Vicki Dettmann and Nate Kruse chosen as 2019 Triple C Award recipients

Congratulations to Vicki Dettmann, Print Shop Specialist, and Nate Kruse, the Supported Classroom teacher at Parklane Elementary School on receiving the 2019 Triple C Awards. Both were recognized at last week's school board meeting.

The Chemistry PLC at Centennial High School – Piroska Balogh, Joel McKee, Craig Watts, and Clarissa Buchholz, nominated Vicki Dettmann. In the nomination, they said, "Vicki has stepped up every time with amazing quick turn around on our big booklet orders. When Vicki gets a print order, she always goes the extra mile, checking it over to make sure everything is in order."

"It's no exaggeration to say that we wouldn't have been able to complete our curriculum revisions as well as we have without the speediness of Vicki’s work. Because of Vicki’s professionalism, we've been able to provide our students with all their assignments compiled in booklets for every unit this year, a resource that is easily accessible for all our students compared to individual pages that get lost in the bottomless pit of teenagers’ backpacks."

Nate Kruse was nominated by Parklane first grade teachers Sue Rohm, Emily Trosino and Natalie Garza. The nomination says, "Nate reaches out to staff to support his students. He creates positive spaces for each student in the building by collaborating with teachers so his students can be successful in a regular classroom setting." Examples of things he has done for his students include: having his students join a reading group; doing math with peers; finding a leadership opportunity with younger students by having them read to the student or helping a younger student get to class. He problem solves with adults to help give his students opportunities for success.
According to one of his nominators, “His class thrives under his clear behavioral expectations and consistent positive recognition. I observe him consistently thanking his students for their appropriate behavior - ‘catching’ them making good choices. He is the embodiment of one of our professions deepest guiding principals, that learning happens within a relationship.”

**Centennial educators participated in Industry for Day**

Earlier this month, 23 Centennial teachers, counselors and administrators were part of the more than 220 educators and partners from throughout Multnomah County that immersed themselves in the fields of construction and manufacturing as a part of All Hands Raised’s Industry for a Day (IFAD).

Centennial was joined by 16 other regional school districts, and more than 15 partner organizations, in touring local construction and manufacturing sites to get first-hand experience and learn about opportunities and pathways to those living-wage jobs.

Centennial educators visited Pacific Northwest Carpenters Institute, Oregon Laborers Apprenticeship, Nu-Tech Machining, Greenbrier Gunderson, Portland Community College - Swan Island Trades Center and Madden Fabrication.

At the opening program held at the Pacific Northwest Carpenters Institute, teachers received resources and information to support students on their career paths. They also heard from industry leaders and current apprentices, including Isaiah Johnson, a seventh term carpenter apprentice, who shared: “I wish there were more people telling more kids about these options—college is not the right fit for everyone, and a lot of my friends could have had better lives if they had known about the trades.”

The All Hands Raised Partnership is working across the community to build a system to strengthen the pipeline necessary to ensure a strong regional economy. One of the strategies to address the lack of awareness of opportunities for young people in construction and manufacturing is Industry for a Day. In its fourth year, IFAD is an opportunity for those who work closely with, and mentor, youth to learn first-hand about the “on ramps” to training and jobs in the local construction and manufacturing industries.
Butler Creek’s Michael Lasfetto directs OMEA Honor Choir

On Saturday, May 11th, Butler Creek music specialist Michael Lasfetto directed the Oregon Music Education Association (OMEA) District 2 Fifth/Sixth Grade Honor Choir. Singers from school districts throughout the Northeast Metro area were nominated by their music teachers and then prepared six challenging pieces of choral music on their own. On May 11th, the students met for the first time and spent the day rehearsing the music, working together to make the music shine. Mr. Lasfetto directed the ensemble in a concert for families and the community at the end of the day. It was a long day, but the students worked hard, made new friends and sang beautifully! Students from Butler Creek, Meadows, Oliver and Parklane Elementary Schools participated. In addition, Parklane Elementary School’s music specialist Katie Cooper accompanied the choir.

