

Newbridge Newsletter

March 2012

Newbridge is the Awesome School located in the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility

Awards Ceremony

An Awards Ceremony was held on February 6th where 49 awards were distributed. Categories included: school subjects, fitness, most improved, academic performance, Grit (character), Safe/Respectful/Responsible for each unit, Superintendent's, Culinary Arts, Work Crew, Library, etc. Congratulations to all the award recipients! See the other side of this newsletter for details.



Pregnancy Profile Vest in Health Class



Have you had the pleasure of wearing the Pregnancy Profile Vest? In health class, students get a taste of what mothers experience while wearing it. They also learn to care for infants and prepare for parenthood using a RealCare infant simulator. It offers real experiences of crying, cooing, feeding, burping, and diapering. The infant will cry when it wants something and it is up to

students to discover what it is. 5-10% of students enrolled at Newbridge are parents.

Leading The Change has been planning activities for youth during Spring Break and family events throughout the year.

New Calculators in Math Class



Students like the color screen and all the cool things they can do such as graphing, spreadsheets, and geometry. The teacher says "more learning is happening since the calculators arrived". The smart **TI-Nspire CX** calculators also demonstrate math problems. Features like Quick Polls and Class Capture make it easy for the teacher to see who understands the concepts and who needs assistance.

What is VESoy?

You've probably heard it mentioned before in reference to Delta youth or the work crew.

Vocational and Educational Services for Older Youth is the answer. VESoy youth are eligible to be part of the Work Crew, Culinary Arts, Library Management, Barbering Studies, Information Technology, Newsletter and the School-to-Work programs



IT Class

A new class has been added to the school schedule. "Information Technology" (IT) is setting up laptops for classroom use. Students are learning bios setup, disk imaging, deployment strategies, and basic administration.

*Spring Break
March 24th - April 1st*

What's Been Happening on the Units?

Alpha

- Vinyl floor removed in the kitchen
- More structure during meals
- Earning higher weekly percentages overall for behaviors

Bravo

- Kiwanis sponsored a Student of the Quarter Lunch for Danyll M, serving Papa Murphy's Pizza
- Increase in number of level 3 & 4 youth

Charlie

- Visit the library on Tuesday
- New floor in kitchen

Delta

- New guidelines for watching TV
- Video games are available to check out through a librarian

Diploma

What is a **modified** diploma?



A modified diploma is a document that is awarded to a student who has earned some units of credit through either modified regular education courses with or without accommodations and/or through modified courses. The same number of credits is required.

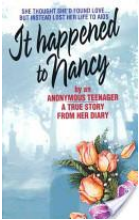
What is an **extended** diploma?

An extended diploma is a document that is awarded to a student who has earned a lesser number of units of credit required for a modified diploma through either modified regular education courses with or without accommodations and/or through modified courses. These are rarely awarded.

Why would a student earn a modified diploma or extended diploma instead of a regular education diploma?

A modified or extended diploma is awarded if a student has demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic content standards, even with reasonable accommodations, but who fulfills all requirements for the modified diploma or the extended diploma as described in state, district and school policies.

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Book Review for *It Happened to Nancy*

It's in our library! It's the diary of a teenage girl with AIDS. Nancy is 14 when her college boyfriend with AIDS date rapes her. She doesn't tell anyone at first until her health deteriorates. She struggles with the fact she's going to die soon. She tries to stay in a positive mindset and enjoy every minute of her life.



**Recognition Assembly
February 6, 2012**

| Award Titles | Recipient Names |
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| English Student of the Semester | Frank M, Rashawn L, Cody B |
| Skill Building Student of the Semester | Brandon D |
| Manufacturing Student of the Semester | Shane B |
| Science Student of the Semester | Tailer H |
| Math Student of the Semester | Christian T |
| Social Studies Student of the Semester | Roman R |
| Business Technology Student of the Semester | Kincaid F |
| Principal's Most Improved | Skylar J |
| Outstanding Academic Performance | Jaime C |
| Grit | Ed J |
| VESoy Library | Todd H, Jeremiah S |
| VESoy Manufacturing Technology | Anthony V, Francisco F |
| VESoy Work Crew | Dillon M |
| VESoy Culinary Arts | Jeremiah S |
| Safe, Respectful, Responsible on Alpha | Montana C, Matthew W, Mauricio T |
| Alpha Unit Award | Cody S |
| Safe, Respectful, Responsible on Bravo | Ian B, Ravyn D, Frank M |
| Bravo Unit Award | Larry C |
| Safe, Respectful, Responsible on Charlie | Shaun G, Luciano O, Brandon F |
| Charlie Unit Award | Eric S |
| Safe, Respectful, Responsible on Delta | Isaac R, Dillon M, Edward Y |
| Delta Unit Award | Tyrone P |
| Superintendent's Award | Dillon M |
| Presidential Physical Fitness | Cody B, Roman R, Matt R |
| National Physical Fitness | Shane B, Brandon F, Ines G, Jacob H, Conner B, Trejo O, Tyrone P, Jesse S, Brody S, Rondre W, Kyle W |

Metamorphosis

by *Tyrone P*

At first I was a caterpillar,
causing destruction.
On a path of no return,
in a world full of corruption.

So far gone,
would not explain my mind frame.
So I'm in jail,
and myself I blame.

I'm at war with myself,
the good is deploying in troops.
Hoping the good prevails,
as I complete my groups.

It's been a few years,
I matured from a boy to a man.
Having flash backs,
the bad is trying to wash out my dam.

Hungry for knowledge,
so the books I consume.
So I can transform into a butterfly,
when I leave this cocoon.



Student Who Am I?

I love enchiladas.
My favorite color is black.
Keeping Up with the Kardashians is "drama"
I like to ride dirt bikes and play Xbox.
My team? The Colts!
I love my Jordans!

Staff Who Am I?

I like to snowboard, raft, and camp.
My favorite foods are pizza and sushi.
I like the TV show "Walking Dead."
My favorite color is green.
I have a distinctive laugh.
My favorite team is the 49ers, of course!
And, I secretly like . . . to cook.

Black History Month Diversity Activities

February was Black History Month. Some of the topics in classes included famous Black Americans: Booker T. Washington, Neil deGrasse Tyson, George Crum, and the Tuskegee Airman. In computer class, students created business cards for famous Black Americans.

Saturday Movie

The favorite Saturday movie in February was **Contagion**. Contagion follows the rapid progress of a lethal airborne virus that kills within days. As the fast moving epidemic grows, the worldwide medical community races to find a cure and control the panic that spreads faster than the virus itself. At the same time, ordinary people struggle to survive in a society coming apart.



And the Survey Says . . .

Your favorite items from the canteen are: Axe, Shampoo/Conditioner, Snickers, and Butterfinger. You would like to see the following items added: Greeting Cards, Pinochle Playing Cards, and Art Supplies.



Basketball League

Practices are on Tuesdays or Thursdays, January through March, for levels 2 and above. Conditioning is developed. Offensive and defensive skills are built.