



FLEMING NEWS

OCTOBER 2012

Hello,

Things are off to a great start here at Fleming. Students are getting into the routine of lockers, lunches and all of those daunting things that cause them a little bit of anxiety at the start of school. We, the staff of Fleming, have spent the first few weeks of school teaching students our school wide expectations so students will understand no matter where they are in the building the rules will be communicated and applied consistently. Some of the things we spend time covering revolve around becoming more personally responsible for their own success. We have a consistent policy on what it takes to be prepared for class. When a student enters the classroom prior to the tardy bell ringing, all teachers have a consistent routine for filling out the agenda book and preparing for the days lesson. We spend time reviewing rules and procedures for the cafeteria and the list goes on. Please ask your student about the first two weeks and if there is any confusion or questions regarding those expectations please feel free to contact us.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTO for all of their assistance during the first two weeks of school. From helping with PE uniform and agenda book sales, to collecting enrollment forms, to filing in the office, they have gone above and beyond to help us start the year off smoothly. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Also, I would like to remind you that the best way to ensure the success of your student during their time at Fleming is to stay involved and informed about their experiences on a day to day basis. We have many avenues for you to communicate with teachers and we encourage you to take advantage of those. You can monitor your student's academic progress through "Parent Assist". This is our online grade reporting system that is tied directly to teacher grade books and is updated every week. In addition, your student is expected to write down homework assignments and due dates in their agenda book on a daily basis, so you can check that at any time to see what work needs to be completed at home. Speaking of homework, you can expect some form of work every evening in most cases whether it be math practice, independent reading, or just completing assignments that were given in class that day. Please remember that if you need to contact a teacher you can email them directly to get updates or answer questions. Finally, we strongly encourage you to communicate with us so that we can be supportive of your student together and help them be successful.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email. Thank you and have a great day.

John George
Principal Fleming Middle School
Principal Merlin Alternative School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Progress Reports	10/12
No School	10/13
Picture Retakes Evening Conferences	10/17
Conferences—No School	10/18
No School	10/19
PTO Meeting	10/23
Cookie Dough Magazine Drive Kick Off	10/26

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

FUNDRAISING & RECYCLING

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DROP OFF YOUR CLEAN SHOES IN THE FLEMING OFFICE!

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

In November we will start sending our newsletter via email and no longer be mailing it due to increased paper and mailing costs. Please complete the form below with the email you would like us to send your copy to. If you do not have computer access, please indicate that you would like your student to pick up a copy in the office. Thank you for your understanding.

Student Name(s): _____

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to receive the FMS newsletter by email

I would like my student to bring home the newsletter.



Greetings from the Athletic Department,

We are off and running with another action packed school and athletic year. Currently we have 7th and 8th grade volleyball practicing, winning their first against Lincoln Savage Middle School. The girls are working hard and it appears as though they are ready to hit the floor and compete for the SOMSAC Conference title. Cross Country has been running early each morning and seems to be attracting new team members each and every day. September 13 was their first opportunity to showcase all of their hard work and dedication as they competed at South Middle School. We have needed to make some adjustments to our football program this year. Unfortunately, we did not have enough 7th graders turn out to field a 7th grade team. Those young men that did sign-up will join with the 8th graders and play at that level. Wednesday, September 12, will have kicked off their season here at Fleming Middle School.

As you can tell many, many activities are underway. The quiet hallways of summer have been replaced with the laughter and the voices of our student body and staff. I would like to invite each and every one of you to come out and support our Rogue Athletes at both our home and away contests...Full athletic schedules are available in our front office.

If you have any questions and / or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Athletic Department.

Thank you, we are anticipating another great year here at Fleming Middle School!

GO ROGUES!!!

Mark Higgins
Assistant Principal / Athletic Director

ACTIVITY BUS SCHEDULE - NORTH VALLEY AREA

<u>#</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Calendar Days</u>
(8)	Sept.	11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
(10)	Oct.	2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 23, 24, 25, 30
(9)	Nov.	1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29
(7)	Dec.	4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20
(10)	Jan.	8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 31
(8)	Feb.	5, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28
(7)	Mar.	5, 6, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
(11)	Apr.	2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30
<u>(10)</u>	May	7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30

80 Days

Leave Fleming Middle School @ 5:15pm...Leave NVHS @ 5:30pm

NOTE: SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

2012 Volleyball Schedule

9-6-2012

Dates and times are subject to change.

