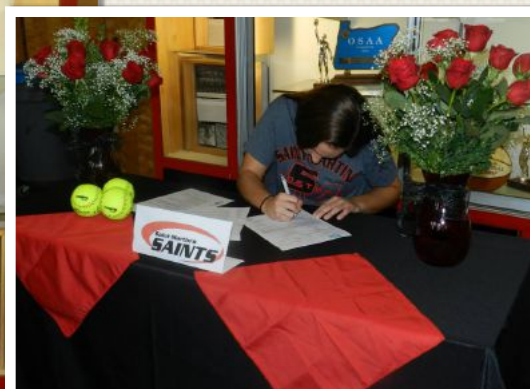




CORBETT



CORBETT STARTING PITCHER AND TEAM LEADER SIGNS FOR SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsay Miller Signs with Saint Martin's University

Exciting news from the Corbett Softball Program. Lindsay Miller signed her letter of intent to play for Saint Martin's University's softball program. Starting this fall Lindsay will be

heading up to Lacey Washington. While attending the university Lindsay will be double majoring in business management and accounting. We are all

proud of her accomplishments and are thankful for all she gives back to the Corbett's program!! Congratulations Lindsay!! We wish you the best!!



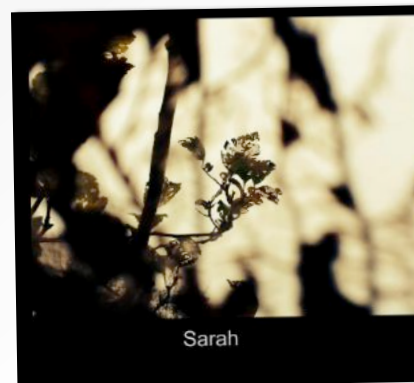
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Zoe & Jane

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sarah

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Newly Designed Oregon Report Cards

by Randy Trani

Recently, the Oregon Department of Education released their new redesigned annual report card. This new report card attempts to provide a comprehensive, one size fits all, picture of what our school district has to offer. Typically, this data is reported for schools with a narrower focus than Corbett's K-12 approach. While this redesigned report card works for most schools in Oregon but it just makes the picture murky for Corbett.

Despite the murkiness caused by the one size fits all ODE reporting model the underlying picture for Corbett is bright! At first blush one can see that Corbett School has an overall rating of four out of five on the five point ODE scale. While this is certainly good it doesn't feel like "great news".

At Corbett we take a longer view of education. For us education is K-12 and we do not believe in spending time chasing ever changing state grade level benchmarks in the lower grades if those practices do not manifest themselves in achievement at the upper grade levels. We have a few basic tenants that we have found actually do manifest themselves in higher achievement at the later grade levels. These tenants have been in place for more than a decade. At Corbett we hire strong teachers who meet kids where they are, each teacher expects their students to

make continuous progress without regard to which grade level they are in, we build systems where teachers, staff, and students can form long lasting multi-age relationships, and we end students' careers with the most equitable preparatory program we can fashion, AP for ALL. All of this manifests itself in achievement at the upper levels which can be seen in the ODE's report card rating details and the District AMO Details.

- All Students Combined Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate 90.6% (Level 5)
- Economically Disadvantaged Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate 87.5% (Level 5)
- White Students Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate 92.5% (Level 5)
- All Students Five Year Cohort Graduation Rate 90.3% (Level 5)
- All Students 11th Grade Reading Achievement 94.3% (Level 5)
- White Students 11th Grade Reading Achievement 95.5% (Level 5)
- All Students 11th Grade Math Achievement 82.2% (Level 5)
- White Students 11th Grade Math Achievement 82.2% (Level 5)

While posting some of the highest achievement numbers in the area with regard to cohort graduation rates and high school level achievement is something we can all be proud of it also should illicit a call for action. It is great that each year we post a graduation near or above 90%, but it is not great enough!

We are actively, doggedly, obsessively, working to make that number 100%! In fact our "absurd aspiration" is that 100% of the kids should graduate on time, 100% of them should be admitted to a college and have the option to go college if they wish, AND we would like it if their college experience was 100% paid for!!

2012-2013 District Report Card

<http://corbett.k12.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2012-13-District-Report-Card.pdf>

2012 - 2013 Corbett School Report Card

<http://corbett.k12.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2012-13-Corbett-School-Report-Card.pdf>

2012 - 2013 CCS Report Card

<http://corbett.k12.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2012-13-CCS-Report-Card.pdf>

School Board

In response to requests that board meetings be better publicized within the community, last year the school purchased two all-weather, weighted (to account for our east wind!), stand alone signs which were placed on the grassy areas along the road in front of the grade school and middle school to announce the monthly board meetings. The signs were put out a few days prior to each monthly meeting. They were substantial, and cost nearly \$1,000.00 for the two.

