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Dear Families: A Letter From Stacey Evoniuk, School Counselor

Hello Students of Winter Lakes Schools,

The entire staff here, and I, your on-site school counselor, welcome you from where ever you may be, your homes, your living rooms, your dining room tables, or any of the virtual or physical halls you find us in. Whether you are in Coos County or beyond our county lines, we value you and are here for you, to assist you in reaching your goals. We're grateful for you, and want to be your ever close companions on your journey towards graduation. These academic years are full of challenges and emotion including, but not limited to:

- Growth
- Promise
- Excitement
- Frustration
- Disappointment
- Hope

We're here to walk with you through this array of emotion and experience. My role is to assist in removing barriers to learning and help you develop skills and behaviors that are critical to academic achievement. Barriers to learning are wide and many. They may be:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Increased stress
- Critical changes in life
- Transitions
- And many other challenges

We are here for you; and can also assist in linking you to other resources within your community. Please check out the "Classwork" tab of this Counseling Classroom: yiiscjn. Please check it out, you'll find many resources for you there.

There are many ways to find us:

- Google Classrooms
- Csd8.info emails
- Telephones

We are excited and optimistic, we want to help make this year positive and full of promise for you. So, please, reach out, we can only help as much as you'll allow us to.

Ms. Evoniuk, School Counselor




There is no school Thursday, November 11th, in honor of all of our veterans who have served and sacrificed. Thank you veterans!!

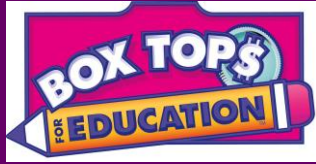
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- *November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month*
- **NOV 5:** NO SCHOOL/WLHS Progress Report Day
- **NOV 4:** School Picture Day – 8AM to 1PM
- **NOV 7:** Daylight Saving Time Ends – Turn your clocks back one hour
- **NOV 8:** National STEM Day
- **NOV 11:** Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- **NOV 12:** NO SCHOOL
- **NOV 19:** NO SCHOOL
- **NOV 23:** WLHS Progress Report Day – End of First Trimester
- **NOV 24 – 26:** NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 8AM- 1PM	5 Progress Report Day NO SCHOOL	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back 1 Hour	8 National STEM Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 NO SCHOOL	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22	23 Progress Report Day	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29	30				



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EARN CREDIT FOR WORKING!

Do you have a job? Earn high school credit for hours worked!

Check with Mr. Rilatos to see how!

KRilatos@csd8.info

National Youth Leadership Forum: Law & CSI

Winter Lakes High School 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Law & CSI in Washington D.C. next summer, 2022.

This six-day program is ideal for students interested in the fields of law and crime scene investigation. Students have unique opportunities to speak with subject-matter experts and take part in simulations that mirror true scenarios.

Career seminars led by legal and forensic science professionals will give students an inside perspective into today’s ethical dilemmas and challenges. Students will identify academic and career skills, including information analysis, public speaking, and time management, which are necessary to be successful in these vitally important fields.

Space in the program is strictly limited. The deadline to sign up is November 9th, 2021. Students who require financial assistance may access the program’s online fundraising guide to help them earn their way to the program.

Please contact the WLHS front office if you wish to learn more or claim a spot.

Coquille Valley Elks Lodge Essay Contest

“What Does it Mean to Love Your Country?”

Winter Lakes Schools 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to enter our local Elks Lodge #1935 essay contest!

Americanism is an important aspect of our country, and it is, as well, a very important program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We honor our flag through our Flag Day celebrations and the Grand Lodge offers an Americanism Essay Contest, for our youth.

Each year, your local lodge offers the opportunity to school age children in grades 5 through 8, to express their pride in America through an essay contest. There are two categories for this contest. The 5th and 6th grades compete together and the 7th and 8th grades compete with each other.

This year the theme is “What Does it Mean to Love Your Country?” There are local awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, as well as district and state awards.

Essays must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words. Please submit your completed essays to the front office by no later than December 10, 2021.

Keep Checking in EVERY Day!

- ✓ Participate in a video class
- ✓ Communicate with a teacher via chat, text, message, communication app, or email
- ✓ A phone call between teacher and student
- ✓ Posting completed coursework to a learning management system (Odysseyware) or web-based platform, or via email
- ✓ Turning in completed coursework, including paper packets, on a given day
- ✓ Attending an in-person session on campus
- ✓ Visit with one of our teachers in "Office Hours"

Please note, merely logging in to your student Odysseyware account **DOES NOT** count toward positive attendance.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your Winter Lakes Attendance office!