MON 09-19-2011 @ Rogue River 4:00 Bus Departs 3:00

WED 09-21-2011 North GP Blue@ Home 4:00

MON 9-26-2011 @ Lincoln Savage 4:00 Bus Departs 2

NO RETURN BUS

WED 9-28-2011 @ South GP White 4:30 Bus Departs 3:30

NO RETURN BUS

THURS. 9-29-2011 TEAM PICTURES

MON 10-3-2011 Lorna Byrne @ Home 4:00

WED 10-5-2011 North White @ Home 4:00

MON 10-10-2011 @ South GP Green 4:30 Bus Departs 3:30

NO RETURN BUS

WED 10-12-2011 South GP White @ Home 4:00

MON 10-17-2011 @ North GP Blue 4:30 Bus Departs 3:30

NO RETURN BUS

TUES 10-18-2011 Lincoln Savage @ Home 4:00

NOTE: THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 7th Grade games will go first on Mondays and Tuesdays, 8th Grade games will go first on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- First 2 Games will be played to 25 points, capped at 30 points.
- Third game will be played to 15 points, capped at 25 points.
- 10 minute warm-up period will separate the grade level games
- Games typically last *about* 45 minutes, event ending *around* 6:00 PM.



Fleming Middle School
2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

7th/8th GRADE

Wed.	09-12-12	Talent @ Home	4:00	
Wed.	09-19-12	@ White Mountain Middle School	4:30	Bus Departs 3:00
Wed.	09-26-2012	@ Ashland	4:30	Bus Departs 3:00

TUES. 10-2-2012 TEAM PICTURES

Wed.	10-03-2012	South GP @ Fleming	4:00	
Tues.	10-09-2012	@ North Middle School <u>NO RETURN BUS</u>	4:30	Bus Departs 3:30
Tues.	10-16-2012	@ Eagle Point	4:30	Bus Departs 3:00
Wed.	10-24-2012	Lincoln Savage @ Home @ North Valley High Players will be transported by bus to the high school	4:00	

TEAM PICTURES To Be Announced

Please note that schedule is subject to change!



Highlighted team indicates the host team.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEET/LOCATION</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Thurs.	9-13-12	<u>South Grants Pass</u> North and South GP, Lincoln Savage.	4:30 Girls 5:00 Boys	Depart 3:30
Thurs.	9-20-12	<u>Ruch</u> <i>All Schools</i>	4:30 Girls 5:00 Boys	Depart 2:45
Thurs.	9-27-12	<u>Lorna Byrne</u> Lincoln Savage, Fleming, South GP North GP	4:30 Girls 5:00 Boys	Depart 3:00

Tuesday 10-2-2012 TEAM PICTURES After School in Fleming Gym or outside weather permitting.

Thurs.	10-4-12	<u>North GP</u> South GP, Fleming, Lincoln Savage	4:30 Girls 5:30 Boys	Depart 3:30
Thurs.	10-11-12	<u>South Middle School</u> North, And South GP, LSMS	4:30 Girls 5:00 Boys	
Thurs.	10-18-12	Conference Championship Hosted By <u>Ruch</u> @ Ruch	4:30 Girls 5:00 Boys	Depart 2:45

NEED ATHLETIC SHOES?

Competitive Athletics has a great deal on a special red and white Nike shoe as well as discounts on other shoes for Fleming Students.

Stop by their store at 105 NE 7th Street in Grants Pass

to see what they have!



College Dreams Presents...

Strengthening Families

“FAMILY CAMP”

“Family Camp” is a nationally recognized class designed for families with children between the ages of 10 and 14.

Families will learn skills that will help them manage the challenging years ahead—the TEEN years—including communication, drug and alcohol refusal skills, and household management! See below for details:

Beginning October 4th at 5:30pm

Who should attend?

