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Novembers Board Report

Mrs. Zeller's classes are actively engaged in a Business project. **Swags for Charity** is a teacher facilitated, student driven initiative that is learning to design and market Swags to raise funds for our Sparrow Child-Arion Batton. Our students are learning through experience and practical application the various concepts of a business plan, are fabricating the swags and returning community service by supporting our Sparrow Child through this fund raiser. As one of our students shared: "I'm excited because we found a new and creative way to make a monetary donation to our Sparrow child. When making the swags and working on the business projects, we are giving time, energy and our hearts to a child in need. We want to give what we can to our Sparrow because he needs it more than we do."

In our Government classes, Mr. Johal had his students research the Governor and Senator candidates and all Ballot Measures. After researching and explaining their reason to vote for each in writing, Mr. Johal provided each student a ballot to cast. Results were tallied and compared against the States results. To further the experience, Mr. Johal ran a mock election for a District 3 Representative since our address resides in District 3. Candidates were selected, each student was provided funds to contribute to the candidate of their choice, and candidates spoke to their constituents, advertised, campaigned and participated in a formal debate. Three of the four candidates violated FCC regulations by swearing during a speech and were required to pay the standing FCC penalty fine. On Election Day, all students cast their ballot for the District 3 candidate of their choice. The results were not surprising, but the experience was.

Our Manufacturing classes are gearing up to produce **Pens for Troops**. Two of the OYA staff members are active National Guard Soldiers currently serving in the NG 1st Battalion, 186 Infantry Regiment currently assigned and in country-Afghanistan. Mr. Helgeson will facilitate this process of planning and coordination and our students will be manufacturing the pens. These pens will then be provided to the command of NB1-186 for distribution as they see fit. Mrs. DeForest will be coordinating an effort with her students to write notes that will accompany each pen. NBHS will also hold a Veterans Day assembly and present the plan and pens to the command of NG1-186. It's one way of involving our students in something greater than themselves.

Mrs. DeForest is now teaching an Advanced Language Arts class that will also allow students who meet the criteria to earn 4 college credits from RCC in Writing 121. This intentional design is anticipated to show much success. Our challenge, keeping our currently enrolled students until 22 January, 2015.

NBHS will soon be preparing for our fall initiative of Writing across the Curriculum where all students in all academic classes complete prompts designed to allow students the opportunity to complete and earn a passing writing work sample.

One hour ago, representatives from KOOL radio and the Rogue Credit Union left NBHS after recognizing Jonathan Johal as **teacher of the week**. It was great observing Mr. Johal receive this recognition in front of a classroom full of students. They to, expressed their appreciation for his efforts! Way to go Jonathan!!

Mission Statement: *In partnership with Oregon Youth Authority, NBHS will prepare students to meet graduation requirements and continue their education for transition to the world of work.*