

FLEMING NEWS

Jan/Feb
2012



Mark Your Calendar

1/27	.....	Progress Reports go home
1/31	.....	Art Show—FMS Library
2/1 & 2/2	.....	Conferences—see below
2/2 & 2/3	.....	No School
2/7	.....	PTO Meeting—3:15pm
2/20	.....	Presidents Day—No School

CONFERENCES

2/1 ... Arena Conferences 4pm to 8pm
2/2 ... Arena Conferences 5pm to 8pm

Arena Conferences will be held in the Fleming gym. Please bring your child to meet with his/her teachers to discuss any questions and/or concerns you have.

We will also have scheduled conferences on Thursday February 2. We will be contacting parents by January 27 to schedule these conferences. If you do not receive a call, please come to the arena conferences.

Principals & Office Staff

John George - Principal

Mark Higgins - Assistant
Principal

Jerry Keeling— Counselor

Kym Woolsey— Office Mgr.

Pam Kudlac— Secretary

Maria Caruncho— Records

Office Hours: 7:30am-3:30pm

Office Phone: 476-8284

Office Fax: 471-2458

FLEMING ART SHOW

The biggest day of the New Year for our Fleming Art students happens on Tuesday, January 31, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Fleming Library! This is the date of our Fleming Art Show for first AND second trimester Art students.

We are very excited to show you our "best of the best" artwork hung for your enjoyment. Please come view our masterpieces and have a cookie with punch for refreshment. See you there!

Mrs. Hickey



BASEBALL OPPORTUNITY

There is no more Babe Ruth Baseball this year due to unfortunate circumstances. Senior Little League (age 13-15 year olds) will be taking its place. Senior Little League is highly structured baseball, with the same playing rules as Babe Ruth, complete with playoffs and ALL Star Teams. Grants Pass should have 3-4 teams consisting of players from the local area. All eligible age players are invited to join. Teams will be picked by traditional methods, try outs, drafts, etc. Other towns that have Senior Little League teams include Medford, Gold Valley, Central Point, Brookings. Rogue River, Illinois Valley and Glendale have been contacted about possibly forming other teams. This should be a great improvement over what we had last year and provide the players with a competitive local pool of teams to play and offer the opportunity to travel to other areas to play other teams. Sign ups start NOW, January 12, 18, 28 and February 1 for Grants Pass area teams. For more information please contact Lauren Garmendia at [541-787-5037](tel:541-787-5037) or www.eteamz.com/gpall or Stan at [541-441-2788](tel:541-441-2788) or www.eteamz.com/gpnll.

STUDENT CHECK OUT

If you plan to have someone other than yourself check your student out of school, please make sure they are named in the contact section of your child's enrollment form. If you would like to add someone to this list, please send in written information listing the person's name, relationship to your child and their phone number.

We will ask for identification to verify anyone new picking up your child. Thank you for your understanding as this procedure is for



PARENT ASSIST

Parents now have the opportunity to follow their child's grades, missing assignments, absences and tardies this year using ESIS Parent Assistant. You can access the program through our website at: <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=3894>

Account Request Forms are available in the office or on-line. Please return the form to our office to get your account setup.



Note from your Family Advocate,

My name is Jolie Kern, and I am Fleming's family advocate. As family advocate, I can assist students whose families are unable to provide what is needed for them to be successful in school. I can often help with school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, glasses, haircuts and much more. I can also help by providing academic support to students in homeless situations or living situations that are less than adequate.

The federal government defines "homeless" as:

Living in a home with no heat or running water

Staying with friends or relatives due to economic hardship or loss of housing

Fleeing a domestic violence situation

Living in camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations

Sleeping in a public or private place not intended for living in. (cars and garages)

Living in substandard housing, parks or abandoned houses

If you are in need of my assistance please fill out the "request for advocate contact" attached. If your child is in need of specific supplies or services please write your request on the form and I will do what I can to accommodate.

Thanks,

Jolie Kern

Fleming Family Advocate

Request For Family Advocate Assistance

Student name: _____

Parent name: _____

Phone number _____

Assistance requested _____

Please return to the office and advocate will contact you as soon as possible.

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Fleming Middle School

GEAR UP Gazette

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What is Oregon GEAR UP?

GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs and is a federal grant that prepares and encourages middle and high school students to attend college. The Oregon GEAR UP program began in 2002 and currently works with 22 communities, ten of which are supported by The Ford Family Foundation.

For more information on Oregon GEAR UP and resources for parents, please visit our website, gearup.ous.edu



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COLLEGE

It's not a dream, it's a plan.



Financial Aid 101

The cost of college can seem daunting for parents and students. **However, most students receive some kind of financial aid to help pay for the cost of their education.**

Financial aid is money to help pay for college. There are four types:

Scholarships: Money for college given by businesses, organizations, or universities to students with good grades, athletic ability, community service or other unique qualities.