Parents and their children, ages 10-14, who are looking to have fun and learn about each other.

What will we do?

Enjoy **FREE** dinner together! (provided by the facilitators) then youth and parents meet in separate groups for session one, joining back together as a group to end session two. Parents and children will learn techniques specific to what they will deal with during the teen years.

Can I bring my younger kids?

Yes, we will provide **FREE** childcare for you while you attend the classes!

Where is Camp held?

Strengthening Families will be held at South Middle School, 350 W Harbeck.

When is Family Camp?

Strengthening Families consists of seven sessions, one day per week for seven weeks beginning **October 4th** and ending **November 15th**. We will meet every Tuesday evening from **5:30 to 8:00pm**.

How much does the Camp cost?

Nothing! The Family Camp is free, Babysitting is free, and dinner is free and if you complete all 7 sessions your family earns \$50!!!

HURRY!
Space is Limited!

FREE DINNER!
You don't have to cook!

To register contact:

Brenda Aguilera
at College Dreams
541-659-8637

baguilera@collegedreams.org

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QUARTERLY
NEWS AND
INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS

North Valley/Fleming Middle School GEAR UP Gazette

this Issue

Right classes, right on track

CHART: Requirements for a high school diploma v. requirements for college admission

Events and Announcements

A CLASS ACT





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

 facebook.com/oregongearup

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

Right classes, right on track

The beginning of the school year brings fresh chances to make positive changes. Starting the year off on the right foot includes focusing on schoolwork, asking for help when needed from teachers, and getting involved with school activities and sports. One important, but often overlooked component of preparing for college is taking the right classes. That means making sure that your student has not only the classes he or she needs to receive a high school diploma, but also the classes required for acceptance into a 4-year college.

When it comes to admitting students and considering financial aid for academics, colleges look for both the appropriate number of classes as well as challenging classes, like Honors or Advanced Placement level classes. Talk to a counselor or teacher at the school if you're not sure if they offer these programs.

Students can also get a head-start on college level courses, either by taking Advanced Placement classes and scoring well on that exam, or by enrolling in a Dual Enrollment class, often held in conjunction with or even at a community college. In either case, these credits may be used towards both a high school diploma and a college degree. In some instances, students can start their college education with one full year of credits – essentially a FREE year of college!

PARENT TIP:

Ask about your student's education plan.

Students are required to have a personalized education plan as part of Oregon's high school graduation requirements. With the help of a teacher or counselor, students chart the classes and requirements they need to graduate from high school and enter the post-secondary institution of their choice. Ask the school or your student for a copy of the plan to make sure s/he is on track!

DID YOU KNOW? 92% of parents surveyed from GEAR UP schools expect their students to continue their education after high school



COLLEGE MYTHS – AND REALITIES

MYTH:

You only have to take the minimum college prep courses to get into college.

REALITY:

Technically, this is true. In reality it is not. The more mathematics, science and languages you take the better your chances are that you will get into a good four year college.

Source:

pics.collegetrends.org/myths.cfm

REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

24 Credits **MUST** include the following:

Language Arts: 4 credits (one credit must be in written composition)

Math: 3 credits (Algebra I and above for Class of 2014+)

Science: 3 credits (including one year of lab science)

Social Science: 3 credits

Health Education: 1 credit

Physical Education: 1 credit

Applied Arts, Fine Arts OR Foreign Language: 3 credits

Other electives: 8 credits

Proficiency in Essential Skills:

Reading (Class of 2013+)

Writing (Class of 2013+)

Applied Math (Class of 2014+)

MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Credits required on high school diploma with specific requirements for subject areas

Language Arts: 4 credits

Math: 3 credits (starting with Algebra I)

Science: 2 credits (one year of laboratory science is recommended, such as chemistry or physics.)

Social Science: 3 credits (one year of U.S. history, one year of global studies (world history, geography, etc.), and one year of a social studies elective (government strongly recommended).

