

LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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WORDS FROM MR. POLEN

Wow! I've been here only two months and am so impressed with our students, staff and community that I have to pinch myself when I come to work! We have the greatest middle school around. I will brag about our school to anyone, but I will tell you why I'm qualified to know this. It's because I'm an expert at middle school.

I've worked at six different middle schools in my career. More than six, if you count my volunteering hours. I have worked at Talmadge Middle School in Independence, Oaklea Middle School in Junction City, Central Linn Middle School in Halsey, Fleming Middle School in Merlin, South Middle School in Grants Pass, and Crook County Middle in Prineville, all in Oregon. Having worked in so many middle schools I consider myself an expert. Of all these schools, Lorna Byrne takes the cake by far.

Why have I worked at so many places? My career has been a series of ever increasing job responsibilities. I have taught science, physical education, health, computers, and even driver's education (but that was to high school kids). I have coached football, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and track all at the middle school level. Besides teaching I have been a Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, and now Principal. I love middle school!

Somewhere during all of this, I found time to fall in love with and get married to my wife Lara, who was guess what, was a middle school teacher. After fifteen years now we have three boys: 7 year old Quinn, 9 year old Jackson, and 12 year old Reece, who iswait for it.....a middle school student.

So middle schools are my business, and I love my business. Lorna Byrne is the best place to work. The best students, best teachers, best staff, best parents, best custodians, best teacher's aides, best lunch workers, best office workers, best coaches, and the best building.

Lorna Byrne is the best place to have a middle school student.....just ask me, I am an expert!



Want to hear what's happening in your school district? Check out the NEW monthly Three Rivers School District newsletter — the Three Rivers Tidings — at threerivers.k12.or.us. Find it under "Quick Links" then "District News."

LAST MINUTE CHANGES

All bus changes and after school plans must be phoned to the LBMS office prior to 3:15p.m. In order for your students to receive notification of the change in plans, you must give the office time to prepare and distribute a note. We appreciate your consideration with this procedure.

Thanks to all of you that have been sending in your Box Tops for Education. This year we are having a Grade Level Competition each quarter, so be sure to have your student turn their Box Tops in to their Teachers!

You can join the Box Tops for Education Booster Clubs at boxtops4education.com which also benefits LBMS. Signing up is so easy and membership is so rewarding. Plus, you'll earn 5 Bonus Box Tops for our school to help purchase books for our library.

If everyone helps, we can earn more cash for our school than ever before. Remember to tell your friends and family to sign up, too, and help us reach our goal.

Thank you for making a difference for our school.

Sincerely,

Joann Snook

Library Manager



PHONE CALLS FROM TRSD

Three Rivers School District (TRSD) has an automated calling system. If you receive a computer generated phone call, please listen to the entire message. It should give the option to repeat at the end of the message. If you missed any part of the message, please listen again.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 29 - Fall Music Concert starring the LBMS Bands and Choir, 7pm, Gym

October 31 - No classes

November 5 - Conferences, 4pm-8pm in the Cafeteria

November 6 - No classes

November 6 - Conferences, 7am-7pm, in the Cafeteria

November 7 - No classes

November 11 - No classes

November 24 - No classes

November 25 - No classes

November 26 - No classes

November 27 - No classes

November 28 - No classes

December 22 - No classes

December 23 - No classes

December 24 - No classes

December 25 - No classes

December 26 - No classes

December 29 - No classes

December 30 - No classes

December 31 - No classes

January 1 - No classes

January 2 - No classes



Stone House Mixes

We are having our Gold Card fund-raiser selling dip mixes. This is to raise money for Gold Card field trips. The fund-raiser will run from September 24 and go until October 20.

All orders and money needs to be turned in at the LBMS office to Mrs. Hennings or Miss Brenda. Students can turn in their orders and money earlier if they want to.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Hennings.

Thanks for your support!

Introducing our new Dean of Students / Athletics Director



I am so excited to be working with the students, staff and community of LBMS this year! I have taught 12 years part of which was spent on Oahu, Hawaii, Tucson, Arizona and Oregon. I have worked in a myriad of educational settings ranging from kindergarten through college. I love education and always enjoy the experience of learning from students, colleagues and the community.

I grew up in southern California and moved to Grants Pass after high school. After a hiatus of about 15 years, I am glad to be back where I began my educational career. This time around is even better because I have my own family now which consists of my husband Ryan and two girls, Teagan eight and Carys four.

My college years consisted of attending RCC, then

transferring to U of O where I earned a degree in English. I went on to earn a Master's degree in Teaching from Pacific University and another Master's degree in School Administration from the University of Phoenix.

As the Athletic Director, my desire is for Lorna Byrne to have excellent sports programs that encourage leadership, teamwork, scholarship and play. As the Dean of Students, I believe that it is our responsibility to have high expectations for our students and to teach them skills to navigate the world they will enter not long after they leave our school.

Parents, we are looking for coaches for boys and girls basketball, and wrestling. Boys' basketball practice starts October 27. Students, please come by the school to pick up a packet, turn in your physical and payment, if you are interested. We value and thank the parents and community members who so kindly give their time to teach students the significance of sportsmanship. Parents are an integral part of students' learning and growth, so your support in discipline and sports is important.

Fall Concert

Enjoy the sounds of the
LBMS Bands and Choir
as they perform on
Wednesday, October 29
beginning at 7:00pm
in the Gym.

