



the Three Rivers Tidings

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Hey Parents! Did you know...

- ◇ The end of the Third Quarter is Thursday, April 14th. Please check with your student to make sure they are caught up in classes!
- ◇ Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22. Please make sure to plan to attend and meet with your student's teachers. Parent attendance at conferences is important and appreciated!



Concerned Parents at HVHS Start Group Called "The Village"

The old saying "It takes a village to raise a child" is what inspired the name of a group of community members that are concerned about the negative effects of our culture on our kids. It all started when a parent discovered their son participating in negative activities, and pled with Hidden Valley High School's principal, Daye Stone, to help change the community's acceptance around issues such as the legalization of marijuana, and make parents aware of the dangers of social media where drug use can often be promoted and normalized.

A survey from drugabuse.gov shows that marijuana is the first specific drug used by 70% of 2.8 million respondents who started illicit drug use in 2013. With the recent legalization of marijuana in Oregon, parents are concerned about the culture of acceptance around marijuana and similarly negative influences that can affect students and ultimately lead to them not graduating from high school on time.

Mr. Stone agreed to help facilitate the meetings for this group, but it's the parents and community members who are doing the work to make a difference. For their first meeting, The Village invited a wide cross-section of community members and agencies, including Josephine County Representatives Carl Wilson and Duane Stark, Josephine County Drug Prevention Specialist Shawn Martinez, Choices, Options for Southern Oregon, and concerned parents. They brainstormed about how to take issues to parents, and give parents the courage and tools they need to start conversations with their children around these issues.

The Village's motto is to "educate, communicate, graduate." The Village is planning their next meeting for May, and hopes to provide resources for the community with a parent outreach symposium as well as student education in an assembly. The Village is working to collaborate with other Oregon organizations and bring more community resources to the next event. Hidden Valley's FBLA students will help The Village promote the event, in the hopes of having at least 150 parents attend.

The Village plans to bring national speaker Officer Galloway a.k.a. the "Tall Cop," who is regarded as one of the nation's top experts in drug and alcohol trends, to present to both the parents and students at the May events. Officer Galloway is known for his saying "Tall Cop Says Stop: You Can't Stop What You Don't Know." Visit his website at www.tallcopsaysstop.com for more information.

Below: Lorna Byrne Middle School students enjoy a picnic lunch and playtime at Riverside Park in Grants Pass during a field trip outing to see the movie "Zootopia." The field trip was a reward for students with good behavior and grades.



North Valley's "Knights Closet" Gets a Makeover

North Valley High School's Knights Closet has been around for years—but it's never looked this good! Filled with clothing, shoes, hygiene supplies, and more, the Knights Closet is a place where students can "shop" for free and load up on necessities. Originally started to help homeless or low-income students, the Knights Closet has expanded to invite all Knights students in. Any student may visit the closet to shop for clothes and/or shoes, and students in need can get socks, hygiene supplies, nonperishable foods, or school supplies. The closet's supplies are stocked through generous donations and grant funds.