Grants: Money for college from the federal and state government or the college that your student plans to attend that does not need to be repaid.

Loans: Money borrowed for college that must be paid back.

Work-Study: Part-time jobs, often on campus, that will pay your student for his/her work.

Learn more about how to apply for financial aid on the next page!

Want to know more? Check out www.oregonstudentaid.gov

PARENT TIPS: Set up a college savings plan.

It's never too early or late to start a college savings plan.

Talk with your local bank or credit union about setting up a 529 Savings Plan which will generate interest tax-free for your student's education.

Your student might be eligible for an Individual Development Account; talk to Jerry Keeling at 541-476-8284 or Andy Goldner at 541-479-3388 for more information.

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YOU

College graduates are more likely to vote, give blood, and volunteer.



COLLEGE MYTHS – AND REALITIES

MYTH: Only the very best students receive financial aid from colleges.

REALITY: If you are admitted and have financial need, colleges generally want to make it possible for you to attend. In fact, the greatest proportion of financial assistance at private colleges tends to go to students in the middle of the class. High-ability students or students with special talents may receive "merit-based scholarships."

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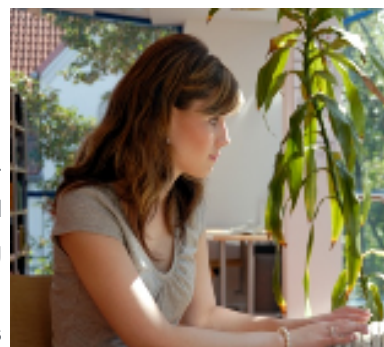
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Your friend, the FAFSA

In order for your student to be eligible for grants, loans and work-study jobs, you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the school year prior to your student attending college. If your student is a senior in high school, this means you! Federal financial aid is given out on a first-come, first-serve basis so it is important to **fill out the FAFSA as early as possible**, as close to January 1 as you can. You don't even have to wait to file your tax return – just estimate the previous year's income and update the information later! File online whenever possible – it will take just 3-5 days, instead of 2-3 weeks by mail.

By filling out the FAFSA, your student will also be eligible for an Oregon Opportunity Grant, which is worth up to \$1,950 in 2012-2013. You will have to fill out a FAFSA each year your student is in college.

Is your student not a senior in high school yet? You can still fill out the FAFSA4Caster which will give you an idea of the amount of financial aid your student can expect to receive – and make the process easier in the future! Get started today at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



College Goal Oregon

Get help with your FAFSA and other financial aid info from professionals!

**For more information please contact
Andy Goldner at
541-479-3388**

Scholarship Searching

Scholarships (free money!) come in all shapes and sizes.

The best place to look for scholarships that your student might be eligible for is online. Here are some of our favorites:

www.oregonstudentaid.gov One application, up to \$15 million in scholarships just for Oregonians!

www.fastweb.com Massive scholarship database that matches up student profiles with potential scholarships

www.scholarships.com Need we say more?

www.facebook.com/oregongearup Like our fan page for links to scholarships plus other info on getting

SCAM ALERT!

Never pay money for information or assistance with scholarship searches or help filling out the FAFSA. Look for free resources at college.gov or ask the school counselor!



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January – College Goal Oregon at Various locations state wide

January 1 - Fill out FAFSA (parents of seniors in high school)

January 27 – Oregon Institute of Cosmetology at North Valley High School

February 1 - FAFSA due to receive Oregon Opportunity Grant

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FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING 2011-2012

1-10-2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
<u>FRIDAY, JAN. 17</u>	<u>TEAM PICTURES</u>		
<u>Please note:</u> This year Fleming, Lincoln Savage, and Lorna Byrne will attend all the same meets along with the hosting team and visiting schools.			
Wednesday, Jan. 18	@ Home vs. McLaughlin	4:00 PM	
Thursday, Jan. 26	@ Lincoln Savage vs. Hedrick	4:00 PM	Depart 3:00 NO RETURN BUS
Saturday, Jan. 21	Caleb Renno Tournament @ Illinois Valley High School Transportation yet to be determined Coaches will provide a flyer at a later date.	10:00 AM	
Tuesday, Jan. 31	@ South Middle School vs. North & South	4:30 PM	Departs 3:00 NO RETURN BUS
Thursday, Feb. 9	@ Rogue River High School	4:30 PM	Departs 3:30
Tuesday, Feb. 14	@ Home vs. Scenic	4:00 PM	
Saturday, Feb. 18	Conference Finals/ Hosted by North Middle School Location TBD Weigh – Ins 7:00 am - Wrestling Starts @ 9:00 am	6:00 AM	No Buses

Reminder: All spectators must "root" for their team or the opposing team in a ***positive manner***. Negative comments about the opposing team or negative comments directed at the referees could be grounds for removal from the facility. Let's all remember that this is Middle School Sports and we are all just beginners doing our best.

No Smoking anywhere on the school grounds!

