

WINTER LAKES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families: A Letter From Mrs. Sweeney, Vice Principal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! This school year brings much change to Winter Lakes School. First, I am excited to join this school. I've worked in the Coquille School District for four years, and I've been a teacher and administrator for 15 years. This school year, I get to run the daily operations at Winter Lakes for staff and students.

As we transition one program to two schools, we're looking forward to fully developing our Elementary program for grades Kindergarten through sixth grade and our Career Technology Education program for our adolescent students.

I'm excited to work in an educational environment that strives to serve every kid's unique needs. Being able to have a flexible, supportive, quality program is essential to every WLS student.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about how our school functions.

Jennifer Sweeney, Vice Principal WLHS



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Who's Who at Winter Lakes

Tony Jones – Director of Alternative Programs, Director of CTE
Jennifer Sweeney – Vice Principal, Winter Lakes High School
Lonnie Usrey – Vice Principal, Winter Lakes Elementary School
Shanda FitzHenry – Registrar, Attendance Secretary
Misty Snively - Secretary
Brenda Goble – Teacher-Cosmetology
Brian Bergstedt – Teacher-Construction
Jennifer Crim – Teacher-English
Laura Eschler – Teacher-English
Sondra Sperling – Teacher-Junior High/Naviance
Melissa Drechsel – Teacher-Math/Health
Amy Holbrook – Teacher-Math/Science
Kent Rilatos – Teacher-Resource
Jake Cochran – Teacher-Resource
Erin Thomason – Teacher-Resource
Lisa Trottier – Teacher-Science/Math
Lupe Hobgood – Adjunct Teacher-Agriculture
Michael Warncke – Adjunct Teacher-Art
Drew Jones – Adjunct Teacher-Broadcasting
Gary Connors-Nelson – Teacher-Cadet Teaching
Shawn Bridges – Teacher-Music
Tanya Pedrick – Adjunct Teacher-Science
Dan Hampton – Adjunct Teacher-Social Studies
Trent Kroll – Adjunct Teacher-Spanish/French
Airika Cagley – Elementary Classroom Teacher
Sarah Crawford – Elementary Classroom Teacher
Morgan Cranmer – Transition Specialist
Ann Rodriguez-Fuller – Attendance Advocate
Patricia Tesdahl – Instructional Assistant
Janel Thornton – Instructional Assistant
Sandra Gill – Instructional Assistant
Jennifer Adkins – Instructional Assistant
Stacey Evoniuk - Counselor



DON'T MISS OUT!

Make sure to stop in at our annual Open House, October 1st from 5 to 7 PM!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **SEP 2:** Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 3:** First Day of School for New Students
- **SEP 4:** First Day of School for Returning Students
- **SEP 6:** NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 8 – 14:** National Suicide Prevention Week
- **SEP 13:** NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 20:** NO SCHOOL
- **SEP 27:** NO SCHOOL
- **OCT 1:** Open House – 5 to 7 PM @ Winter Lakes School

SEPTEMBER 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 Labor Day-NO SCHOOL | 3 First Day of School for New Students | 4 First Day of School for Returning Students | 5 | 6 NO SCHOOL | 7 |
| 8 National Suicide Prevention Week | 9 | 10 | 11 Patriot Day | 12 | 13 NO SCHOOL | 14 |
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SEPTEMBER IS
**ATTENDANCE
AWARENESS MONTH**
#SchoolEveryDay

CAMPUS RULES

A Few Items to Remember

- ALL tobacco products are strictly forbidden on campus, including vapes.
- During the school day, there is to be NO loitering outside. You may be asked to leave campus.
- Winter Lakes School is a CLOSED campus. High School students may leave and come back at lunch time only (11:30 – 12:15) and Middle School students as long as we have a note from a parent on file. Leaving campus at any other time means that you may be asked to leave if you try to return.
- Please do not loiter outside of nearby homes or businesses.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: How You Can Improve Yours and Be Rewarded

Chronic absence is defined as missing 10% or more of a school year. Think about it this way: If there are 180 days in a school year, missing 18 days is equal to 2 days per month. **Missing only 2 days per month makes a student chronically absent.** It may not sound like much, but two days each month adds up quickly!

Winter Lakes School is here for you. We partner closely with our students and families to ensure continued success in school. That success hinges on one very important step: **checking in on a daily basis on all school days.** This contact may be in person, via E-mail/online message, or via telephone. Every student is assigned a Learning Specialist. This person is your partner in learning; there for you as your assistant, your guide, your cheerleader. Along with our learning specialists, we have a dedicated attendance team, whose job it is to support our families through the unique challenges that can often create barriers to regular school attendance.

