



Hidden Valley High School

Home of the Mustangs

Principal's Corner:

This marks the last issue of The Principal's Corner for the 2013/14 school year. As I write this, I wonder in amazement that it is May and Graduation is looming as all of the year end activities are happening.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better." High school is a place to explore and research. It is a place where relationships become bonding while the possibilities of adult life become foundational in what and why we work with our students. This year, as always, our staff has provided an excellent learning environment that challenged our students while helping them grow into productive young adults. Many of these students have passed articulated college classes and now have a real State of Oregon college transcript.

I want to congratulate my staff in the effort they have made improving student performance while building our College Now program as well as Advanced Placement and Honors. US News & World Report has designated Hidden Valley High School as a Silver award recipient this year. We ranked #24 among Oregon high schools when it comes to academic growth and preparing our students for college and/or career readiness. We are very proud of this award as we were the only Josephine County high school recognized. In fact, only three schools from the Southern Oregon region earned such distinction. Many of you might not realize this... but our high school offers 135 college credit options, many of which are free to the student and parent(s) just by taking an AP or RCC class that has been approved to be taught here in our building. This is something that we are very proud of and will continue to develop with each new school year.

Sir Winston Churchill remarked, "Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb." This quote leaves an indelible mark on me as your principal. We are on the edge of embarking more change here at Hidden Valley this summer. Many of you have heard in passing about our facility plan that we are fundraising for. In short, we are making an attempt to install field turf on all three playing facilities- the football/soccer field, as well as the baseball, and softball fields. There are also plans to put in tennis courts and build bathrooms. We were awarded a \$1.2 million dollar grant that has given us the spring in our step to fundraise the \$575,000 needed to finish this project. To date, we have raised nearly \$425,000 in cash and in-kind help. We will be going public initiating a fundraising effort to close the last \$150,000. In the end, this collaborative effort will instill pride as one of the best 4A facilities in the state. If you are interested in helping with this project regardless of how big or small, please give my office a call.

As the principal of Hidden Valley High School I will continue to recognize the people that make our school great. The HVHS staff are tireless workers, and our parents have given us their greatest gift- the honor of working with their children. The exceptional whole here at Hidden Valley is what makes this place special and our next steps together will be fun...

Much Respect,
Daye Stone
Principal HVHS



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Daniel Baker
Varsity Golf Coach

Ann Woolsey
Equestrian Head Coach

Josh Standley
Jeff Kassler
Stan Goodell
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All sports games and locations are listed
on our website:

www.skylineoregonconference.org



The Mustangs Baseball team is having a great season. Their record is 13-5. They have 4 more home games before the district playoffs.

Our softball team is improving with each game. Head Coach Kelly Lawson is encouraged for next season with only two seniors graduating.



The Equestrian team dominated the District finals held at the Jackson County Expo. They came home with all 6 trophies!! "We had a great season and now we are preparing for the State meeting in May," says Ann Woolsey. The entire team is going to state in drill and many of the athletes have also qualified in several individual and other team events. State competition is May 15-May 18 at Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

2014 Academic Masters Competition



Hidden Valley hosted the 31st Annual Academic Masters Competition on April 30th. Our four local high schools send their top finalists to compete in the subjects of Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Music. Rogue Community College department heads and instructors prepare and administer written exams in all 5 subject areas two weeks before the evening event. All finalists test at the RCC campus. RCC staff also write the questions and serve as judges for the final competition. Each student participating wins a monetary prize totaling more than \$16,500. Also, the school with the largest audience attendance wins \$250. Proudly, Hidden Valley won the participation award this year!

ACADEMIC MASTERS FINAL COMPETITION RESULTS

MUSIC

1st place: Dima Clark

SCIENCE

2nd place: Tanner Simpson

MATH

3rd place: Logan Wooldridge

SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd place: Calvin Jarvis

ENGLISH

3rd place: Sierra Tillery

FFA Plant Sale

Biggest Little Plant Sale In Town

Vegetables and flowers are
still available and for sale
between 3:30 –4:00 daily.

Located at our Greenhouses
and barn facility at HVHS.



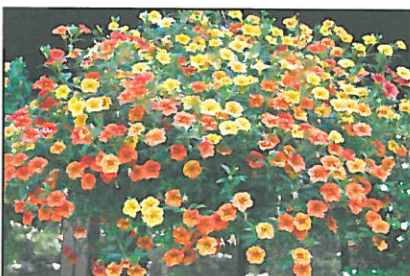
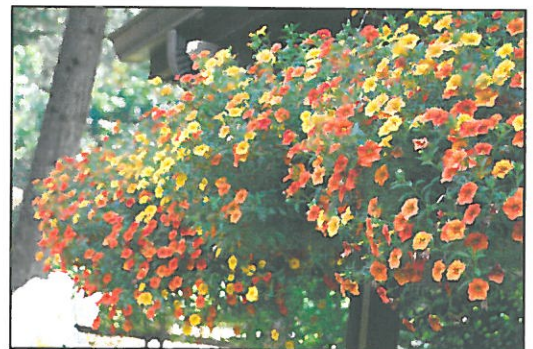
Baskets designed by FFA students.

Tomatoes

Hanging Baskets

Flowers

Vegetables





BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Make a family connection by hosting an international teen!!

ANDEO (www.andeo.org), an Oregon based non-profit, is looking for families in Grants Pass to host teens from France or Spain for 3 to 4 weeks in July or August. Hosting is a great way to learn about another culture, share your own, and make some fun summer memories with a new friend!

Families provide 3 meals per day and a comfortable bed (sharing a room with a host-sibling of a similar age and the same gender is fine), and plenty of day-to-day interaction. This is an "immersion program" so you won't have to worry about scheduled classes or activities. The students will be free to completely immerse themselves in your family's summer routine. ANDEO welcomes busy host families, and we can help arrange for your student to join your kids at camp or even on vacation.

The students bring their own spending money and are covered by comprehensive medical and accident insurance. A small hosting stipend will be provided.

For more information or to apply to host, please visit [www. Andeo.org](http://www.Andeo.org) or contact Ian Goff at



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 19	Spring Sports Award
May 26	Memorial Day/No Classes
May 27	Evening of Excellence
May 30	Last day for Seniors
June 3	Graduation
June 11	Last day of school



Did you know Hidden Valley has a room designated to help those in need? It offers food, clothing, toiletries and other essentials that students may need.

You can help. We are in need of canned foods and dry staples (beans, rice, etc).

Thank you



Would you like to host a foreign exchange student from South Korea that will be attending HVHS next fall?

Seeking Host Families for Exchange Students. International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) is a non-profit youth exchange organization which offers students aged 15-18 the opportunity to live with volunteer host families and to study in local high schools for an academic year or semester. Exchange offers a uniquely rich personal experience for our students, volunteer families, host high schools, and local communities. Students speak English, have their own medical insurance, and pay personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and loving parental guidance. Welcome an exchange student into *your* home. I'll help find a student who fits your family and provide support during the entire exchange period. Placements need to be completed by June 1; students arrive in August. For more information, contact Elizabeth at 514-772-1294 or

ices4elizabeth@gmail.com