



Centennial Staff Newsletter

June 15, 2017

Congratulations to the Class of 2017

Last week the district held three graduation ceremonies– Centennial Park School, Centennial Transition Center and Centennial High School. Here are a few photos from the graduation ceremonies. To see more, check out the district's Facebook page.





Pleasant Valley student experiences the power of STEAM at a bakery

This is the story about the Power of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) field trips. In December, the third graders in Jamie Reddy's class had their very first field trip ever, they went to the Franz Bakery. Reddy said, "Oh how excited they were to be touring a local business, learning about the process and seeing employees hard at work. It inspired all students – especially one named Aston.

Franz bakery gives students little gifts when they tour, including a water bottle, backpack, samples, a little sandwich box and a Franz Bakery hat. Reddy noticed that after the field trip Aston continued to wear his hat throughout the school days. He took it out for special occasions, classes and even wore it for State Testing. It was his lucky hat.

For career day in April, Reddy made the kids nametags to honor their choices for what they wanted to be when they grow up and the jobs they dreamed of having. There was the professional singer, the bakery store owner, a doctor and Aston – who wanted to be a Franz Bakery employee because "They work so very hard, just like me and it would be the perfect fit." He placed the sticker on his hat and continued to wear it so much that it wore out. Reddy said there were a few tears, "so I gave him an extra hat I had because I knew how much he loved it. The next week we welcomed a new student into our class and I looked over



and saw that Aston had left him the new Franz Bakery hat on his desk as a gift. I smiled as he was back to wearing his old one with a big smile on his face, happy to share something special with a new friend.

Because of the terrible winter weather this year, Reddy's teaching partner Tami Norquist had to reschedule her class field trip to Franz to June. Norquist was so touched by Aston's love of the Franz Bakery, that she told the story to Mary Roane, the tour guide. The tour guide sent a special package back to Pleasant Valley for Aston, complete with all kinds of Franz goodies and about 45 new hats.

However, the story does not end here. News of Aston traveled through the company and the marketing director made Aston his very own Franz shirt in his favorite color complete with his name on the shirt. Today the bakery is sending out their grilled cheese promotional van to provide lunch for all the third graders at Pleasant Valley Elementary School to celebrate the values of a community business and the dream of one student that someday he will be able to work there.

According to Tami Norquist, "the moral of the story for us is that we are choosing Franz bread for our homes because of their amazing support and desire to give back to the community." She added, "when students get to see a wide variety of places in our community they could potentially work one day, they begin to dream and see themselves in those jobs in the future. Maybe this is what STEAM is all about. Kids actually visiting job sites and seeing how things work, run and if it is a job fit for them one day."

Oliver and Parklane School staffs connect with Arbor Glen families



This year the staffs from Oliver and Parklane Elementary Schools attended three events at the Arbor Glen Apartments complex to build relationships with the families. Earlier this month, the school staff participated in the apartments' Summer Festival, with close to 100 attendees.

What a great way to connect with the students and see them in their home environment.

Healthy Happenings around the District: May was a Month of Moving!

The Winners of *Fire Up Your Feet May Activity Challenge* have been announced and the Centennial School District was moving!

- Centennial Middle School won first place overall and will be awarded \$2000
- Lynch Wood Elementary School won third place and will be awarded \$500
- Parklane Elementary School was a runner up and will be awarded \$250

Great work Centennial Schools! Keep the activity going all summer.

Centennial district staff also participated in a *7 Wonders of Oregon Walker Tracker Challenge*. Staff walked more than 6 million miles during May which equals walking across North American. All staff that completed the challenge were entered into a raffle drawing for a Fit Bit HR. Congratulations to winner Laura Hyer, Centennial Park School's School to Work Coordinator.

Congratulations to all our winners. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to get out and explore. Keep an eye out for more activity challenges next year!

Tidbits

Centennial High School Class of 1977 40th Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th. Plans are under way. Email: Melissa@jonesfinancial.com.

Classifieds

Help wanted: Are you interested in working with young children? The Centennial School District has a unique opportunity for people interested in early childhood/elementary education. We are hiring 20 short-term paraprofessionals for next Fall. The job starts September 5 and runs through October 2, 2017.

Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Ability to work in a physically and emotionally demanding setting
- Ability to take direction and work in a team setting
- General understanding of the developmental needs of young children
- Criminal justice fingerprint clearance

To see the job posting and instructions on how to apply, go to <http://csd28j.org/support-staff-classified-positions/>

Have a great summer!