CHS freshman wins first Verselandia! East Side Poetry Slam

Congratulations to Centennial High School freshman Akaisha Williams on her gold medal win at the first ever Verselandia! East Side Poetry Slam held earlier this month at Mt. Hood Community College.

In a poetry slam, participants perform their original works before a panel of judges. Using a 1-to-10 scale, they rate the student’s performance and writing. Ratings are publicly revealed after each recitation, much like figure-skating scores. Eleven students performed in the first round, the highest five scorers then went to a second round and the top three in that round were winners.

Williams’ first poem was about sleep, and the second discussed the impact of the death of her friend Gabrielle.
Also participating in the Slam were Centennial High School seniors Aliya Travis and DeMya McDaniel.

**Meadows Elementary School’s courtyard is getting a facelift**

The Meadows Familias Hispanas – a group made up of Hispanic parents – has taken on a big project – beautifying the school’s courtyard. The vision is to create a useable outside extension to the school. The group started last week by cleaning up the area. Thank you Meadows Familias Hispanas!

**OSEA hits goal of 1,000 items for Food for Families**

A shout out and big thank you to the district’s OSEA members who collected 1,000 food items for Food for Families during their Peanut Butter/Tuna Fish Drive. A total of 657 items were collected and OSEA donated $343 to bring the total to 1,000. Nice work!

**Oliver Otters Team wins MFS SUN Community Cup**

On Saturday, May 18th, Oliver Elementary School participated in the annual MFS SUN Community Cup - soccer tournament.

Oliver fielded two teams. The B squad won two out of three games. The A squad went undefeated and ended up winning the whole tournament beating Davis Elementary School 6-0 in the final.

The Oliver News Crew covered the tournament, taking photos, collecting interviews and stories for their next articles.

Congratulations Otters!

**Classifieds:**

For Sale: Five (5) Hewlett Packard #60 colored ink cartridges. Bought a new printer and it uses a different size. Originally paid $125 for the 5. Two boxes are unsealed (2 cartridges in each box) and the 5th one is wrapped in its plastic wrap, unopened. $75 for all 5. Contact Debbie Nash at Oliver Elementary School, debra_nash@csd28j.org.

Puppies for Sale: Eight (8) goldendoodle puppies for sale – two females and six males. They will be ready for their forever homes the weekend of June 15. Will be showing the puppies this weekend.

Photos of the puppies are on the following page.

Contact Donna Cooper at donna_cooper@csd28j.org or call 503.475.8817.
Driving Your School Bus Safely
Tips to keep your passengers out of danger

When you drive a school bus, you have to deal with conditions on the road as well as passenger distractions inside the vehicle. Take care of yourself and your passengers by practicing the following basic tips for bus drivers of all kinds.

Do Not Lose Your Cool
Distractions inside the bus are no reason to drive precariously. If you have to address a passenger issue, pull over. Otherwise, you put everyone’s safety at risk.

Maintain Your Vehicle
Inspect your vehicle before each trip. The most important thing is to check your brakes—learn how to do this and how to identify safety defects.

Know Your No-Zone
Obviously, your blind spots are larger than those on regular-sized vehicles. However, other drivers may be unaware of this, so be attentive in constantly checking for smaller vehicles in your no-zone.

Be Careful in Work Zones
Where there is construction, there are extremely narrow lanes. Take your time going through these work zones—stay alert and stay focused. Statistics show that an average of 14 deaths happen every year because of school bus collisions.

Take Advantage of Your Height
Your vehicle’s height will help you anticipate braking situations; however, also be aware that it causes low visibility of people—especially small children—directly beneath you. Be especially cautious of your height if you drive a school bus.

Back up Carefully
Only run your vehicle in reverse if it is absolutely necessary. Take all steps to ensure safety of those around you, including moving slowly and activating warning flashers.

Texting behind the wheel is never a good idea, but it is especially important to follow the law when other people’s lives are in your hands.