

# Fern Ridge Education Association (FREA)

School Board Meeting  
March 17, 2025



# Elmira Elementary

For the last couple weeks, students have been participating in our annual Iditaread and Sluggo bookmark challenges.

It has been exciting to watch our sled teams move across the Iditaread map with every minute the students read. Thank you PTA!!

Students will be turning in their completed bookmarks today in exchange for 2 Eugene Emerald baseball tickets!



# Elmira Elementary

Kindergartners participating in their first choir session. For the next couple months, every class, K-5th, will be attending choir 1-2 times a week with Mrs. Franklin.



Elmira's annual Talent Show will be taking place on April 29th! Students will have the opportunity to practice their acts with a few amazing parent volunteers before performing for the whole school in the gym. Last year we had over 30 performers!



# Veneta Elementary

We are gearing up for St. Patrick's Day at Veneta! We celebrated the 100th day of school for both 1st through 5th and then Kinder. We had a very successful Kinder night and look forward to welcoming all the new kinders in September. 1st grade is learning a lot of animal science lately and last week was all about oviparous animals. They had the opportunity to work with OSU extension and hatch baby chicks! The chicks were a hit with the whole school.



# Veneta Elementary



We celebrated classified week and got to show how much we love and appreciate our IA's. School could not run without them! Audubon Society for birdwatching came to 4th and 5th grade to do a presentation on feathers. They will be coming again to do a presentation on bird watching that goes along with 4th grade science for adaptations. Classes are gearing up for our auction April 5th, by creating student artwork. Students went to regionals for OBOB and our very own Veneta Students made it to the FAB 4! They will be continuing on as one of the 4 teams that advance to state finals! Tryouts have begun for our annual talent show. Students will be auditioning this week and performing after Spring Break.



# Fern Ridge Middle School

Student CPR/AED state required training:\*(notes attached)

6th grade - explain basic emergency responses

7th/8th grade - how to administer hands-only CPR (307 6-8th grade students completed training); how to use an AED (289 6-8th grade students completed training)

8th grade - how to administer Narcan (response to Opioid overdose)



# Fern Ridge Middle School

Students in Mr. Piccolo's 7th grade science class enjoyed making volcanoes during their physical science unit.



Auto Class - engines and cars

## **Upcoming at FRMS:**

**March 20 - Parent Teacher Conferences**

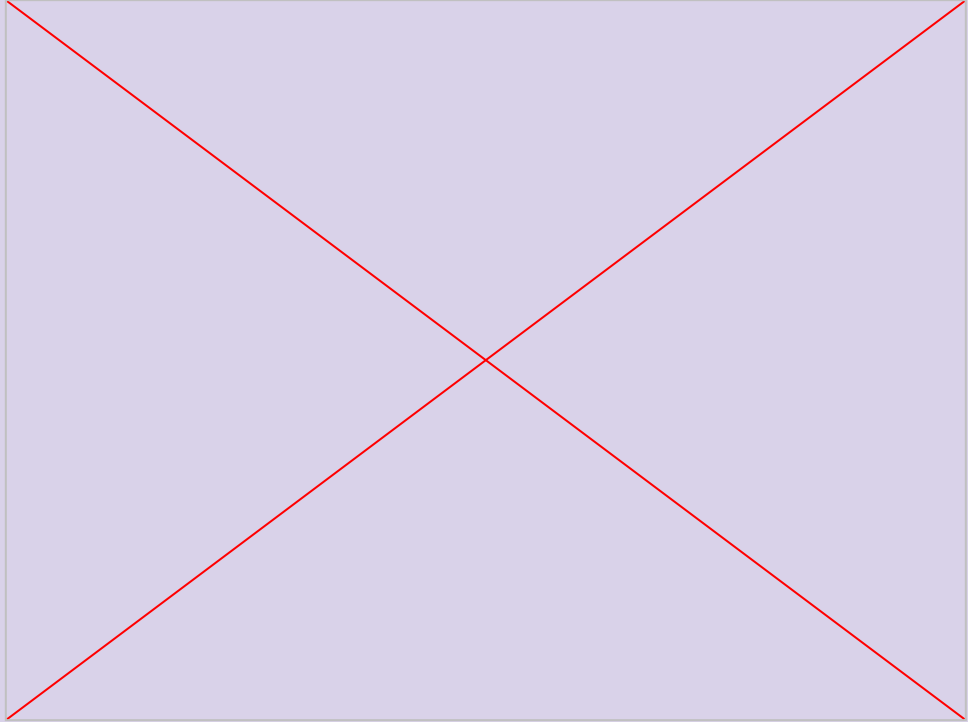
**Leadership Fundraiser - Bread Braids**

**April 8 - Staff v. Student Basketball Game**



# Elmira High School

Students in  
Señorita Snider's  
Spanish 2 class  
learn to say body  
parts in Spanish  
with the "Head,  
Shoulders, Knees  
and Toes" song



# Elmira High School

Students' Painting, Influenced By a Photo Taken at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Adds a Splash of Color to EHS Hallway



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## OEA/NEA



### Current Education Legislation Action March 2025:

Increased funding for the State School Fund - \$11.4 billion for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, up from \$10.2 billion in the previous biennium. (HB 2140) Currently in Ways and Means Committee

### Related to Education (HB 2009 and SB 141)

- Stricter academic performance metrics -graduation rates, eighth-grade math proficiency, and early-grade attendance.
- Standardized "interim assessments" to monitor student progress throughout the academic year.
- Enhance support for districts showing insufficient improvement, potentially involving state-directed funding adjustments.
- Streamlining reporting and processes within the Oregon Department of Education.



Flexibility to use \$87 million in funds in the PERS Unfunded Liability Fund (SDULF) to offset local increases. (SB849) Passed Senate, currently in a House Committee

Concern over dismantling of US Dept of Education. Oregon's Attorney General Dan Rayfield joined lawsuit with twenty other states.