You might notice that the signs are missing this year. In total disregard of tax payer money, someone decided to destroy them by running them over with their car or truck. Consequently, board meeting announcements will be posted on the reader board in front of the middle school, on the bulletin board in the post office, in both of our local markets, on the school website, and in the monthly school newsletter. Feel free to call the district office if you have any other ideas at [503-261-4268](tel:503-261-4268).

School Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 18th
Wednesday, January 15th
Wednesday, February 19th
Wednesday, March 12th
Wednesday, April 16th
Wednesday, May 21st
Wednesday, June 18th



AP GOVERNMENT

Mr. Ferguson's AP Government traveled to Multnomah County Courthouse to witness arraignments cases involving drugs, malpractice, felony assault, and theft.



PUMPKIN PATCH

The kindergarten students enjoyed the 39 year tradition of going to the pumpkin patch! Phil and Judy DuFresne treated the Corbett kindergarten students to picking their own pumpkin, treats at Big Bear's Deli and a glow in the dark Big Bear's Pumpkin Patch t-shirt that will be treasured for years to come. Thank you, Big Bear!

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 7PM

Multi-Purpose Building (MPB) / Stage Side

The public is invited to a special board meeting to address the possibility of proposing a new bond and dollar amount for the May 2014 election, and the facility projects that could be included. Public comment is welcomed.

What is CAPS? by Lori Luna

CAPS is the Corbett Arts Program with Spanish housed in the historic Springdale School two miles west of the main Corbett School campus. We are a K-8 program serving 160 students who are part of Corbett School District. We are NOT a charter program - we are a small program that is part of the district; our student population comprises approximately one quarter of the in-district students in Corbett K - 8. We are also NOT a Spanish Immersion program – core classes are taught in English, but students have Spanish instruction every week. Seventy percent of our students are from resident families.

How is CAPS different from the Corbett Grade School or Middle School?

At CAPS, we follow the same curricular track as the main campus and follow common core state standards. There is a strong music program at CAPS with band, strings, choir with guitars and keyboards, and general music for the primary students. We also adhere to the same philosophies as the Corbett Grade School and Middle School regarding multiage education, continuous progress of individual learning, narrative reporting of student progress and an integrated project-oriented integrated project-oriented style of instruction. The most notable differences here at CAPS is that we have thoughtfully chosen to incorporate the arts throughout our curriculum (we use them to help us develop a better understanding of ourselves, our world and our history as

well as the lens through which we view our curriculum), we provide Spanish instruction K – 8, and we are small with kindergarten through 8th each level: primary, intermediate and middle.

Are there opportunities to volunteer? Yes! We have a thriving community of volunteers in our school. Many are parents and grandparents of our students. They help in the classrooms, go on field trips, or help organize events. Others are deeply involved in our school and community garden and provide activities for our students in the garden weekly. Our garden committee is strong and welcomes volunteers – if you are interested, please contact Carolyn Coons at calcoons@gmail.com . We also have community volunteers who help – especially in the garden. We welcome community involvement in our school and would especially like to meet some of our local artists and find ways for them to share their stories and talents with our students – if you are interested, please contact Lori Luna at lluna@corbett.k12.or.us .

ARTS & SPANISH



MIDDLE SCHOOL



GRADE SCHOOL



INTERMEDIATE



GARDEN

Holiday Concerts

Thursday, December 5th
MS Choir sings at the retirement home

Saturday December 7th
MS Choir sings at The Grotto 5:15pm

Monday, December 9th
Cardinal Band performs, MPB 7pm

Wednesday, December 11th
CAPS Intermediate and All Strings,
Springdale Gymnasium 5pm - 8pm

Monday, December 16th
High School Concert Band, Concert
Choir, and Symphonic Band, MPB 7pm

Tuesday, December 17th
CAPS Winter Program K - 8
Springdale Gymnasium 5:30pm - 7pm

A Feast for the Ages

Please join Corbett Middle School as we hold a celebration of our hard work and study of the Middle Ages.

Tuesday, December 17th 4:30pm - 7:30pm
Dinner Tickets available in advance,
\$8 per person, served at 6pm

Christmas Tea Fundraiser

Enjoy a very special Christmas Tea to benefit Old McDonald's Farm, Inc., a non-profit, children's charity
Tea seating times are at
11:00am, 1:30pm and 4:00pm
December 7th. Sunday, December 8th
Please email omf@oldmcdonaldsfarm.org
or call 503.695.3316. Cost is \$32 per person, proceeds benefit the low-income children that we serve.



WINTER FORMAL

High School 'Great Gatsby'
Winter Formal
Friday, January 10th
Camp Angelos in Corbett

Tickets on sale the week
before Winter Break
Single: \$15, Couple: \$25



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 14th

Corbett School MPB

Holiday Bazaar 8am - Noon

Pancake Breakfast 8am - Noon

Pictures with Santa 8am - 11:30am

Breakfast - \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD AND COAT DRIVE!

