

# the Three Rivers Tidings

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## Interim Superintendent Named

Three Rivers School District is pleased to announce that David Valenzuela has been selected to replace David Holmes as the interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2016.



Valenzuela was chosen from two finalists after interviews held during a board executive session Wednesday, May 11. The school board reviewed candidate

applications with the assistance of a screening committee which included administrators, staff, and community members. The board formally appointed Valenzuela at the board meeting on May 17.

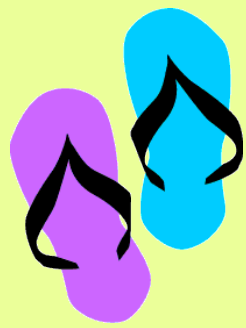
Valenzuela has served as Three Rivers School District's Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Technology, and Federal Programs for the past four years. Having attended Three Rivers schools throughout his childhood, Valenzuela has been associated with the district for over 37 years in various capacities, working in maintenance, teaching middle and high school, and working in administrative capacities at all school levels and the district office.

Before taking his current position, he served as Principal at Evergreen Elementary for six years. He has also served as Assistant Principal at Lincoln Savage Middle School for two years, Assistant Principal at Eagle Point High School for one year, and taught multiple subjects for Fleming Middle School and Illinois Valley High School for six years. Valenzuela holds a Masters of Arts in Secondary Education degree from Southern Oregon University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from Western Oregon University.

"Three Rivers School District has helped to shape me into the person I am today," says Valenzuela. "I am passionate about the success of this district, our staff and, most importantly, the students we serve. I am resolute in the decision to serve as Superintendent over the long haul in an effort to return to it a portion of what it has given to me."

## Hey Parents! Did you know . . .

- ◇ The last day of school is Thursday, June 16. Have a wonderful summer!
- ◇ The district office remains open during summer. Check our website at [threerivers.k12.or.us](http://threerivers.k12.or.us) for summer office hours.



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**Hidden Valley HS students placed flags at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery on Hillcrest Drive, in honor of Memorial Day and those who have died fighting for our country.**



## Lincoln Savage and Applegate Middle Schoolers Compete in Battle of the Books

Three Rivers School District held its annual Middle School Battle of the Books competition last Friday, May 20th at the District Office. At the middle school level, two teams from two middle schools were chosen to compete in the event. Teams played six games and the top scoring teams were awarded trophies and ribbons. Each of the team members read twelve books.

The questions all start out with, "In what book," and the answers to the questions are always the title and author of the book. At the district level, the questions are much more difficult to answer!

The winning schools and their team members are:

**First Place**—Lincoln Savage Middle School Team #2. Team members: Hillary Griffith, Alex O'Sullivan, Lily Sloan. **Second Place**—Applegate Team #2. Team members: Maria Cross, Abi Sutton, Emma Singleton. **Third Place**—Applegate Team #1. Team members: Jasmine Williams, Carlen Nielsen, Lily Emmons. **Sportsmanship**—Applegate Team #2. Team members: Maria Cross, Abi Sutton, Emma Singleton.



Lincoln Savage Middle School Team #2 won first place.

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners for this year's Middle School Battle of the Books!

Written by Kellie Lovell

## Hidden Valley Athletes on Signing Day

These Hidden Valley seniors have signed with their universities to play college sports in the fall. From left to right: Megan Schiavone will red-shirt for one year and play basketball for Linn Benton Community College; Madison Larson will compete in Track & Field at Southwestern Oregon Community College; Helena DeCasas will compete in Track & Field at Oregon Institute of Technology; Kyle Millette will play soccer for Rogue Community College; and Jarid Norberg will play baseball for Feather River College in Quincy, California. Congratulations Mustang athletes!







## *Scholarship Awards Night at North Valley High School*

The class of 2016 graduating seniors from North Valley High School earned a combined total of \$175,000 from local scholarships and the Gear Up Grant. That number does not include scholarships earned from colleges. Way to go, Knights!



Above and right: The participants of Hidden Valley High School's annual "Mr. Mustang" contest. The funds raised from the event benefit the Children's Miracle Network. This year, Homero Arras, 12th grade, was crowned Mr. Mustang (second from top right in the photo to the right).



## Valedictorians and Salutatorians Honored at Luncheon



From left to right: Kynan Nordal, Oberon Fayland, Brooke Lomica, Jake Roberts, Jordan Lauby, and Brianna Anders. Not pictured: Abby Contreras.

The valedictorians and salutatorians of the class of 2016 from Hidden, Illinois, and North Valley High Schools were honored at a val/sal luncheon on May 18th at the Three Rivers School District administration building. In addition to the honorees, the luncheon was attended by district officials, school principals, and of course the students' proud families.

