

Harney ESD



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Speech & Lang. Dept: Philip Kurkinen Joins HESD

Philip has recently moved down from Corbett, Oregon, nestled in the Columbia River Gorge near Multnomah Falls. His wife and four kids are enjoying their new home, learning about Harney County's interesting wildlife (deer, birds, bees, and Eclipse tourists). Philip's favorite conversation topics include all things related to communication and languages, world travel, love of coffee, painting, corny jokes, and skeet-shooting. Welcome Philip!

Instructional Support: Studio to Schools Grant

Professional learning continued this summer as Harney ESD assisted in implementing our Oregon Community Foundation Studio to School Grant (S2S). With the backdrop of the Oregon Gardens in Silverton Oregon the Harney team worked on evaluation of the grant as well as strategies for telling the story of the S2S grant and the impact of arts education on the learning environment. The team was made up of Hines Middle School teacher Catherine Manning, non-profit representative

Michelle Friedrichsen of Kids Club of Harney County, and School Improvement Director Eric Nichols of Harney ESD.



Important Dates

September 15, 2017

- ☐ Dr. Lande @ HMS/BHS
- ☐ Dr. Lande with SD3 Admin

September 22, 2017

- ☐ Building Educator Assessment Literacy Math/ELA Performance Tasks @ EOU

September 29, 2017

- ☐ Building Educator Assessment Literacy Math/ELA Performance Tasks @ HESD

October 16, 2017

- ☐ Woodcock Special Education Training @ HESD

October 20, 2017

- ☐ Wade Antonio Colwell: Stewardship/ Building Community Toolkit @ HC Chamber
- ☐ Rural Writing Scoring @ HESD

October 27, 2017

- ☐ Oregon State SMILE STEM @ HESD and HMS with Kids Club of Harney County

Tech Tips!

A tech visit doesn't always allow time to discuss technology questions and problems the teachers are wondering about. Have lunch with a tech! Our computer tech wizards will be in the staff rooms during lunch to offer help on Sept. 5 at Slater, Sept. 12 at Hines Middle School and Sept. 19 at Burns High School.

Check out our website!

www.harneyesd.k12.or.us

Instructional Support Twitter: twitter.com/HarneyESD





Department News

Printing in 3D!



HESD offered professional development training around 3D Printing by both AirWolf 3D & John Stevens, author of Classroom Chef and Table Talk Math. Strategies for classroom implementation, lesson design and everyday use and maintenance were covered. Crane Schools, Hines Middle School and Burns High School each received a printer with Harney ESD also offering 3D printing services for our rural schools, as presented at the Rural Inservice which took place on August 14th at Harney ESD.

Technology: Cleaning up!



Recycle day in July was a huge success! Harney schools filled up a moving truck with old computer parts and monitors.



The Technology Department had a busy summer, putting in long hours on routine summer maintenance that is difficult to tackle when school is in session. They visited each school, reloading, updating and blowing out computers, devices and printers and wiping down screens.

Years of additions, subtractions and changes in the technology realm along with various plumbing and construction projects had created issues beneath Burns High School. HESD cleaned up all of the Fiber and Ethernet runs under the high school and got them off of the ground, creating a safer environment.



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District 3 In-Service

Dr. Russ Quaglia and Dr. Lisa Lande of the Quaglia Institute for Student Voice and Aspirations returned to Burns to expand on earlier presentations. Harney 3 is hosting a district-wide book read and each Harney 3 teacher received the Student Voice text and a copy of "Student Voice: Turn up the Volume," to assist with amplifying student voice in their settings.

Along with a focus on Voice, Quaglia and Lande connected with previous learning brought in by Harney Education Service District. Dr. Quaglia and Lande connected with the work of Nancy Frey, Doug Fisher and Dominique Smith. Relationships were explored in the classroom and the school and a connection with the past made with Dr. Kevin Feldman around student and teacher engagement. Professional learning dates have been set for follow up activities centered around the concepts of voice and engagement and will continue throughout 2017 and 2018!

Check out the School Improvement Twitter account for Student Voice examples.



Rural In-Service

In addition to Exploring Google Virtual Reality (see photo, lower left), rural teachers were offered a Talented and Gifted symposium in coordination with all Harney County schools...K-5 classrooms had a morning session followed by Grades 6-12 in the afternoon.

Teachers also learned about practices and protocols from a registered nurse from Symmetry Care, including suggested protocols for diabetes action plans, breathing issues, medical emergencies, epi pen use, seizures, and other relevant topics. Conversations with teachers included suggested action plans as to parent intervention and a discussion to have with each rural school board as to their expectations around medical emergencies.

The rural teachers also had the opportunity to meet with rural evaluator Kris Beck and engage in the teacher support and evaluation process and the new virtual tool Frontline that is similar to the previous system.





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Art Camp 2017

Kids Club partnered with Maddy Dinsmore and Harney ESD to offer the 4th annual summer Art Camp. Grades K-8 got creative, explored new art mediums, and learned some new skills with artists, certified teachers, and volunteers.

Campers completed an average of 15 art projects each, including science art projects, many of which are currently on display at the Harney County Library in the Children's Corner. Campers also custom tie-dyed their t-shirts! A big thanks to the teachers, Kids Club Staff, and others who volunteered every day, including Andie Nichols, Sara Burns, Karen Klus, McKenzie Hughes, Cathy Manning, Karen Dinsmore, Kaylea Friedrichsen, Amber Tucker, Kelsi Palmer, & Michelle Friedrichsen. Thanks, also to Silvie's River Charter School for the use of their building!



The Dashboard Wins Award

OAESD bestowed Eric Nichols their School Improvement Innovation Award for helping to develop a student dashboard to quickly illustrate attendance, behavior and other data using Google tools. Nichols collaborated with ODE and former LaGrande Technology Director Tim Welsh on this project. Piloted at Slater Elementary before being pushed out to other schools, the dashboard is free for the schools.

