrepair. Although the bulk of the grant was applied to purchasing a classroom set of tennis rackets and balls, the remaining funds were put to use on gardening supplies. In order to put the tennis court back to a place where the community could use it the students had to cut out blackberry bushes, pull weeds, shovel dirt, and scrub out layers of moss.



Before



After

The end result turned out wonderfully as the 6th graders and the Interact Club from CMHS were able to spend one day repainting the lines, so tennis matches could resume. Having put in all of their hard work, the 6th grade class has been able to wrap up their school year by playing through a doubles bracket. They have been able to learn about a sport they might not have had a chance to otherwise.

Tami Bloom, 6th Grade Teacher



Welcome to Cougar Country!

There is a lot going on in preparation for the upcoming fall sports season; even though we are wrapping up the 2016-17 school year, the march continues for excellence. For the 2017-18 school year the district has hired a new YTP/shop instructor who will also head up the Cougar football program. Mark Heater comes to Crow via Gilchrist School where he has spent the past 10 years working and over the past two years as the football program's assistant and head coach. His passion for rural communities and the 8-man game of football is unprecedented. Friday night lights are back once again on the campus of Crow Middle/High School.

Coach Kau is back at the helm once again to guide the Cougar Volleyball program. Noted as one of most consistent and strong programs at Crow, the Lady Cougars are looking to improve upon their 12-11 mark from a year ago in the 2A-3 Mountain View Conference as they open up August 25th at the McKenzie Jamboree.

The Cross Country program will be led once again by Coach Grube. In past years, Crow High has had the reputation of putting a strong distant crew on the trails throughout the "cross" circuit within the 2A-3 Mt. View Conference. With the off-season dedication, look for great things once again this fall.

Steve Gillaspie, Athletics Director

Dates to Remember

July 5th: Weight room opens for all athletes under the supervision of Coach Heater.

August 9th: Sports physicals 10 am to 4:00 pm, no appointment needed. A big thank you goes out to Dr. Gofourth and to his office staff. Please take advantage of this opportunity if your son or daughter is due for a physical. (needed every two years)

August 10th: Sports packet night, 6:30 pm at Crow Middle/High.

August 14th: First official day of fall sports practices

August 16th: Crow Football Jamboree

2017 Cougar Football!

What a privilege to be Crow High School's new head football coach! I am pleased to report that our 2017 Cougar Football Camp was a great success! We had student athletes ranging from elementary through high school. We held competitions each day for punt, pass and kick. Winners of each contest won an award. I liked to see the great effort and competitiveness. As we discussed defense and offensive schemes, it was nice to see that all participants were quick to learn.

So great to see a large turnout and a great excitement about football returning to the Fall schedule after a two year break. Although attendance was good, I believe we missed a few that should have been there. Our summer schedule of weights, conditioning, and open gym begins July 5th at 6 pm. The weekly schedule will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Middle school through high school are welcome. You don't have to be a football player to participate. Come out and join us!

We have a full varsity football schedule with 8 games, a jamboree, and possibly a red and white scrimmage. I can't wait for 2017 Cougar Football!

Mark Heater, Football Coach

Clean Sweep for Cougars in PSA Contest

Drama students again created short Public Service Announcements to enter in the annual Prevention Lane Problem Gambling Awareness Month Video Contest. This year, Prevention Lane had 14 qualifying videos to evaluate, of which 9 were from Crow High School. From the 14 videos, 4 were chosen as finalists and public voting was held April 3 – 10th via social media to determine the winner of the contest.

All 4 videos to make the finals were from Crow High School, meeting our class goal to bring home a clean sweep this year. After the voting was complete and the dust settled the results were as follows:

#1: Her Hidden Problem - by Cassie Skrepetos and Taylor Hensley (Prize: \$200.00 Amazon Gift Card)

#2: It's Not Just a Game - by Micah Hulsing, Jordan Armstrong and Lisandro Torres (Prize: \$100.00 Amazon Gift Card)

#3: There is Hope - by Alex Jentzsch and Emily Wiskow (Prize: \$50.00 Amazon Gift Card)

#4: Silence Can Hurt – by Rylee Laing, Bailey Frydendall, Shelby May, and Madison Behlke

These videos can be viewed by going to: www.preventionlane.org/videos

Way to go Cougars! So proud of all the hard work and creativity you put into this project!

