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Principal's Report

Hidden Valley High School

Celebration/Nuts/Bolts-

As the fall winds to a close with fall activities, there is much to celebrate here at Hidden Valley High School. Our football/soccer stadium has been completed and is an amazing improvement that our community will enjoy for many years. Our next steps include finishing our baseball and softball fields. This will take a concerted effort as a community as our fundraising efforts have not quite filled the gap needed to start phase two of this three phase project. On this note, one of our marquee fundraisers of the year is our annual Booster Club Hall of Fame Steak Feed and Auction. This will be held this year at the Josephine County Fairgrounds on November 15th. Tickets are available at the high school office for \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. This event helps Hidden Valley support both academic and athletic programs that our students are involved in. Please strongly consider showing up for this great event and supporting our Booster Club.

Our third annual Veteran's Day Celebration will be held on November 10th here at Hidden Valley. This event has grown in popularity and size beyond what we could have ever imagined three years ago. Today, it is one of the largest Veteran celebrations in all of Southern Oregon. Students will have access to three hours of living history in the morning classrooms followed by an assembly and free lunch for our Veterans and their families. This event is special beyond words both for our Veterans and our students.

- We are looking forward to the implementation of the new high school bell schedule. Our communication plan has included using Synervoice, our website, and email.
- PLC groups are looking at data and identifying students that struggle. We have developed a new tracking sheet that administration and counseling will use as a template for parent meetings with over 150 students. These meetings will occur over the next month.
- The Smarter Balanced state assessment is going to take some time for our staff and students to learn the ins and outs of. Administration is leading the parade with this as we are using the practice exams in our classrooms to illustrate the difference between OAKS and Smarter Balance. Sample test questions are available on the ODE website and we are using the resources available both with students and staff.
- Lastly, I would like to report that Del Hearn, a very talented local metal artist has helped our student body create a welcome sign. This sign was completed this past week and has been hung on the front entry of our school. This hand hammered 3D copper landscape that includes running mustangs, mountains, water, and trees is something that our students are very proud of. Needless to say, we are super excited about this project as the next step will be to add spotlights to add to its beauty.