



LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

# VIKING NEWS

March 2018

St. Patrick's Day

Scott Polen  
Principal

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Vice Principal



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**3/11: Daylight Savings Time begins**

**3/16: District science fair open house**

**3/17 - St. Patrick's Day**

**3/26 - 3/30: Spring break, No Classes**



### **Spotlight On:**

#### **Noni Merrell**

This month, we focus on the longest currently serving employee here at LBMS, Ms. Noni Merrell. She has been with Three Rivers for 28 years, all spent here at LBMS. She's worked in attendance, The Ed-Lab, and most importantly, as the Family Advocate for our school. She has two sons, 42 and 35 years old respectively, and enjoys attending her grandsons sporting events, like wrestling and moto-cross. She's lived in the IV for most of her life, except for a short stint in Germany, where her oldest was born. Her message? "Stay in school, get the best education you can, and see as much of the world as possible."

**LBMS has a new 5th grade teacher this year, Tim Cook. We really enjoy having him here, so we'll let him tell you a little about himself:**

I was born in Cave Junction (at our home off Caves Hwy) and grew up in Wonder near Hayes Hill. I met my wife of 14 years in high school (Hidden Valley). After high school I joined the U.S. Army on active duty (in for 6 years total). I was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas. I deployed twice with the 1st Cav to Baghdad, Iraq for a combined total of 29 months. While deployed my duties were convoy security, personnel transport, and patrol base resupply. While in the army I lived in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. In 2011 I was medically separated from the U.S. Army.

After getting out of the army I decided to put my G.I. Bill to use, and started going to Rogue Community College. I graduated with my Associates of General Studies, and Associates of Arts Oregon Transfer. Next, I transferred to the University of Oregon where I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Educational Foundations (with Magna Cum Laude honors). From there I transferred to Southern Oregon University and graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching. Currently, I am in the beginning stages of going back to school (online) to get another masters degree in applied behavior analysis.

I have 4 kids (15, 14, 12, and 7). They go to Madrona, Lincoln Savage, and Hidden Valley.

In my off time I like camping, photography, spending time with my family, riding motorcycles, working on cars/motorcycles, gardening, and being in nature. I have 2 dogs, 3 cats, and 21 chickens.

I love being a teacher, working with the students, helping students grow, and giving back to the community.

**Thank you so much for your service, Mr. Cook! Welcome to Lorna Byrne!!**



✓ **OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 - 3:45**

✓ **MORNING HOMEWORK HELP: 7:50 - 8:30 M-THURS.,  
8:50 - 9:30 FRIDAY**

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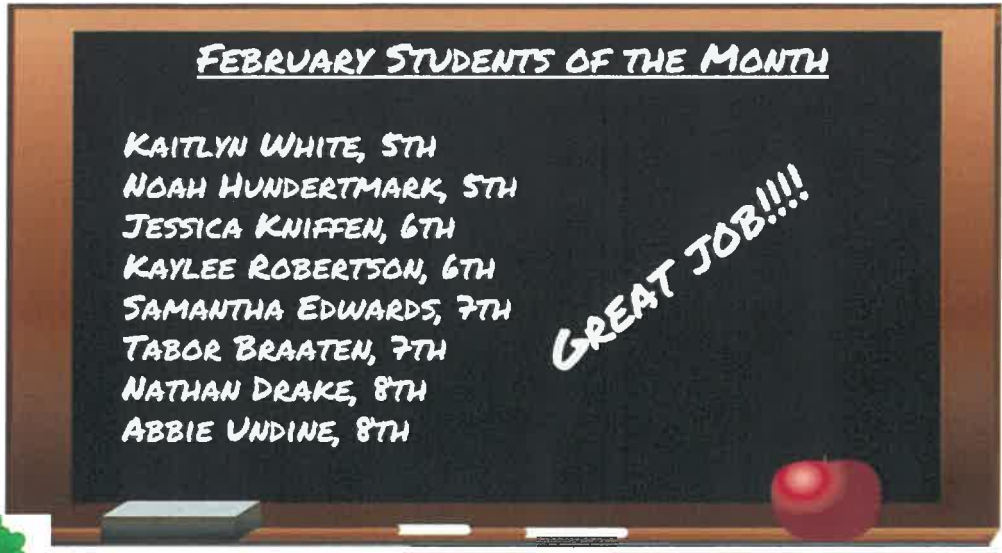
Phone: 541.592.2163 - Fax 541.592.4851

www.threerivers.k12.or.us



Make sure to check the Josephine County Library website to find all sorts of fun and educational events at:

<https://josephinelibrary.org/branches/illinois-valley/>



**ParentVUE & StudentVUE**

ParentVUE and StudentVUE are websites that offer secure, private access to school and student information, including assignments, grades, attendance, school calendar and teacher contact details. In ParentVUE, you can see information for all of your students.

To create an account, navigate to:

[www.threerivers.k12.or.us/parentportal](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/parentportal)



**Please call the school first for your activation key!**

**LBMS TRACK AND FIELD**

**SCHEDULE COMING SOON!**



**Steps of Success (SoS)  
After school Tutoring  
with Kristin Vidales of  
Healthy U!!**

If your student would like to participate in after school tutoring Mondays & Thursdays, have them stop by the LBMS library for a permission slip, or contact

[kristen.healthyu@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.healthyu@gmail.com)  
for more information.

**InTouch**

InTouch is used to send out important messages about school closures and school events. When you get an automated call from LBMS using this program, it is important to say "Hello" as this triggers the message to start. If you have voicemail, it will leave a message. Please listen to the message in its entirety, then call the school for any unanswered questions. If you have an email on file with LBMS, we often send emails as well. InTouch is also used for attendance calls. If your student has been marked absent in any class, the system will call you to make you aware of this absence. Please listen to the message in its entirety before calling the school

### **FROM THE OFFICE STAFF**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT. AN INTOUCH PHONE MESSAGE WILL BE GENERATED FOR EACH HOUR THE STUDENT IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AND THE ABSENCE NOTED AS UNEXCUSED.

Does your student:

Love to sing?

Love to dance?

Love to ham it up?



**Then RiverStars Performing Arts was made for them!!**

Limited number of spots for the Spring semester, so don't delay!!!

**CONTACT: JEFF JENSEN, LBMS LIBRARY MANAGER**



**LOVE TO READ??**

**LIKE TO COMPETE??**

**THEN DO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!!!**

**Books are now being distributed to our teams!!!**

The Oregon Battle of the Books, or OBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students in 3rd - 12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden their reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

### **LORNA BYRNE LIBRARY POLICY**

Each Lorna Byrne Student is allowed 3 books checked out for 3 weeks. If the books are returned on time or renewed before the due date, no fines accrue. If the books are not returned or renewed before the due date, then a .05¢ fine is charged for each book, each day until it is returned or renewed. If books are lost or damaged beyond repair, the student will be required to pay the replacement price. When fines reach an excessive amount and/or there is a history of lost or damaged books, students may lose their library privileges. If you have any concerns or questions please contact: Jeff Jensen, Library Manager 592.2163 x3010



**Saint Patrick's Day**, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, cèilidhs, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks.

