

Coquille Valley Elementary

Newsletter

May 2021



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Spring trimester is here and that means we have six weeks of instruction left in the school year. Although it might feel like this has been a long year, the time we have left has never been more important. Due to COVID, Coquille students have received less instructional time this year than usual. Please help us make sure students take advantage of the time remaining by coming to school every day and giving their best effort to build our skills. State testing time has arrived as well. A letter from the school about the changes in the state testing process was sent home and emailed to all families this week. Please let us know if you have questions.

Please help us keep schools open by wearing masks, by social distancing, by washing hands frequently, and by avoiding group gatherings.

As this year has developed, we have seen parts of our new system that have needed tweaking and adjusting. We have faced some unexpected challenges and celebrated some hard-earned successes. One consistent challenge we are seeing is with our 2nd and 3rd graders during their weeks in the streaming rooms. Learning in the streaming rooms (or through CDL) can be more difficult than being in front of your live teacher. First, the kids in the streaming rooms have to listen to two adults for directions (the teacher and the cohort leader.) They also have to watch the screen and can only see what is shown through the teacher's camera. Streaming students also have to switch to and from using ear buds throughout the day. At the base level, the weeks in the streaming rooms are more difficult to navigate. As a result, our younger Eagles seem to struggle a bit more being positive and staying engaged while streaming on a more frequent basis. Please do what you can to cheerlead and provide pep talks on those days when streaming is challenging. It is appreciated!

End of the year activities are in the planning stage. Each grade level is working on a virtual field trip for their students. Mrs. March and I are planning a modified CVE Field Day for all grades during the last week of school. There are also plans in the works for a modified 6th grade party so we can celebrate our many awesome years at CVE with this great group of kids! We will keep you updated.

On a sad but exciting note, Maureen March is leaving CVE next year as she becomes the new Principal at Riley Creek Elementary in the Central Curry School District in Gold Beach. After working with Mrs. March in a variety of roles for the past 14 years, I personally will miss her dedication, professionalism, and support. Riley Creek is a very lucky school. Make sure you congratulate her when you see her, she will be difficult to replace!

Geoff Wetherell
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ABSENCES: Please remember to call the school before 9 AM at 541-396-2914 if your child is going to be absent, both if they are distance learners or on-site learners.

FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN CDL: Please let us know at the main office if and when you are interested in your child returning to school for on-site instruction. We will work with each individual family to create the best situation possible so every student is ensured access to daily instruction from their teacher.

FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN ON-SITE INSTRUCTION: Please let us know if your circumstances change and you would like to go to Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). We will work with each individual family to create the best situation possible so every student is ensured access to daily instruction from their teacher.

MASKS AT SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: Masks are required to be worn by all adults when on the CVE campus and when in common areas. That includes the area outside the front door. If you cannot wear a mask, please be respectful and stand back at least as far as the flagpole so students are not forced to walk by people without masks. Thanks for helping continue to keep everyone safe and our school open.

MAY CALENDAR

4/1 & 4/2	Conferences (No School)
4/12/ & 4/13	Dental Screening
4/30	Grading Day (No School)