***Health Education:** 1 credit

***Physical Education:** 1 credit

Foreign Language: 2 credits (two years of the same high school-level foreign language)

***Applied Arts, Fine Arts:** as needed for elective credit

SAT or ACT score required

Source: Oregon Department of Education

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At North Valley High School -

October 3, 2012 NW Christian College visit

Corban University visit

November 8, 2012 University of Oregon visit

November 10, 2012 Oregon University System visit

At Fleming Middle School -

October 5, 2012 North Valley Fall athletes to visit 8th grade

October 2012 8th grade students will begin research on Oregon University System campuses.

For further information contact Jerry Keeling at 541-478-8284 or Andy Goldner at 541-478-3388

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PTO NEWS

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all the new families. We are very excited for the new school year. This year, more than ever, the PTO needs YOUR help. With the state budget cuts, PTO support is more critical than ever before. The PTO raises funds to provide a wide range of educational enrichment programs for the students, sporting equipment and musical instruments. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTO because they cannot come to meetings or be on campus during the day. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help.

We would love to see you at our monthly PTO meetings where you can hear first-hand from our school principal, teachers and PTO representatives about what's happening in our school community. We appreciate hearing any comments, suggestions or new ideas you may have.

***PTO meetings are typically the 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 3:15 in the library.**

Upcoming Meeting Dates are:

-Tues. Oct. 23rd

-Tues. Nov. 27th

**Keep an eye out for our Fall Fundraiser!
Magazine & Cookie Dough Sale
Kickoff Date is October 26th!**

“Like” Fleming Middle School PTA on Facebook so you’ll always be aware of upcoming meetings and the latest school news.

***If you cannot attend meetings but would like to receive the minutes via e-mail please contact this years’ PTO President,
Mary Jane Taylor at 541-956-6960 or bamjtay@charter.net**

SITE COUNCIL

Fleming Site Council is in need of a parent representative. Being a Site Council representative allows you to give input regarding Fleming’s activities, education program and other important decisions regarding your child’s school. Please contact Kym in the Fleming office if you have questions or interested in becoming a representative. Meetings are normally held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00am in the Fleming library.

TEACHER UPDATE

Mr. Jelderks—6th Grade LA

The 6th graders are off to a good start. So far they have been working overtime, getting organized and learning what is expected of them as students. Every student should have a folder, reading book, pencil, paper, and agenda in class every day. They have just started speed reading in class, and I’ll be looking forward to watching their times and skills improve. HOMEWORK: Home Reading Log. All students are required to be reading AT HOME a minimum of 4 days per week, for 30 minutes (at least) each day. The state mandates that all “Grade 6 students read 750,000 words annually.” It is my experience that students who read consistently at home show the most reading improvement throughout the year. All students are responsible to have their Home Reading Log signed and ready to be checked in every Monday.



MEDICATION Procedure

Prescription and Non-prescription

1. Fill out the Authorization for Medication form provided with this publication in its entirety; dose, frequency, route, etc.
2. Medication must be in the original container. No pills placed in plastic bags or other container will be accepted.
3. Medication should be delivered and picked up by parent/guardian.
4. Medications include; Prescription and over the counter meds including cough drops, ointments,



NOTES

- ❖ Notes must be written by the parent/guardian of both student s if a student is riding home with another student.
- ❖ Please date and sign the note clearly.
- ❖ Please include the bus number if possible.
- ❖ No notes are required if a parent is picking up after school.
- ❖ **No student is released to anyone other than those individuals listed on the student's enrollment form during school hours.** Additions and subtractions of individuals can be made to the enrollment form. A note can be sent to the school to make those changes to the enrollment form.

Fleming Middle School

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Grants Pass, OR 97526

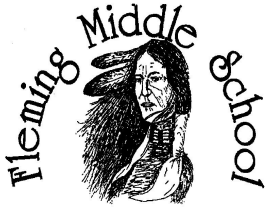
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Or Current Resident

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

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Asst. Principal: Mark Higgins

Counselor: Jerry Keeling

Office Manager: Kym Woolsey

Registrar: Maria Caruncho

Secretary: Pam Kudlac