Heather Hohnstein, CMHS Teacher

National Honor Society Road Cleanup

The jolly CHS National Honor Society road crew cleaned both sides of the road between the high school and the elementary school in record time on Wednesday May 24th. Kody and Lonnie had a contest to see who could pick up garbage the fastest, we think it was a tie. Ants were running in fear from ruthless Recca and his trash picker. They uncovered some strange things and completed all activities according to Adopt-a-Highway rules and regulations.



Thanks to all who participated and supervisors Deanna Brandt and Patty Morrow. Pictured are: Liz Power, Madison Johnson, Eli Matthews, Kody Roberts, Shawn Recca, Stephanie Wigle, Nellie Shoemaker, Mark Simonsen, Ethan Clark, Lonnie Lay, Thiago Munhoz, Constance Hiibel, and McKenzie Larsen.

Patty Morrow, Educational Assistant

CMHS Interact Club

The CMHS Interact Club had a very successful year! Club members participated in multiple local service projects: waterway clean up in Eugene; arranging roses for sale with Fern Ridge Rotary Club and helping Mrs. Bloom's class with their tennis court project. For our international service project, the club selected the Pulsera Project which you may have participated in by purchasing lovely bracelets and bags from club members. The Interact Club raised \$1,100 for scholarships and youth programs for the artists who made the bracelets in Nicaragua and Guatemala.

In May the new Interact officers were installed in the "Passing of the Gavel" ceremony. Our new officers are: Joel Perry, President; Madison Johnson, Vice-President; Megan Green, Secretary & Mackenzie Larsen, Treasurer.

On Saturday, June 24, Mackenzie Larsen and Madison Johnson will participate in the week long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp where they will learn valuable leadership skills and hopefully making some amazing new friendships. Mackenzie and Madison both received full scholarships to attend RYLA; Madison is supported by Rotary Club of Fern Ridge-Veneta and Mackenzie by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Eugene.

As a reminder, the CMHS Interact Club is open to all students (7-12th grades) and our focus is "Service Above Self" and we aspire to develop leadership skills and cultivate lasting friendships. We meet every Thursday in room 170 at 12:05pm. See you in the fall!

Andrea Smith, CMHS Teacher

CMHS Drama

Crow Drama does it again! Having two periods of Drama posed a challenge this year, but also provided more opportunities for our students to explore and perform. We were able to host fall, winter, and spring performances which kept the students hopping!

This spring we teamed up with the other Arts programs on campus and our amazing Booster Club for the Spring Arts Festival. The Spring Arts Festival was a round-robin of entertainment coupled with a silent auction, delicious appetizers, and art work for purchase. The proceeds from this fund raising event will benefit all grades within the CAL District.

For this event the Drama classes chose to do several one act performances. Each group and one act performance was student selected, edited, outfitted, and directed. We even had one script that was written and produced by a student! Additionally, we had a group of students that have been adamant about doing a musical – they took this opportunity to try their hand at choosing music, choreographing, and ultimate performing!

Aside from expanding comfort zones, building confidence, encouraging risk taking, and having a lot of fun the Drama classes decided to make a goal for the year. The goal was to raise enough money to replace the black masking curtains on the stage. The curtains are the original ones installed in the late 60's and are literally disintegrating in front of our eyes. Through public performances, fund raising, and generous donations from our ASB (Student Body) and community members we were delighted to find out that the district would be placing the order for curtains with the hopes of having them installed over the summer!

Like I said, Crow Drama has done it again! We can't wait to see what next year brings!

Heather Hohnstein, CMHS Teacher

Senior Boards

As you know, schools around the country are refocusing their attention on post-graduation plans and career readiness, Crow is no different. In years past, seniors were required to assemble a portfolio and complete a presentation in front of a panel of community, school, and board members. This year we revisited the portfolio and updated the required artifacts such that upon

graduation, each senior would have a working reference that could serve them well into their future. Items included resumes, cover letters, sample letter of resignation, three letters of reference, personal finance information and simulation samples as well as documents related to higher education such as their FAFSA, college applications, and scholarship applications. For those following other paths, they had artifacts directly related to their chosen career field.

