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."

11/16/ 2026
Enrollment: 100 Students

What's Happening:

Driftwood was invited to attend the ODE Literacy Summit on 10/16 in Portland. Donna Johannesmeyer and I attended this meeting. The focus was on selecting/adopting high quality instructional materials and infusing staff training and feedback into a schoolwide practice. Much of what was covered are the literacy initiative components in which Driftwood is currently engaged. Our work with The Children's Institute and the Early Student Success Academy the past two years made us feel that we were slightly ahead of the ODE initiative.

6th grade students completed the Oregon Health Authority student health survey online 10/28.

Curry Watershed Partnership held a Fall Harvest celebration for Driftwood on 10/29. Students rotated through stations to plant garlic, press fresh apple cider, taste a delicious vegetable soup, harvest from the garden, autumn ornament painting, face painting and a scavenger hunt. So very appreciative for all they do for Driftwood!

The weather held out for the annual Halloween parade! Many parents walked with their students as they collected goodies from our generous community members.

Conferences will be held on 11/5 - parents are signing up and we appear to have a very full schedule.

Driftwood's Literacy Night is scheduled for 11/19. The theme this year is the Writing Rope (Joan Sedita) which is perfect for our new Step Up to Writing instructional practices. We are inviting local preschool families to this event in hopes of developing strong connections with them before their students arrive at Driftwood.

Upcoming Professional Development

- Trauma informed Practices (Mr. Miller is working on this PD) date 11/13
- VMath training for intervention staff 11/13
- Threat Assessment Training 11/18 - Lisa @ SCESD (Pam and Bonita too)
- Law Conference Lisa 12/2 - 12/4
- Wonder's Work Shop w/ Riley Creek 2/26
- Wonder's Work Shop w/ Riley Creek 4/2

- ORTII Conference 4/14 - 4/16 Donna, Leila, Brendan, Teal and Victoria
- Restorative Justice (if time permits - I do have a presentation available)

Third grade serenading Driftwood at the PBIS Assembly!



Fall Garden Festival - Thank you Curry Watershed!!!!!