Please sit in the bleachers!

Our campus is closed at 4:00 pm. All students must remain in the gym.

HELP! Please contact Pam Kudlac (in the office) if you are willing to work one of the two scoring tables at our home meets. We need someone to record the scoring on our score sheet, someone to flip the score cards, timers to tap officials at the end of each round (basically a mat person). We need help with set up and clean up!



Fleming Middle School 2012 Girls' Basketball Schedule

Revised January 23, 2012
Schedule is subject to change.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 17	<u>TEAM PICTURES</u>		
Wednesday, Jan. 18	@ Lincoln Savage	4:00	Bus Departs 3:00 <u>NO RETURN BUS</u>
Monday, January 23	@ South Middle, White Team	4:30	Bus Departs 3:30 <u>NO RETURN BUS</u>
Wednesday, January 25	North Middle, Blue @ Home	4:00	
Tuesday, January 31	Lorna Byrne @ Home	4:00	
Monday, Feb. 6	North Middle White @ Home	4:00	
Wednesday, Feb. 8	@ South Middle Green	4:30	Bus Departs 3:30 <u>NO RETURN BUS</u>
Thursday, February 9	@ Rogue River	4:30	Bus Departs 3:30
Monday, Feb. 13	South Middle, White @ Home	4:00	
Wednesday, Feb. 15	@ North Middle, Blue	4:30	Bus Departs 3:30 <u>NO RETURN BUS</u>
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Lincoln Savage @ Home	4:00	

Team Pizza Party at the end of the season during second intramural/lunch.

7th Grade games will go first on Mondays and Tuesdays, 8th Grade games will go first on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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PTO NEWS

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday!

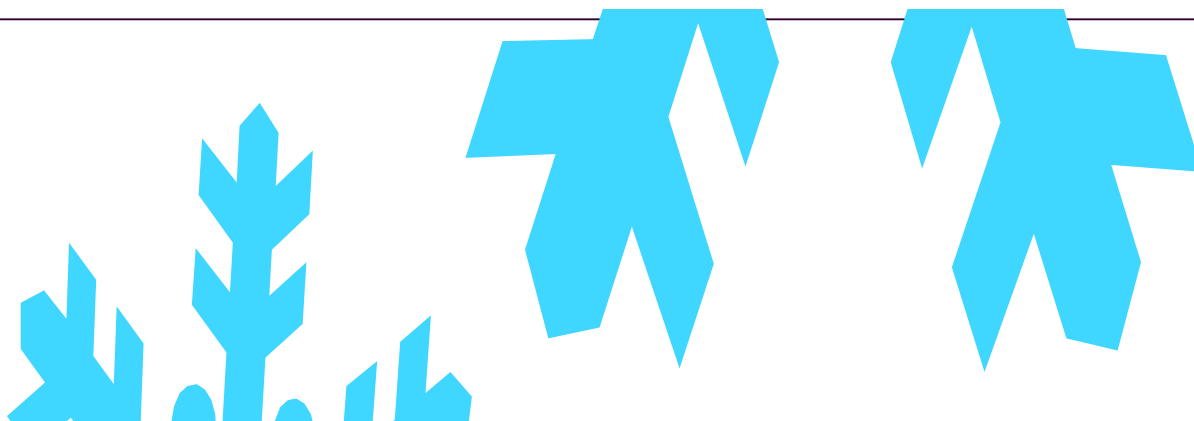
We are going to have a guest speaker at our February PTO meeting. Andy Goldner is coming to discuss College Prep.

Student store is every Tuesday during lunch. Everything is \$1.00 or less. All profit goes to our library.

We are looking for someone to shadow our current PTO President, and be PTO President for next year. If interested, or any questions regarding what the President does, please call Nadyah at 541-479-8193.

**The next two PTO Meetings are:
February 7th at 3:15pm.
March 6th at 3:15pm.
PTO Meetings are held in the Library.**

Hope to see you there.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS

Oregon Law added new requirements for immunizations as of the 2010/2011 school year. All 7th graders who have not met the requirement need to have one additional vaccine or an appropriate medical or religious exemption. Please check your child's records to be sure he/she has the following:

Tdap Vaccine – 1 dose

Tdap offers protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is given to adolescents and adults 10-64 years old. It is different from the DTaP, which is given to children younger than 7 years. Your student will need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine. If your student does not have the Tdap shot, contact your child's doctor or call the Josephine County Health Department (541) 474-5353 to make an appointment.

It is important to get an early start on updating your child's immunization information. All updated information should be sent to Fleming Middle School. If you have any questions you can call (541) 476-8284 and talk to Maria at Fleming.

Thank you for your attention to this.

thank you

**We would like to give our PTO
and all of our volunteers a big**

THANK YOU!!!

**The time you give to our school
makes a huge difference for the
staff and our students. Thank
you from all of us for your
kindness. We sincerely
appreciate YOU!!!**