We also implemented the first change to the Senior Board Project. This change included the requirement that each senior also complete an eight hour job shadow within their field of interest as well as working with a mentor in that field for eight hours completing active tasks. While a challenge for some students to find "active" tasks within their field choices, genetic microbiology being one of them, this portion of the project was the most powerful. Our students learned firsthand what they may be doing in their career. Several students returned energized with confirmation that their career choice was a perfect fit; some came back having modified their plans based on what they learned; and a couple even realized that their career choice was not a good fit for them and were able to begin making adjustments to their plans.

Upon completion of the fieldwork and portfolio seniors were required to prepare and present their work to a board which consisted of their parent(s), mentor(s), Mrs. Haro and Mrs. Hohnstein. Board members and administration as well as teachers and students were invited to attend as well. In the presentations seniors were required to showcase their portfolio by addressing areas of challenge, growth, and future benefit. They were then to demonstrate their level of understanding in terms of their future career. This included the training and education required as well as employability outlook, wages, benefits, and potential challenges they may face on their journey. Finally, students were to share about their experiences during the job shadow and fieldwork.

Overall, this year's seniors did a fantastic job. It was a joy to see these students take ownership of their work and pride in their successes. They may not have been happy when the project was first assigned, but upon completion they have a much clearer vision of their future and a new level of confidence in themselves.

Heather Hohnstein, CMHS Teacher

Family and Consumer Science

This year, Crow High School offered a new class called Family and Consumer Science: Home and Farm. Students hit the ground running by harvesting vegetables from the garden and learning how to can them. The students learned how to pressure can and water bath can and when to use each method. Donations of food from the community helped us to learn other preservation methods like dehydrating, brining and fermentation. Some of the foods preserved were: pears, apples, grapes, quince, kale, beans, beets, prunes, cucumbers, peppers, herbs, and salmon. A donation from Cabela's of 2 large dehydrators and a vacuum sealing machine were also a big help!

As the garden quit producing the students turned their hands to baking and activities centered around the holidays: cupcakes for the Applegate Halloween Carnival, Pies for Thanksgiving and Parent Conferences, and candy and crafts for Christmas.

After the Winter break, students were given a meal idea and then their kitchen chose a recipe to make; some of the meals were, hamburgers, breakfast, soups, and deviled eggs. For the last cooking assignment, students researched 2 dinner type meals that would feed 4 people for under \$20. Once the groups had their meal plans, the class took a field trip and toured the new Whole Foods store, then to Winco where each group was given \$20 to shop for the ingredients for their meals, and then to Fred Meyer. Groups compared prices of their ingredients at each store. The day after the field trip students prepared the first of the 2 meals, the next day the second meal was prepared. Students reflected on whether or not they thought that their choices qualified for dinner status as well as ease of preparation quantity of food and taste.



Towards the end of the year students chose a project to make out of pallets; we had students make coffee cup rack, settee, desk, shelf, book rack, and a cat bed. Students rotated between working on their pallet project, working on the new garden, and kitchen labs such as making chap stick.

Next year CHMS is offering a FACS 1 and a FACS 2 class; FACS 1 will be more of a Home Economics type class and FACS 2 will build on those skills using the garden and projects for the Home and Farm.

Tracy Engholm, CMHS Teacher

Crow Booster Club Update

Hope you all are having a great start to your summer! The Booster Club met and has started planning for the Fall Fundraiser, so I wanted to get an update out to you all.

We will be having our Fall Fundraiser Saturday October 14th, this is later than originally planned due to Football, Volleyball, and hunting seasons in hopes to allow the most number of people to attend.

We will have more details about the event and other upcoming events soon. In the meantime if you are interested in Donations items for the auction or helping out on the day of the event please contact Ali Cheers at 458-215-5266 or email her at alileighcheers@gmail.com



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