<http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us> and
select schools, then Lorna Byrne

Mr. J's Corner

Did you know?

All 7th and 8th graders should be reading at home as part of their Language Arts class. They are required to read three times a week, for at least 30 minutes at a time.

Thank you,
Mr. Jelderks

A reminder to parents / guardians that the afterschool Activity Bus runs on a Straight Line schedule. The bus will not always be able to bring students to their exact address.

Please phone First Student bus company at 541-476-7733 to inquire of the closest drop off location of the Activity Bus, so you can make other arrangement if necessary.



~ LORNA BYRNE LIBRARY BOOK POLICY ~



Thank you for helping your student to become a responsible library patron.

EACH LORNA BYRNE STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO HAVE 3 BOOKS CHECKED OUT FOR 3 WEEKS. IF THE BOOKS ARE RETURNED ON TIME OR RENEWED BEFORE THE DUE DATE, NO FINES ACCRUE. IF THE BOOKS ARE NOT RETURNED OR RENEWED BEFORE THE DUE DATE THEN A .05¢ FINE IS CHARGED FOR EACH BOOK, EACH DAY UNTIL IT IS RETURNED OR RENEWED. IN THE CASE THAT BOOKS ARE LOST OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, THE STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE REPLACEMENT PRICE. WHEN FINES REACH AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT AND/OR THERE IS A HISTORY OF LOST/DAMAGED BOOKS, STUDENTS MAY LOSE THEIR LIBRARY PRIVILEGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT: JOANN SNOOK, LIBRARY MANAGER

The Great ShakeOut is an annual earthquake preparedness drill held around the world. In 2013, the event attracted 25 million participants.

Most ShakeOut Drills are scheduled for 10:16 a.m. on October 16, 2014. This means that wherever you are at that moment - at home, at work, at school, anywhere - you should Drop, Cover, and Hold On as if there were a major earthquake occurring, and stay in this position for at least 60 seconds.

Why is it important to do a Drop, Cover, and Hold On drill? To react quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down - or drops something on you. Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!), take COVER by getting



under a sturdy desk or table, and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

Stay indoors till the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops.

If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking

stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects. It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety he or she has identified because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Look around you now, before an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office or school so that when the shaking starts you can respond quickly. An immediate response to move to the safe place can save lives. And that safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

LBMS Student-Based Health Center



Siskiyou Community Health Center is established in all three valley schools. Please phone each school for times and days of operation.

If you have questions or concerns, please phone the SBHC office at: 541-592-6978 or LBMS 541-592-2163 extension 3030.

Child Find for Special Education

Public Law 105.17, known as the Individualized Disability Education Act (IDEA), requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children and young adults from birth through 21 years of age. Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children ages birth through 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served in one of the District's schools.

If you know of any disabled children ages 0 through 21, who are not receiving educational services, please phone the Three Rivers School District Special Education Dept. at 541-862-3111 ext. 5202.

ATTENDANCE

It is proven that school attendance is a factor in the overall success of students.

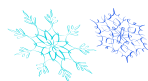
If your student is ill or must be absent, please **be sure to phone** the LBMS Attendance Office and let us know.

Homework can be requested on the second consecutive day of absence. Homework requests need to be made before 10:00 am.



Students may not miss school, more than 14 days total.

PHONE 541-592-2163

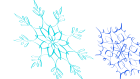


ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

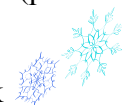
Straight Line Bus Routes: In the event of adverse weather conditions parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJQ, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOB1 (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10) or Three Rivers School District Web Page for information on school bus schedules.

Sometimes weather conditions leave roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio / TV stations.

Listed below are the straight line routes run. If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.



ROUTE #	BUSES WILL NOT TRAVEL
C-01	Lone Mountain Road (past Naue Way)
C-02	Cascade, Mesa Verde, Fernwood, Ivy, Simmons Cut, Patton Bar
C-03	Waldo past O'Brien Road, West Side Road, Old 199 & Turner
C-04	No Pick Ups past Four Corners
C-05	Robinson Corner Road, Caves Hwy (past 6540, Caves Campground), Walters
C-07	Hummingbird, Garner, Jackadell
C-08	Warren Road, Illinois River Road, Hwy 199 past Rays Market
C-09	Thompson Creek Rd, McMullen Creek Rd, Lakeshore past Dryden
C-10	Crooks Creek, Upper Deer Creek (past intersection at Lakeshore)
C-11	Draper Valley Rd, Reeves Creek



Sports Brief

Interested in playing Boys Basketball ?

Come to the office and ask for an Athletics Packet. Practice starts at the end of October and you must have: \$75.00 participation fee, an athletics packet needs to be completed, proof of health insurance provided, and a current sports physical examination performed



tion performed by your doctor or the Student-based Health Center must be on file with the school.

GO VIKINGS!

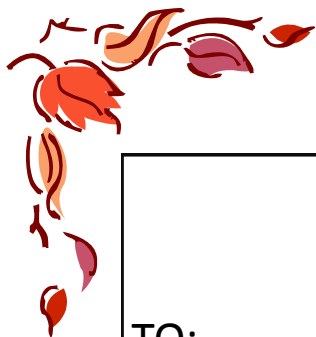
Did you know... LBMS is a Title I school allowing us to offer free breakfast and lunch to all our students.

Through awarded grants, we are also able to offer programs and enrichment during afterschool hours.

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

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