Driftwood School

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"We are here to help our Students…….
Navigate Challenges with Grace, Prepare For Their Futures and Anchor Themselves In Our Community."

10/19/2026

Enrollment: 99 Students

What's Happening:
Driftwood's open house was well attended. The best guess is 60ish people…we discovered that not all visitors came through the front door, but rather the back gate and therefore, did not sign in! The general mood was very upbeat, some families engaged in activities in the gym until the 7PM end time.

Working closely with staff to document and track classroom academic progress to ensure we are providing each student with needed tier 1 and tier 2 supports in reading and math. We are utilizing the CORE review framework from ORTII. The team has agreed to begin their writing pre-assessments from Step-Up to Writing curriculum and be ready to share 10/22, and then have classes complete their first informational writing pieces to display 12/18. Teachers will begin visiting colleague's classrooms to collect specific strategies/practices that are working to engage students in the learning process. The hope is to build a toolkit of universal practices that demonstrate the largest positive impact on learning.

Driftwood continues to be engaged with the regional Early Student Success Academy (ESSA); the 2026-2027 kickoff meeting was held on 10/15.

Driftwood was invited to attend the ODE Literacy Summit on 10/16 in Portland. Donna Johannesmeyer and I attended this meeting, and will provide feedback to you next month.

Driftwood's Literacy Night is still in the planning stages, and will occur sometime in November.

Pumpkin Patch festivities were held 10/16, and the Halloween parade is scheduled for 10/30.

Professional Development
- Statewide in service 10/9 - Driftwood teachers attended an MTSS training provided by SCESD.
- Children's Institute session #2 with Riley Creek teachers - 10/16
- Trauma informed Practices (Mr. Miller is working on this PD) date TBA
- Restorative Justice (if time permits - I do have a presentation available)
- Classroom management strategies (if time permits, however, I can use Staff meetings to help align)

Staffing
- Needing to build a reliable substitute pool for both certificated and classified positions.

Kindergarten September Student of the Month Winners!
Theme of the Month - Responsibility

