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Key Communicator Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Dec. 4

Central Winter Program, Gr. 1-3
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Dec. 11

Greenwood Winter Program,
Gr. 1-3, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 13

Willow Winter Program
10 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.,
Willow Gym

Dec. 13

Island City Winter Program,
1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 17

LMS Choir Concert,
7 p.m., LHS Auditorium

Dec. 17

LHS Winter Concert
7:30 p.m., LHS Auditorium

Jan. 10

LMS Band Concert,
7 p.m., LMS Commons

Do you enjoy working with school-age children? Are you interested in a part-time job? The La Grande School District has immediate openings for part-time and substitute Paraeducators and substitute custodians! Contact Laurie in the Personnel Office for more information - (541) 663-3212.

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Arts Center offers fun classes for kids

The Art Center at the Old Library is a nonprofit organization which provides essential enrichment to our community by bringing art and culture into our lives through education, visual art exhibits, culture experiences, performance, dance, music and more. Located in the famous Carnegie Building at 4th and Penn in La Grande, the Art Center features a large family-friendly classroom, ceramics studio, and a newly-remodeled premiere gallery space. Students are encouraged to explore their creativity and experiment with new media, which helps to develop essential skills and confidence later in life.

Preregister in person at the Art Center, Wednesday-Saturday at 1006 Penn, by phone at 541-624-2800, or via email at ucartctr@eoni.com. "Like" us on facebook to keep informed on upcoming classes and events. Preregistration is required for all classes.

ART CLASSES for KIDS at the ART CENTER

with Jessie Street (Miss Jessie)

I Can Draw!

Ages 7-12

January 7 - 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm (4 Mondays)

Class Description/Lesson Plan: We will be exploring basic drawing techniques to strengthen existing drawing skills. Perfect for the child with basic to intermediate skill that loves to draw, but would like to gain greater understanding of perspective and realism and build confidence. We will study one point perspective, drawing from life, and drawing from photographs.

Supplies included in class fee.

Cost: \$30 Art Center Members, \$35 Non-Members

Exploring Clay

Ages 6-11

1st Session: January 7 - 28, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

(4 Mondays)

2nd Session: February 4 - March 4, 4:30 - 5:30 pm (4 Mondays) (No class President's Day Feb 18)

Class Description/Lesson Plan: The primary medium of this class is clay; however, we will also learn how to create sculptures by combining found objects with clay. We will create three ceramic projects with the last class session reserved for glazing projects. Finished fired pieces will be available for pickup after the last class session.

Clay and glazes included in class fee.

Cost: \$30 Art Center Members, \$35 Non-Members

Little Big Art!*

Ages 2 ½ - 5

1st Session: January 4 - 25, 11:30 - 12:15 (4 Fridays)

2nd Session: Feb 1-22, 11:30 - 12:15 (4 Fridays)

3rd Session: March 1-22, 11:30 - 12:15 (4 Fridays)

Class Description/Lesson Plan: Explore with your preschooler the many possibilities of collaborative art! Parents and children work together under the guidance and lesson plans of the instructor. Projects in painting, collage, clay & mixed media allow for continual intrigue and unleashed creativity. Miss Jessie's preschool classes are designed to be a form of guided play as preschoolers learn to develop their own artistic expression and fine motor skills.

*An adult helper must be present with child at all times

Supplies included in class fee.

Cost: \$30 Art Center Members, \$35 Non-Members

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Please call Gaye Young at 541-663-3202 or email her at gaye.young@lagrandesd.org to join our Key Communicator email list

LHS places 3rd in state in voter registration contest

By: Dick Mason, La Grande Observer

**This article originally appeared in the Nov. 2, 2012, edition of the La Grande Observer newspaper.*

American government students at La Grande High have helped put their school in the state voter registration spotlight.

The students' efforts this fall have propelled LHS to a third place finish in the statewide Democratic Cup voter registration competition for rural schools.

The news was announced this week by the Bus Project Foundation of Portland.

The Bus Project, which puts on the Democratic Cup competition, is a non-partisan, non-profit organization engaged in involving young people in the democratic process across the state.

"This is very exciting," said LHS social studies teacher Josh White, who instructs his school's American government classes.

Students in White's classes conducted a voter registration drive at LHS, which helped get 70 students signed up. This allowed LHS to place third

in the rural school division of the Democratic Cup competition.

The rural division of the competition consists of schools in towns with populations of 30,000 or less.

Tongue Point Job Corps of Astoria placed first in the rural school division by registering 92 voters, and Dallas High School took second by signing up 83 voters.

Students in White's classes at LHS signed up voters following presentations on democracy and the importance of voting by Bus Project Foundation members.

The majority of LHS students who registered did so in the American government classes after the Bus Project presentations. Students in LHS economics and U.S. history classes also registered after forms were brought into the classes.

White was impressed with how many students stepped forward to register. He said people tend to view members of this generation of young people as apathetic "but they really are passionate about what's going on in the world."

Bus Project Foundation members also gave a presentation on the

importance of voting and becoming active voters to Kelly Anderes' citizenship class at Union High School.

The presentation, made on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, motivated many students to register, said Anderes. Virtually all of UHS's seniors have now registered to vote.

"We commend them (UHS) for their work in promoting civic education," said Amanda Tripp Johansson of the Bus Project.

The students who registered at LHS and UHS included 17 year olds. These youths are too young to vote but are eligible to pre-register.

Seventeen year olds who reregister will be eligible to vote without filling out additional forms the day they turn 18.

The presentations by the Bus Project staff at UHS and LHS coincided with their schools' efforts to get students interested in the United States' democratic process.

White said it is easier to pique student interest in democracy during a presidential election year.

"This is a wonderful time to be teaching American government."

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Painting with Confidence

Ages 6-11

February 4 - March 4, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (no class on President's Day Feb. 18) (4 Mondays)

Class Description/Lesson Plan: Learn basic painting techniques such as building a palette, mixing pigments, painting from life, and using various brush strokes. We will combine all of the learned methods into one finished painting ready for an art

show presentation!

Supplies included in class fee.

Cost: \$30 Art Center Members, \$35 Non-Members

<h2 style="margin: 0;">The word on Enrollment...</h2>	<p><i>Greenwood Elementary</i> 231 students</p>	<p><i>Middle School</i> 494 students</p>
	<p><i>Island City Elementary</i> 250 students</p>	<p><i>High School</i> 591 students</p>
<p>Enrollment Numbers as of Nov. 5, 2012</p>	<p><i>Willow Kindergarten</i> 175 students</p>	<p>LGSD Total Enrollment 2,117 students</p>
<p><i>Central Elementary</i> 376 students</p>	<p>Total Elementary Enrollment 1,032 students</p>	