

Eddyville Charter

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Back in action...

COVID-19 may have slowed us down with a few roadblocks, but it didn't stop us. K-12 is back in the classrooms after a short transition to CDL and it is great! The energy, smiles, excitement and positivity are just what ECS needs to finish the year strong.

I am so thankful for our amazing ECS community working together through this extremely stressful and frustrating year. We continue to adjust and adapt to provide a safe and healthy learning environment and offer athletics to our students. Keeping our focus on students' physical, mental and emotional health have been the guiding elements and it is proving successful.

ECS continues to meet weekly with ODE/OHA and local public health to assess and adjust as needed to maintain our path.

Staff are receiving vaccinations and on-site testing is in place per new RSSL guidance for both on-site education and athletics protocols.

Athletics Update:

Volleyball, 6-man football and cross country have started strong. New protocols are in place for football, however. Mr. Ulstad is hosting a high school meeting via Zoom for players and families Monday, March 1. Volleyball at 4:30 and football at 5:00. Zoom links and schedules are posted on our website under the athletics page. Go Eagles!

Important Dates

March 3	School Pictures
March 16-4/16	Food Drive
March 17	Board Meeting 6PM
March 22 - 26	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
April 22	Noon Dismissal 12:30-8:00 Conferences

Maxtivity Art Studio Zooms into 5th Grade

Mrs. Pearson partners with Maxtivity in Philomath to bring three virtual art sessions to her students. Supplies are provided and the professional artist 'zooms' into classes across three sessions. The first sessions taught foil sculpture and water color (pictured below-left middle) and the next sessions will include water color and collage creation. 5th grade students also participated in a community service project: Operation Football Field Storm Clean-up (pictured below-right)

Keep up the great work!



ECS Horticulture Makes New Partnerships

Ms. Becker has hit the road running after recently taking over the horticulture and natural resources program at ECS. She has teamed up with Lincoln County Master Gardeners to do much needed work in the orchard. They are teaching pruning to the students and the class continues to clear brush, repair and rebuild fence and maintain the orchard for use in multiple school programs.

Ms. Becker has also teamed up with OSU's Food Hero Program and the Farm to School grant. OSU and ECS will showcase weekly foods in April and May, provide kits for planting, propagation handouts and recipe cards. There are also plans for potential family cooking nights (virtually) to showcase these food themes to plant and grow at home to make delicious, healthy meals. Be on the lookout for some fresh veggie and microgreen options from our school's farm to yours!

Other CTE News

Mr. Wood and his woods/construction classes are busy planning the construction of a mobile snack shack and ticket booth for the football field. ECS Boosters donated the funds to purchase the trailer and the Woods program is funding the rest. They are able to do this through Mr. Wood's extensive networking with local businesses, generous donors and grants. This exciting addition will not only serve our Eagles at football events for years to come, but will also provide food service options around campus during school events or in an emergency shelter situation like we had during the fires of 2020. Pictures will be posted to our website and FB as project progresses.

Ms. Whisler and her business class have reopened The Endless Grind coffee shop to the staff. In partnership with local coffee roaster, Elk City Roasting, ECS business students are learning the ins and outs of business operations and exceptional customer service. Students recently created a digital ordering system and deliveries are happily accepted by staff throughout the day, with Americanos as the drink of choice. Class is currently working on social media marketing as well as a refined student menu, per state health guidelines. Opening business for students will occur mid-March.

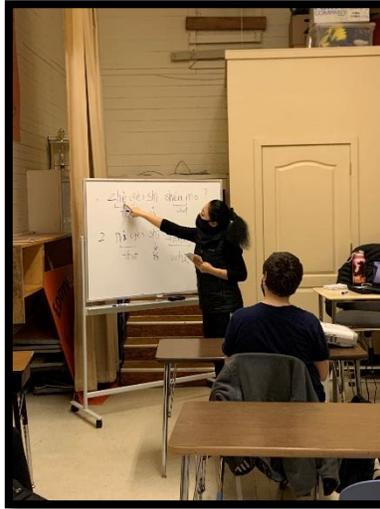
ECS was also able to gift each bus driver with a FREE beverage from The Endless Grind for National Bus Drivers Appreciation Day last Monday.

English Teacher in China Becomes Chinese Teacher in Oregon

Ms. Marie Roberts is an elementary instructional assistant in the morning and Chinese teacher in the afternoon. Chinese 1 is an elective for middle and high school students and elementary have opt-in sessions by cohort level once a week.

Right: Secondary students are practicing, “What is this? This is ____.” identifying foods, animals and landscapes. Ms. Marie instructs to her onsite students and her CDL student who is attending class via Zoom.

Far Right: 2nd grade cohort practices the *Good-bye and See You Tomorrow* song. There are nine 2nd grade students studying Chinese this semester.



Acrylic Fluid Art Project

In high school art, Mrs. Morris teaches students how to tap into their creative side with canvas acrylic fluid art. Students researched pour techniques online to create colorful works of art in Tuesday’s class.



ECS Updates

Dwan Loomis (*office manager*) is returning to her education background as a dental assistant. Her last day at Eddyville will be March 11. Posting for this position can be found on our website. Dwan will be missed and we wish her the very best in her new career.

Ms. Janet resigned in January as a part time instructional assistant. This position has recently been filled by **Aimee Husberg**. **Ms. Aimee** will join us in the afternoons each day to assist in classrooms, recess and with COVID safety.

SIA – School Community Feedback indicates prioritizing funding for students’ mental and emotional health and building CTE and music/performing arts programs at ECS. This has been accounted for in the budget building process for 2021-22. Thank you for your valued input.

OCCC Spring Term begins March 29th, 2021. Interested in enrollment or questions about graduation requirements and transcripts? Please contact Dani Ulstad.

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