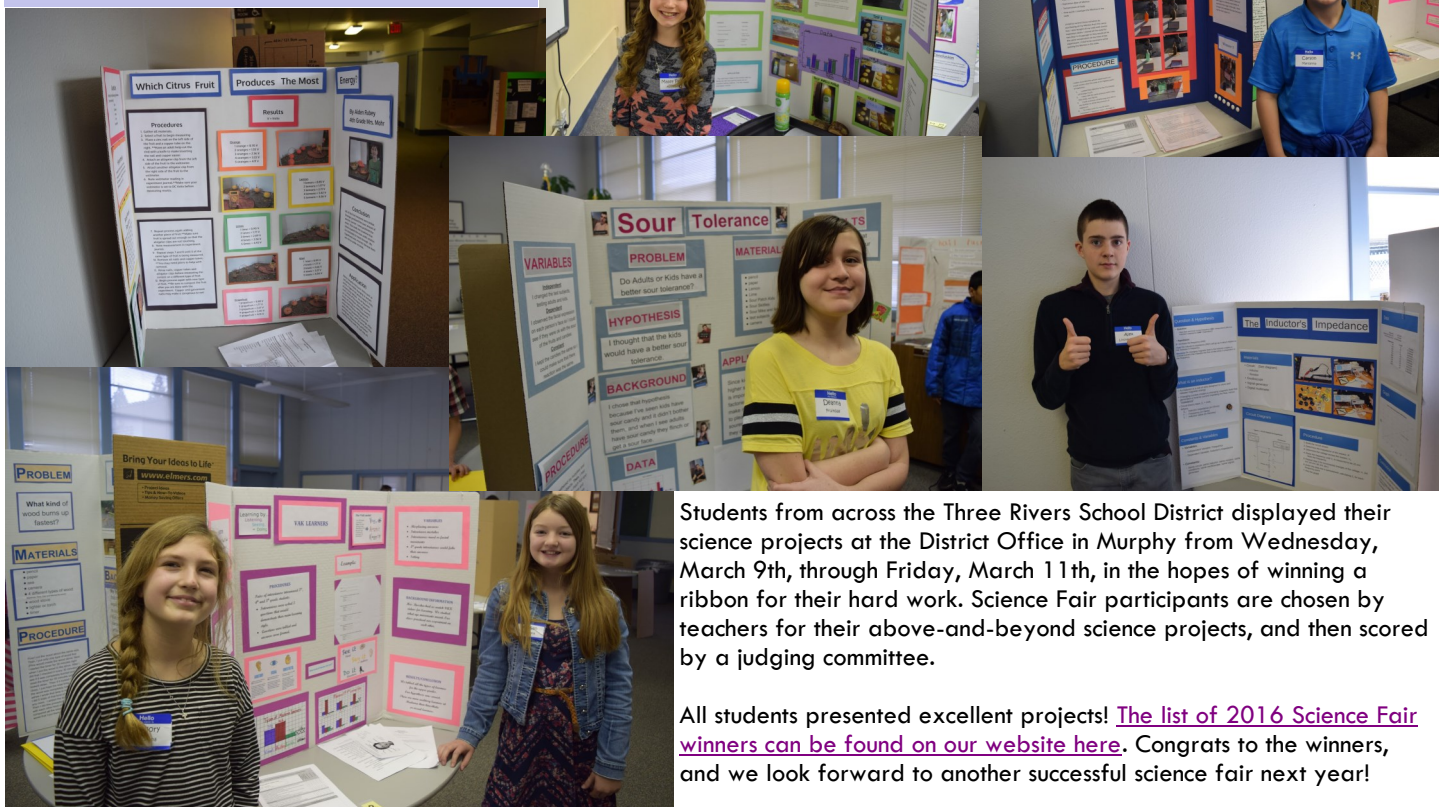
Jewel Shane, North Valley's family advocate, embarked on the Knights Closet makeover project with support from the Josephine County Foundation. The Josephine County Foundation (JCF) is a student-led nonprofit organization that identifies community needs and performs service projects to address those needs. Its members come from all four Josephine County high schools. The JCF students had learned that the resource rooms in their schools were only being used by a small percentage of students who were eligible to use them. Most of the clothing and shoes were poorly organized and displayed due to lack of adequate shelving and display racks, and were not items that high school students would wear. In short, students were embarrassed to use the rooms. So, the JCF students launched a Campus Closet project to upgrade the pre-existing resource rooms at their schools, to make them more attractive and offer more products so that students would want to utilize them. Since the makeover, North Valley has seen over 150 students visit the closet.

North Valley's Knights Closet got a complete makeover, with fresh paint, new shelving, and more age-appropriate clothing. The room is now organized and open on a regular basis for students to visit during lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students are welcome to check it out!



2016 Science Fair

March 9th-11th



Students from across the Three Rivers School District displayed their science projects at the District Office in Murphy from Wednesday, March 9th, through Friday, March 11th, in the hopes of winning a ribbon for their hard work. Science Fair participants are chosen by teachers for their above-and-beyond science projects, and then scored by a judging committee.

All students presented excellent projects! [The list of 2016 Science Fair winners can be found on our website here.](#) Congrats to the winners, and we look forward to another successful science fair next year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATES:

ILLINOIS VALLEY: June 7th, 7pm

NORTH VALLEY: June 8th, 7pm

HIDDEN VALLEY: June 9th, 7pm



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten


Kindergarten Roundup

If your child will be 5 years old by September 1, 2016, please join your school for Kindergarten Roundup. If you have copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records, please bring them. There will be an informational talk about the Kindergarten process, tour of the school, and time to visit Kindergarten classrooms.

Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled at all elementary schools for May 10 from 5-6:30pm.

April 2016 ~ Important Dates



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3	4	5	6	7	1	2
		Board Work Session, 5pm	District Spelling Bee, 6pm		High School State Science Fair	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				End of Third Quarter	NO CLASSES Clerical Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Board Meeting at Evergreen Elementary School, 6pm		Evening Conferences, Regular School Day	NO CLASSES All Day Conferences	Middle School State Science Fair
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Elementary Battle of the Books

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