

Eddyville Charter News

Oct. 2019

We are entering our 7th week of school and things are hopping in and around the halls. It is incredible to be a part of this exciting transition as we continue to develop an inclusive culture with many new opportunities for our students.

The newest program is Spanish for Conversation, offered to our middle and high school students. This increases our language offerings to include French, Chinese (K-12), and now Spanish. If you would like your student to take part in this, please contact the office to get them enrolled. Senor Millar "Profe" brings his expertise to us after retiring from California as a Spanish teacher for many years. He and his wife, Doreen (a retired bilingual elementary teacher) are volunteering their services and we cannot thank them enough for this opportunity. Their emphasis will be on Latin American Spanish; however, they will cover the pronunciation differences to incorporate Castilian Spanish, as well.

Progress is also being made in our business program and their development of The Endless Grind, our student designed and operated coffee shop business. They have collaborated with Elk City Roasting for tours, training, and coffee resources as well as Dutch Bros. They are researching all the nutrition guidelines and business start-up requirements and will be opening shortly. The staff may be more excited than the students for this to start!

Our Agriculture class is also in the planning phase of raising chickens on campus. There is interest in swine, but their research is not complete. This hands-on learning approach is so exciting to see and we are thankful for our creative and hard-working staff and students.

As we finish our first progress check at the 6-week mark, it is critical to have healthy conversations with your students regarding grades, participation, engagement, and ultimately their attendance. Recall the **9 or less is best** approach. At Open House, we had flyers to track attendance, as it is easy to lose track with our busy schedules. If you need materials, we can send them home. We have multiple attendance incentives as a class and individually. This is a fun way to encourage students to attend school in conjunction with more engaging class offerings. The most important piece is that they are in class every day so that higher levels of learning can take place and students will experience the greatest levels of success possible. Our website has information addressing illness/absences and when it is appropriate to keep students home.

Keep up the great work and thanks for being an Eddyville Eagle!

-Ms. Knudson

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Important Dates/Info.

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- October 11 No School- In-service Day
 - October 15 ECS Board Meeting 6PM
 - October 17 Secondary Incentive Trip
 - October 18 Homecoming Game 8pm
*Dance following game
 - October 24 Conferences 12:30-8:00
*Lab open for FAFSA
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Breakfast 7:30am - 7:55am
**breakfast & lunch free to all*

If you are in need of food supplies over the weekend or assistance with coats for your children, please contact the office: 541-875-2942.

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, please contact the office or download forms on our website. If you would like to assist with athletic events, Mr. Ulstad has a google sheet to reserve your spot. We would love to have you!

From the classrooms...

Mrs. Austin's science program is purchasing a stream table for simulated learning, though Donors Choose and local donors. Thank you to all who have generously donated to our students and staff. It greatly enhances our instruction so that our students have greater engagement and higher levels of rigor, which better prepare them for the world outside of school. Last year and this year, over 60 science students dissected sharks. Thank you to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for awarding a grant to Mrs. Austin's science classes. Over 60 kids were able to dissect sharks as part of the life science curriculum!



Mr. Wood's woodshop and welding program have been approved as one of ODE's official programs of study. Mr. Wood brings many business partners to the table and has put so much time and energy into this program to create these opportunities for our ECS students. Thank you!

To upgrade the shop and create an ODE approved program of study, we had to add a sub-panel, install new circuits for welder, move welding receptacles, install table saw circuit, move hood fan switch, add four circuits for grinder and sander receptacles and a compressor circuit. In addition, walls were removed and rebuilt to ensure a safe and healthy working environment and system. Thanks to Mr. Wood, Gus and crew and our HSS funds to accomplish this project in order to serve the needs of our student body. Mr. Wood would like to thank the following

entities as his program has received donations for materials per:

*ACPI Corp in Independence
OR: door samples and
lumber
Holly Hartwell - donation
of tools
Yaquina Boat Works: Metal
for welding stands
McCoy Millworks Portland:
Lumber*



**Left: Woodshop
completed two benches
for the football field.**

Ms. Whisler's SOAR class started the mentoring program with elementary students this week. Students decided to call it NEST (Nurturing Environment for Students and Teachers) and developed the mission statement, "The goal of NEST is to create a strong, safe learning environment for both students and teachers. NEST will aid teachers and students both, and promote trusted bonds and a stress free environment for all members of the ECS community."



Mrs. Johnson's cooking and art classes are looking for donations in the following areas:

Photoshop program for photography unit in HS Art class

Sketch books for HS Art (drawing paper 60lb. or higher)

A favorite meal recipe (that can be prepared and cooked in 1 hour).

Thank you in advance!