We also have great incentives! We are incorporating a new raffle program this year in place of the former student store. This new program has been chosen for its greater inclusivity to our distance students who often felt left out of the student store opportunity. Raffle tickets will be granted on the basis of positive attendance. We will be raffling off many great items throughout the year.

Make sure to let us know anything we can do to help maximize your attendance potential! Call (541) 824-0115 or email sfitzhenry@coquille.k12.or.us in the attendance office with any questions or concerns!

Shanda FitzHenry, Attendance Secretary

GET INVOLVED!: Activities to Engage In At Winter Lakes

TRACK YOUR ACTIVITIES

Log your hours for quarks!

High School students: Make sure that you are logging your physical activity (PE) hours, cooking hours, community service hours, etc. to submit for quarks!

Don't forget to bring in copies of paystubs as well!

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!

It's Time for PSAT Exams!

PSAT Exams are October 16th this year for all interested 10th Graders. Contact Mr. Jones to find out your scheduling options
tjones@coquille.k12.or.us
or (541) 824-0115.

There's always something fun going on at Winter Lakes to keep our students active and engaged, both physically and mentally:

- Martial Arts
- PE
- Drama
- Memory Book
- Field Trips
- Chess
- Vocal & Instrumental Music
- STEM
- Principles of Coding
- Earning College Credit Through Expanded Options
- Cooking/Adulting
- Radio Winter Lakes Broadcasting

Refer to our monthly calendar for dates and times. Speak with your learning specialist to get signed up for any of these great activities, or give us a call at (541) 824-0115.



ATTENTION: SENIORS!!!!

Are you planning on attending college after graduation? You need to take the SAT exam!

This test is administered six (6) times during this 19/20 school year. Testing is held at the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus in Coos Bay. **To register, go to collegeboard.org**

DATES: October 5, November 2, December 7, March 14, May 2, June 6

If you have any questions about upcoming exams, contact Shellie Brandt at the SOCC campus at (541) 888-7369 or sbrandt@socc.edu

Dear Winter Lakes Students-

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. Your Learning Specialist wants to hear from you! Please call, email, or message your Learning Specialist. They can answer any questions about your progress report, classes, and what the school has to offer you. Specific teachers are assigned to each of your classes and can answer specific course related questions too.

As a Winter Lakes student we want to make sure you can access your school Google account and Gmail. Please login to your school gmail and send your Learning Specialist an email confirming that you got in. Your school Google account gives you access to Google Docs, Sheets, Forms, Slides, Pages and Meets. Your teachers are happy to use Google Meets with you for check-ins also. Google Meets is the Google form of Facetime if you have never used it.

To access your school Google account your log in is firstname.lastname@csd8.info and your password is wl and then your 6 digit student id #. For example John Smith would be Log in: John.smith@csd8.info and the password would be wl654321

Your Learning Specialist will email progress reports approximately twice a month. Those specific dates are on the Winter Lakes calendar. Please make sure you have access to that calendar.

Please make sure that you are making progress each week. If you are struggling please come into school, call or use Google Meets to connect with your teacher and Learning Specialist. Teachers will be at Winter Lakes from 7:15-4:15 M-Th and 8-12 on Fridays.

Sondra Sperling
Teacher

**Success at
Winter
Lakes
Begins
with You!**

**By Sondra
Sperling**

Attendance Matters Poster Design Contest

WHO: Calling all artists! Break out your pencils, pens, and paints. We are hosting a poster design contest. There will be one winner each selected from two categories: K-7th grade and 8th-12th grade. Each of the two winners will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

WHAT: Create a poster showing how positive attendance matters and how it helps contribute to success, both as a student and as an adult. Please include the words "Attendance Matters" somewhere on the poster, along with anything else you wish to write.

WHEN: Entries will be received in the attendance office between September 3 and September 23. Winners will be announced September 30.

The winning designs will be printed and posted throughout the school for everybody to enjoy! Winners will be informed personally and have their artwork displayed in next month's newsletter.

STUDENTS CORNER:

A Place for Student-Submitted Works

STUDENTS! Got a short story or poem you'd like to share? How about a painting or craft? Been brushing up on your photography? Submit your works to the school newsletter! We will be dedicating a space just for you and all of the creative, amazing things you do! Email sfitzhenry@coquille.k12.or.us or drop your submissions off at the front office for publishing.



COMING SOON!

Winter Lakes High School & CTE Center

By now, you have probably seen the construction zone on the west end of town. Winter Lakes has continued to grow in leaps and bounds, which is why we are very excited at the impending opening of our brand new Winter Lakes High School & CTE Center! This new facility will host more classroom space, as well as a CTE center for construction and cosmetology trades. This project has been a long time coming. Completion is expected sometime in November 2019 at which point we will be making our big move!

