

Fern Ridge Education Association (FREA)

School Board Meeting
April 21, 2025



Elmira Elementary

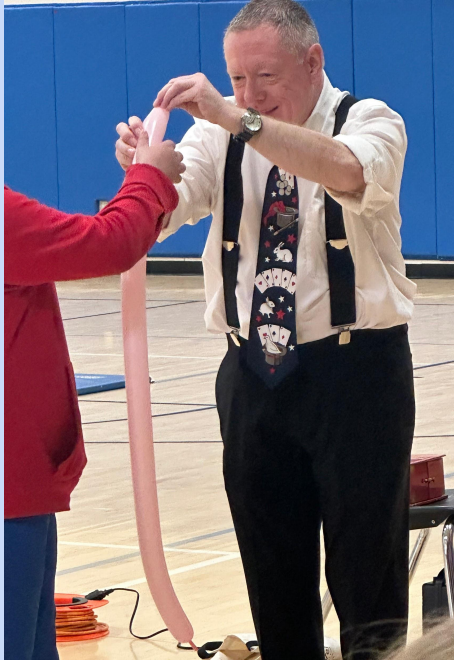
Our monthly skill is honesty. It's been great to continue to recognize our amazing students with these important skills!

Our PTA gave a book to every student for contributing reading minutes to their Iditaread team. They've also stocked our book vending machine.



Elmira Elementary

Our magician and balloon art assembly had students roaring with laughter, and was a great way to end the school week.



Music continues to be a school-wide priority, with weekly ukulele lessons with Miss Jen, and choir lessons with Miss Kayla.

Veneta Elementary

Spring is here! We are filling the walls with beautiful Spring art and enjoying the sunshine. April is a busy month for Veneta. We celebrated crazy hair day, and had our annual auction that was very successful. On 4/9 we had our talent show with some amazing acts including our staff dance that the children always enjoy. Outdoor school information night was on 4/10 and parent teacher conferences are 4/17-4/18 along with the bookfair.



Veneta Elementary



**WORLD
EARTH
DAY** 22 APRIL



Coming up we have the Easter Egg Hunt at Veneta Elementary. Story time from 10-11am and egg hunting at 11am.

Kids are currently voting for the Patricia Gallagher Award. This is where students truly get to have all the say in voting for their favorite picture book!

Earth Day is April 22nd. Veneta will have many tables set up with companies and organizations from our community that teach the students about environmental issues and how to protect our planet thorough crafts, stories and more.

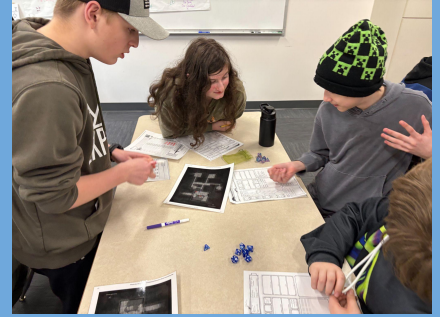


Fern Ridge Middle School

Dungeons and Dragons club has been a roaring success!



"I wanted to create a space for students who might not resonate with traditional after-school activities—something I would've appreciated during my middle school years. Through D&D, students build invaluable skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving while having fun in a supportive environment. It's been incredibly rewarding to see them grow, and I'm so grateful to co-host with Mr. Metzger, who shares the same values and vision." -Katelyn Tracer, School Counselor



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Staff vs Student Basketball fundraiser



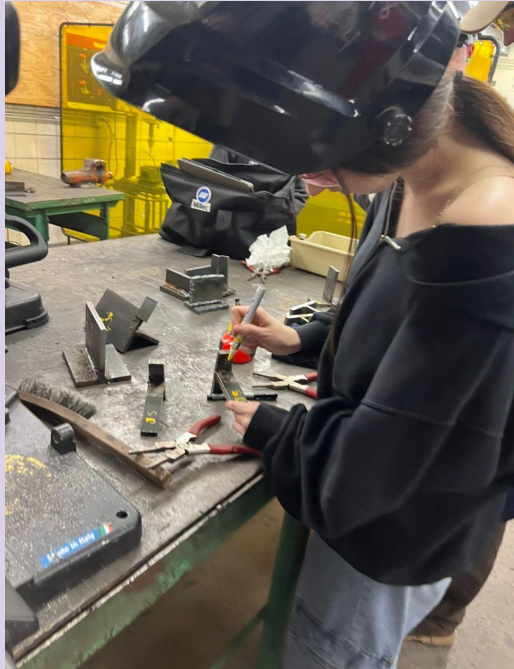
Mr. Cannon's choir
class sang the
National Anthem



Students from FRMS
leadership helped put
on the event by
refing, running the
raffle, dodgeball and
more!

Elmira High School

14 welding students have earned national certifications!



Elmira High School

Juniors begin
state testing
this week.

Let's go,
Falcons!



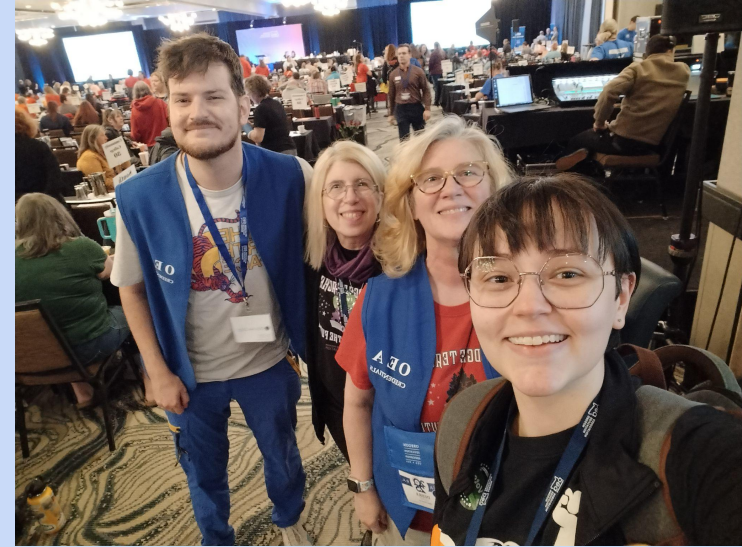
It's the season for teacher
articulation meetings at LCC
to continue to offer
College Now classes, which
allow many EHS students
to earn college credit
before they graduate.



OEA RA 2025



- 816 delegates present
 - Educators serving students from pre-K to community college
 - Classified and Certified unions
- Fern Ridge was recognized for:
 - 90-95% of certified staff are members of our local
 - 80% of new hires registered for the union
- Voted on changes/additions to:
 - Bylaws: how we govern ourselves
 - Legislative objectives: how to direct our legislative work
 - Resolutions: our guiding goals and beliefs as a union
- Adopted our first policy statement! For context, NEA has 9.
- Voted on 17 New Business Items: short term actions that we want our union to do (often task forces doing research on education related issues).
- Elected officers to the following positions: OEA President, OEA Vice President, Equity Director, & NEA Director



Mari and DesiRae attended as delegates.
Pete and Debra attended as volunteer floor staff.