It's that time of year again! The chill of Fall is in the air. Which means the onset of the annual cold and flu season.

This year in particular continues to present us with new challenges. Is it just a cold? Is it the flu? Or could it be COVID-19? The flu and COVID share remarkable similarities, which can be confusing and scary.

Common symptoms include:

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches/headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea

If you believe your student is experiencing symptoms of flu or COVID, ***please keep them home from school and contact your local healthcare provider.*** Each provider will determine if testing is appropriate based on symptoms, risk factors, and test availability.

For more information about testing, call (541)266-6829, (541)266-1650 and press option #1, visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha.covid-190testing> or email covid19.questions@chw.coos.or.us

We encourage students and parents to get their COVID and flu vaccines. Wash your hands often and practice good self care!

Riddle me this: I follow you all the time and copy your every move, but you can't touch me or catch me. What am I?

Email your answer to rsingh@coquille.k12.or.us at WLE or slaney@csd8.info at WLHS for a chance to win a gift card!



STEM STATS!

- Between 2017 and 2029, the number of available STEM jobs is expected to grow by 8%. This includes scientists, doctors, software developers, and engineers.
- Employment in STEM occupations has grown 79% since 1990
- The median annual wage of STEM occupations is well over double that of non-STEM occupations
- 52% of Americans don't pursue STEM careers because they perceive it as "too hard"
- 8 out of 10 most wanted employees listed by the US Department of Labor were ones with STEM education
- The U.S. Bureau of Statistics says that in the next 20 years, 80% of jobs will require a technical skill
- Students majoring in STEM fields say they find it stimulating, with good salary and job potential

November 8 is National STEM Day!: **What is STEM Anyway?**

November 8th is National STEM Day. What is STEM? STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In education, STEM refers to the skills and knowledge that students need to participate in our high-tech society and to pursue high-tech careers.

Changes in the job market have led to a renewed emphasis in STEM in PK-12 education. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, STEM workers earn 26% more than those without a STEM background. Most of the fastest growing occupations are STEM-related careers. The greatest projected job openings in STEM are for Computer occupations, Engineers, STEM-Related Management, Science Technicians, and Engineering Technicians. (US BLS, 2018)

In addition to our online courses, Winter Lakes offers a wide variety of STEM-related opportunities for students. Students have taken field trips to the South Slough, Marine Science Center in Charleston, the Discovery Museum in Reedsport, and Washed Ashore in Bandon. Tynker and Scratch activities make computer programming achievable for all students. MakerSpace, Switch Vehicle, and Mechatronics projects introduce engineering concepts and practices.

Consistent with Winter Lakes' mission, the staff of Winter Lakes Elementary and High School continue to use STEM activities to "meet students where they are and take them beyond."

"In the 21st century, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalization and a knowledge-based economy. To succeed in this new information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop their capabilities in STEM to levels much beyond what was considered acceptable in the past." – National Science Foundation



WHO AM I?: Getting to Know Our Wonderful Teachers & Staff

Erin Thomason – Teacher, SPED

Mrs. Thomason is one of our rock star SPED teachers at Winter Lakes High School.

Her dream vacation would be a month traveling in Europe.

One thing you probably don't know about her is that she hitchhiked around Ireland when she was 18, living on about \$5-\$10 a day for two weeks.

Mrs. Thomason would not survive a zombie apocalypse because she cannot run for very long due to a knee injury from dance team in high school.

When she has time, Mrs. Thomason likes to knit because it is relaxing.

Mrs. Thomason is a proud member of House Hufflepuff.

Stacey Evoniuk – Counselor

Most of you have probably seen Ms. Evoniuk in our halls and chatting with students. She's a wonderful addition to our counseling staff!

She lives her life by the quote: "Courage over fear; always courage over fear."

Ms. Evoniuk lived in Japan for two years teaching English which was an amazing experience for her. One book she read while in Japan was *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo. Which is one of her three "trapped on a desert island" books, along with *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte and *A Severe Mercy* by Sheldon Vanauken.

To energize for her day, Ms. Evoniuk spends the first two hours of her morning enjoying coffee with real cream and time spent in spiritual reading and quiet prayer. She finds this time refreshing and renewing as she reflects on the things that matter to her. It's always a bonus when her cat Sally Mae joins her with affectionate purrs.

Ms. Evoniuk believes you should always work hard and be true to yourself. Learn to know your own heart. Learn to be a good decision maker. The decisions we make will shape our lives. Also, on a very practical note, life is hard, and still harder without a high school diploma. With hard work and help from others, graduation is possible.