CAPS NEWS

We have been very busy at CAPS during November! Our primary students are learning about composting and have put together compost buckets and worm bins for each classroom. The intermediate classrooms are continuing their studies of geography and geology, and the middle school classrooms wrapped up their World Religion Unit with field trips to the Greek Orthodox Church and the Grotto. Middle School is now working on their Middle Ages unit which kicked off with a trip to the Portland Art Museum to study representations of classical, medieval, and Renaissance art.

SPRINGDALE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

BY MEGAN NELSON . GARDEN PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Inspiring Minds Through Gardening

A Children's Garden can be more than fresh tomatoes and vibrant marigolds. Imagine a place where one's senses come alive. The sights, sounds, scents and textures at the Springdale Children's Garden (SCG) beckon people of all ages to see beyond food production planting beds. A sensory approach invites us to engage in the process of where our food comes from, feeding inquisitive minds and instilling a healthy sense of ownership through land stewardship and year round gardening. At the Springdale Children's Garden a group of dedicated volunteers donate time on a weekly basis, creating and tending such a space. Students at the Springdale School participate in all aspects of gardening, utilizing organic practices, from the ground up. One of the easiest ways to encourage children to make healthy food choices is to give them the opportunities to grow their own food and to realize quite often that it does indeed taste good! Anyone with a home garden knows that food grown and harvested immediately tastes better. Students are gaining the confidence to manifest simple, yet powerful life skills through working the land and productive teamwork. The garden is

a program of the Springdale School Community Association (SSCA), a non-profit 501.3c. The garden and natural areas at the Springdale School site have been revitalized with the help of generous grants, gifts and donated resources made possible by Corbett residents and Troutdale-Gresham neighbors. SCG exists to enrich the culture, schools and community through gardening. By developing and tending both the natural grounds & the working garden as hands-on outdoor classrooms, SCG cultivates opportunities for children to develop both healthy bodies and inspired minds. Serving students in the Corbett school district and community members, the area also hosts community events including an annual spring festival in May called Springfest. Even for those that garden at home, the children's garden is ripe with opportunities to grow community. Don't think you have a green thumb? There are many ways to join in on the fun!

To get involved, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn Coons, for opportunities. calcoons@gmail.com

SCG & SSCA



USE AND REUSE



SPRINGDALE



PICKING POLE BEANS



BUILDING UP LEEKS

PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE



Cassie Duprey

Last school year we added a new program to Corbett High School to help support struggling students. I want to take a moment to recognize the excellent work being done by Mrs. Cassie Duprey in our secondary intervention program.

Mrs. Duprey first came to Corbett as a student teacher three years ago. Before serving as a student teacher Mrs. Duprey worked in an Oakland inner city school for more than five years. Her experiences in Oakland and student teaching here at Corbett made her the perfect person to launch our intervention program.

Students who are struggling with generating credit, staying organized, or staying on task are enrolled in Mrs. Duprey's Jump Start class where they find Mrs. Duprey to be an invaluable resource. She provides scaffolding and other supports to keep students on task and generating credit.

Beyond students who are in her Jump Start classes Mrs. Duprey provides support for other Corbett High School students in the form of Friday School. Students who have incompletes get a formal invitation to attend

Friday School. Their parents are also contacted to make sure they know that Mrs. Duprey is at school, every Friday morning, to help support students in their efforts to recover incompletes. The environment at Friday school is a studious environment in which a supportive Mrs. Duprey holds students accountable to make progress towards recovering their credit.

Further, Mrs. Duprey organized and managed Corbett's first summer school opportunity at Corbett in more than a decade. Mrs. Duprey, along with the help of Mr. Cooper, assisted several dozen students over a three week period last June in recovering credit. Mrs. Duprey plans on continuing the targeted summer support this coming June.

The rewards of Mrs. Duprey's efforts can be seen across a broad spectrum of students. Fewer seniors are facing the question of "Do I have enough credits in order to graduate?" Younger students are finding themselves eligible to participate in athletics and other extracurriculars. And most importantly students are learning!

PRINCIPAL CHATS

MIDDLE SCHOOL /
HIGH SCHOOL CHAT
THURSDAY, DEC 5TH,
8AM

GRADE SCHOOL CHAT
THURSDAY, DEC 12TH,
8AM

CAPS CHAT
TUESDAY, DEC 17TH
8AM

Orzeski 2012



Winter break begins on Friday, December 20th. Students return to school on Monday, January 6th.

Veterans Day Breakfast Thank You!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our veterans and those who set up wonderful displays sharing their military experiences. Your service and history enriches us all.

Also thanks to the Columbia River Gorge Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this event. The breakfast was complimented with wonderful musical performances by Timeless Trilogy, the Corbett High School Symphonic Band, and the Corbett High School Choir. The band and choir were led by Corbett music teacher Mr. Tim Kilgore, and the choir selection included a special tribute solo by high school senior CJ Cruse. Special thanks to Erika Pace, Corbett Schools Food Services Manager, for keeping the kitchen running smoothly!

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