Hidden Valley's 2016 valedictorian is Brooke Lomica, and the salutatorian is Abby Contreras. Illinois Valley's valedictorian is Kynan Nordal, and the salutatorian is Oberon Fayland. North Valley High School had two valedictorians, Jacob Roberts and Jordan Lauby, and one salutatorian, Brianna Anders.

These students boast the top GPA's of the class of 2016 in their respective high schools. Each of them will be invited to speak at their school's graduation ceremony. Illinois Valley's graduation is Tuesday, June 7, followed by North Valley on Wednesday, June 8, and Hidden Valley on Thursday, June 9. All graduations are at 7pm.

Congratulations 2016 valedictorians and salutatorians!

## Upcoming Community Events

Kick off your summer fun with these upcoming family-friendly events in Josephine County!

- ◆ **Young Master Gardeners**—Wednesday, June 1, 2:30-3:15pm at Illinois Valley Library, 209 W. Palmer St., Cave Junction. "The Propagation Story" program looks at growing plants with other plants, for children 4-12. FREE.
- ◆ **First Friday Live**—Friday, June 3, 5-9pm in downtown Grants Pass. Local galleries and businesses hold receptions for art viewers. FREE.
- ◆ **Kids Carnival**—Saturday, June 4, 12-4pm at the Moose Lodge, 300 Merlin Ave., Merlin. Carnival games and prizes, balloons, food, raffles, face painting. FREE admission. Purchase tickets for games; proceeds benefit area schools.
- ◆ **Rogue Valley Rose Festival**—Saturday, June 4, 10am-4pm at the Josephine County Fairgrounds, Grants Pass. Roses on display, arrangement workshop, vendors, information from experts. FREE admission. Public may bring entries to display between 9-10am.
- ◆ **Southern Oregon Misfits Car Show**—Saturday, June 4, 8am-2pm in the Abby's Pizza/Sonic parking lot, 1560 Williams Hwy., Grants Pass. Cars of all vintages, trucks, motorcycles, swap meet, raffles. FREE for spectators. Vehicle registration is \$10. Canned food donations encouraged.
- ◆ **Skill Share**—Saturday, June 4, 10am-5pm at Frog Farm, 9044 Takilma Rd., Cave Junction. Classes include biochar, natural farming, identifying pests and beneficials in the garden, beekeeping, soap making, plant spirit communications, basic bike repair. FREE. Followed by dinner and live music.
- ◆ **The Kids Dash**—Saturday, June 11, 8:30am at Grants Pass High School track, 830 NE Ninth St., Grants Pass. Races for pre-kindergarten through high school, field events for pre-K through 5th grade, carnival with play area, Zumba, jump house, obstacle course, face painting, and more. Carnival is FREE. Registration is \$10 to participate in races or field events. Visit [kidzonefoundation.org](http://kidzonefoundation.org) for more details.
- ◆ **Community Outreach Car Show**—Saturday, June 11, 9am-2pm, Merlin Community Baptist Church, 361 Galice Rd., Merlin. Display of special interest vehicles, old and classic cars, lunch, raffle, prizes, entertainment. FREE.
- ◆ **Shallow Water Play Hour**—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10am at Grants Pass Family YMCA, 1000 Redwood Ave., Grants Pass. Water games and swimming for kids ages 3-5 and a parent or adult. FREE for YMCA members, or \$5 for nonmembers. Parents must stay with children.
- ◆ **Rusk Ranch Nature Center**—Open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10am-5pm, at 27746 Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction. Interactive environment to learn about nature, enjoy recreational activities. Includes garden trails, butterfly pavilion, nature discovery play area. Admission is \$3-6 for persons over 4 years old; FREE for children ages 4 and younger.



**HIDDEN VALLEY HS  
STATE TRACK QUALIFIERS**



## *Graduation & Moving-On Ceremonies*

### Elementary Schools

Evergreen: 4th grade Farewell Performance June 13 at 5:30pm

Fort Vannoy: Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm

Fruitdale: Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm

Madrona: Thursday, June 16 at 12:30pm

Manzanita: No ceremony

Williams: Thursday, June 16 at 9:45am

### Middle Schools

Applegate: Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm

Fleming: Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30pm

Lincoln Savage: Wednesday, June 15 at 6pm

Lorna Byrne: Wednesday, June 15 at 6pm

### High Schools

Hidden Valley: Thursday, June 9 at 7pm

Illinois Valley: Tuesday, June 7 at 7pm



North Valley: Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm

See your school's webpage or call the front office for more details on the ceremony.



# June 2016 ~ Important Dates



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Illinois Valley HS Graduation, 7pm	8 North Valley HS Graduation, 7pm	9 Hidden Valley HS Graduation, 7pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of School for All Students	17 Clerical Day  Last Day for Teachers	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Board Meeting, 6pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 		



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