We will continue to keep our Winter Lakes families updated with important information along the way!

Our Services

Beyond an individualized education, Winter Lakes School and the Coquille School District offer many services to our students in need. According to a 2017-18 report 21,756 students in the state of Oregon were classified as “Homeless”, some of them in Coquille. These students often struggle harder to succeed and graduate. This is why we are stepping up to provide vital services to help fill some of the gaps created by homelessness.

Completion of a Student Residency Questionnaire helps us target those families who qualify as “Homeless”, and provide them with critical services. You should have completed one of these forms at registration. Make sure to complete a new one any time that your living situation has changed. If you have any questions about your current status, contact our Director of Special Programs at the district office at (541) 396-2181.



McKinney-Vento

Serving Students In Transition

If you feel that you are in need of any of our available items or services, we can assist you discreetly. Talk with us in the front office or call (541) 824-0115.

Also, we are always open to donations of your gently used clothing and shoes as well as new, unopened personal care items.

Services We Provide At Winter Lakes School:

- Toiletries and Personal Care Items
- A Full Clothing Closet
- Laundry (To be Provided at the New Winter Lakes High School)
- Showers (To be Provided at the New Winter Lakes High School)
- Free Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Every Day
- Private Counseling Services by a Licensed Counselor
- YTP Services for Qualifying Youth

ESSAY CONTEST: “BULLYING STOPS HERE”

Calling all writers! We are hosting an essay contest in recognition of Bullying Prevention Month, which takes place during the month of October. The title is **Bullying Stops Here**.

Polish up your research skills to include facts, statistics, or other helpful information in your essay, along with your thoughts on bullying and what you are doing or can do to help prevent it.

The winning essay will be selected and published in next month’s newsletter for all to enjoy. All essay entries are worth quarks.

Entries are being accepted September 3rd through 23th. Drop off printed essays with Ms. FitzHenry in the Registrar’s office or email them to sfitzhenry@coquille.k12.or.us



Attendance Raffle Incentive Program at Winter Lakes School

In place of our former student store, Winter Lakes School is starting a raffle reward program to encourage positive school attendance. Entering is easy! Just make sure that you are checking in on a daily basis, Monday through Thursday, with your Learning Specialist. Check-ins can be in person, via phone, or electronic communications. We have so many great items to raffle off this year, small to big.

Included in our raffle goodies are TWO Chromebooks. The first will be raffled off on December 20, the second on April 20. Winners will be informed and can then make arrangements to collect their prize.

Also, we have three Amazon Fire 7 Tablets to raffle off. The first on November 26, the second on March 5, and the third on June 4.

We have many other great items from \$25 Amazon Gift cards to colorful lanyards and stainless steel water bottles and everything in between! Keep up the good work checking in at school and your chances of winning will grow!

September 8 – 14 National Suicide Awareness Week

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among school-aged youth. However, **suicide is preventable**. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs of their distress. Parents, teachers, and friends are in a key position to pick up on these signs and get help.

Most important is to never take these warning signs lightly or promise to keep them secret. When an entire community is committed to making suicide prevention a priority, we can help youth before they engage in behavior with irreversible consequences.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, REACH OUT! We are here for you and we care.

You are Not Alone

Where to find help for yourself or someone else.

SUICIDE & CRISIS CHAT, TEXT & HOTLINES



1 (800) 841-1255

24/7 mental health crisis hotline
www.bbtrails.org

CRISIS TEXT LINE |

24/7 Support for Teens
Text "LISTEN" to 741-741
www.crisistextline.org



The Trevor Project 24/7
For lesbian, gay, bisexual
transgender & questioning
youth in crisis
www.thetrevorproject.org
1 (866) 488-7386
Chat and textlines available

**A trusted parent or school staff member is also a great resource for finding help.*

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES AND INFORMATION



The Jason Foundation
A Friend Asks App



Android Apple

Suicide Prevention Resource Center
www.sprc.org

**National Center for the Prevention
of Youth Suicide (NCPYS)**
www.suicidology.org/ncpys

LOCAL RESOURCES

**Coos County
Mental Health:**
(541) 751-2500

Crisis Line:
(541) 751-2550

**Coos Health &
Wellness 24 hr.
Crisis Line:**
(541) 266-6800
(888) 543-5763

[https://cooshealth
andwellness.org/b
ehavioral-health/](https://cooshealthandwellness.org/bhavioral-health/)

**Oregon Suicide
Prevention
Lifeline:**
(800) 273-8255