STUDENTS' CORNER: A Place for Student-Submitted Works



Photography by Penelope
Waldrop – 9th Grade



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 slaney@csd8.info to be published in our monthly newsletter!

CAMPUS RULES

A Few Items to Remember

- ALL tobacco products are strictly forbidden on campus, including vapes.
- ALL weapons (including pocket knives) are strictly forbidden on school property.
- 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. Leaving campus at any time means that you may be asked to leave if you try to return.
- Please do not loiter outside of nearby homes or businesses.

November: National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

As many as 2.5 million youth per year experience homelessness – that's 1 in 30 kids. According to a 2018-19 report, 23,765 students in the state of Oregon were classified as "Homeless" at some point, some of them in Coquille.

Along with losing their home, community, friends, and sense of stability and safety, many homeless youth are also victims of trauma. In fact, over 70% of homeless youth reported experiencing abuse (National Coalition for the Homeless). While trying to survive on the streets, youth are exposed to countless dangers, with an increased likelihood of substance abuse, early parenthood, impulsivity, depression, and PTSD. 87% of youth who experience homelessness are likely to stop going to school (America's Promise Alliance).

The Coquille School District and Winter Lakes Schools provide critical support services to our students in need. Initial completion of a Student Residency Questionnaire help us to target those who qualify as "Homeless". You should have completed one of these forms at registration. If you are not sure whether or not you completed one, give us a call or stop by the office. Make sure to complete a new one any time that your living situation has changed. Contact the Director of Special Programs at the district office at (541)396-2181 with any questions.

***We know and respect that asking for help is hard.
But that is exactly why we are here. Your needs
will always be met discreetly and without
judgement. Always contact us or stop by with any
questions or concerns.***

**Yeah,
kids experiencing
homelessness
is a thing.**

It shouldn't be.

District & Local Resources

Coquille School District:

- ❖ Coquille School District
Department of Special
Programs
(541)396-2181
- ❖ Winter Lakes High
School
(541)824-0115
- ❖ Winter Lakes
Elementary School –
(541)396-2414

Local:

- ❖ Oregon Coast
Community Action –
<https://www.orcca.us/>
– (541)435-7080
- ❖ The ARK Project -
[https://www.cbd9.net/
apps/pages/index.jsp?u
REC_ID=1514276&type=
d&pREC_ID=1659321](https://www.cbd9.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1514276&type=d&pREC_ID=1659321) –
(541)267-3104 ext. 7115
- ❖ Coos Health & Wellness
-
[https://cooshealthand
wellness.org/](https://cooshealthandwellness.org/) -
(541)266-6700
24 Hour Crisis Hotline:
(541)266-6800 or
(888)543-5763
- ❖ South Coast Gospel
Mission -
[http://www.southcoast
gospelmission.org/](http://www.southcoastgospelmission.org/) -
(541)269-5017
- ❖ Pelican-Harbor Food
Bank -
[http://wobgone.tripod.
com/](http://wobgone.tripod.com/) - (541)756-5543

REMINDERS & NOTES



PICTURE DAY!!!

DON'T FORGET. . . .

Picture Day at both WLE and WLHS is November 4th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Packets to order your prints will be made available to you when you come in.



Keeping **AT RISK KIDS** & families afloat



Homelessness Awareness



Information for Families and Youth

If you or your family are living in: **Then** you may qualify for: **Your** children have the right to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency or transitional shelter • A motel, RV Park, or campground • You're in a car, a park, the street or an abandoned building • Shared housing with others *due to economic hardship • Unsuitable living conditions • Or unaccompanied minors in one of the living situations listed above. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with school supplies • Access to donated clothes • Tutoring & homework help • Assistance navigating community resources • Help with school fees <i>*only for students K-12th grade</i> • Information & help with school transportation • Showers & laundry services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll your student in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment. • Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs. • Receive transportation to school and to school programs. |
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Contact Melinda Torres at (541)267-3104 ext. 7115

Please watch this video to learn more about one of the WLHS leadership opportunities.

<https://vimeo.com/605146132/7136e4ad75>

If you're interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Sweeney.



It's time for students who plan to graduate from high school this year to fill out their financial aid applications and scholarship applications. Please email Mrs. Sweeney at jsweeney@csd8.info or Mrs. Regan at cregan@csd8.info to start working on both of those.

HERE'S WHERE TO FIND
THE COOS DROP TEAM



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FACEBOOK.COM/THECOOSDROP/

BRITNEY FORBES YE
GABI COLTON YOUTHERA

JOIN US!
Safe Space
YOUTH 14 - 25

JOIN ME ON
DISCORD

<https://discord.gg/4n4h2K4>



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@GABI_YOUTHERA