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ENGAGE AND CHALLENGE ALL LEARNERS TO ENSURE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Superintendent's Message

Superintendent Mike Scott comments on major topics for the 2016-17 school year.

Safe and Welcoming Schools

As a school system, there is no greater responsibility we have than ensuring that all students are safe—both physically and emotionally—and able to focus on learning. This spring, in light of the national conversation around immigration and other issues of potential impact to students and families, we worked to assure our community that Hillsboro schools are a safe place for students. We recognize the diversity and worth of all students, individuals, and groups, and are committed to both educating and providing a safe and inclusive environment for everyone, regardless of their immigration status, race, color, religion, or any other basis.

We created a page on our website titled “Safe and Welcoming Schools” (accessible from the Safety Information page or scanning the QR code) where we have a variety of resources and links that are intended to provide students, families, and other patrons with information about how we safeguard students and their personal information, and about community supports available to those who need them.



We also continue our positive culture and climate work, with age-appropriate activities and incentives provided at each grade level—from Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports and the PAX Good Behavior Game in elementary schools, to student-led anti-bullying efforts in middle and high schools. Our expectation is that all people treat one another with kindness and respect, and if they do not, that it is reported to a staff member immediately.

Capital Construction Bond

In the fall edition of “A Look Inside Hillsboro Schools,” we talked about the capital construction bond process we were beginning.

Our last capital construction bond was passed in 2006. That bond allowed us to build four new elementary schools and a replacement middle school, expand our other three middle schools, and complete needed upgrades and repairs at all of our other schools. When

property taxes are collected this fall, every other outstanding bond issue besides the one from 2006 will be paid off. That includes big-ticket construction projects like Century and Liberty High Schools, as well as Patterson, Orenco, Imlay and Witch Hazel Elementary Schools. Paying off those older bond issues provides an opportunity to retain the same or a very similar tax rate while generating funds to complete current projects.

Over the past two years, the District has worked with outside consultants and contractors to assess our facilities needs in the areas of seismic and roofing, heating and air conditioning, asphalt and concrete, and so on. We have also talked with building principals about their schools’ needs, commissioned a demographic study to help us plan for student enrollment growth, and have created a long-range facilities plan, which was adopted by the Board in June of 2016. This work generated a list of \$700 million in potential projects, ranging from new construction and/or expansions to accommodate future growth, to current infrastructure improvements and safety enhancements, to technology and other investments designed to enhance student engagement and achievement.

The Bond Advisory Committee, comprising District and school staff, parents, students, community members, partner organizations, and consultants, has taken that \$700 million list of projects and created two possible bond packages: one at \$408 million that would retain the \$2.24/\$1000 of assessed value rate that was paid last fall; and one at \$442 million that would raise the rate back to \$2.50/\$1000 of assessed value, which is the rate that was expected when the 2006 bonds were sold.

Both packages would mean a big step forward for the District in terms of addressing growth, safety and seismic, infrastructure enhancement, and student achievement needs. The larger package allows the work to go further and include such things as lighted turf fields at our high schools that do not currently have them: Century, Glencoe, and Hilhi.

One thing we’re not able to achieve with a capital construction bond, though, is the hiring of staff. That is why our School Board will be considering the possibility of also going out for a local option levy. Local option levies are of a shorter duration (five years as opposed



Patrons were able to view construction bond presentations at one of the open houses held from February to early April. Visit the bond web page for updates.

to 20) and allow for the generation of funds that can be used for operational expenses, like staffing. That conversation is slated to occur at the Board’s May 23, 2017, work session.

Learn more about the bond and share your thoughts on our website under About HSD/Bond or scan the QR code.



Budget Outlook

Oregon legislators are currently in the process of developing a state budget for the 2017-2019 biennium. On January 19, 2017, the co-chairs of the Joint Ways and Means Committee released an initial proposal that allocated \$7.8 billion to K-12 education—a level that would mean more than \$12 million in cuts for HSD in 2017-18 alone.

Because education is a people-intensive enterprise, with approximately 85 percent of expenses directly related to staff, reductions of that magnitude would certainly impact staffing.

As we await firmer numbers from the Legislature and collaborate with other school districts and professional organizations to advocate for more money for K-12 education, we have begun developing plans to manage a shortfall ranging from \$7.5-\$9 million, which is believed to be a more realistic end result to the budgeting process. We will be sharing these plans in April as we move closer to our annual budget adoption process that officially begins on May 4 at our Budget Hearing.

Anchor Sponsors



In more uplifting monetary news, the District secured its first two Anchor Sponsors this spring: the Hillsboro Hops and Wolfe Dental. The Anchor Sponsor program was devised

by Rian Petrick, director of extracurricular programs and community outreach, as a way to bring significant dollars into the District in support of athletics and activities by leveraging matching dollars and exclusive advertising opportunities.

At any given time, there are a maximum of five Anchor Sponsors, each of whom agrees to donate \$1,000/month for three years in exchange for exposure on the District’s home page and in each high school gymnasium. Their donation is matched dollar-for-dollar by a private donor, making the value of their donation \$24,000/year! An advisory committee comprising district and school staff, parents, and community members determines the allocation of funds each year.

Three Anchor Sponsor spots remain for the 2017-18 school year. Please contact Mr. Petrick (petrickr@hsd.k12.or.us or 503-844-1344) if you are interested in learning more.

Student Achievement

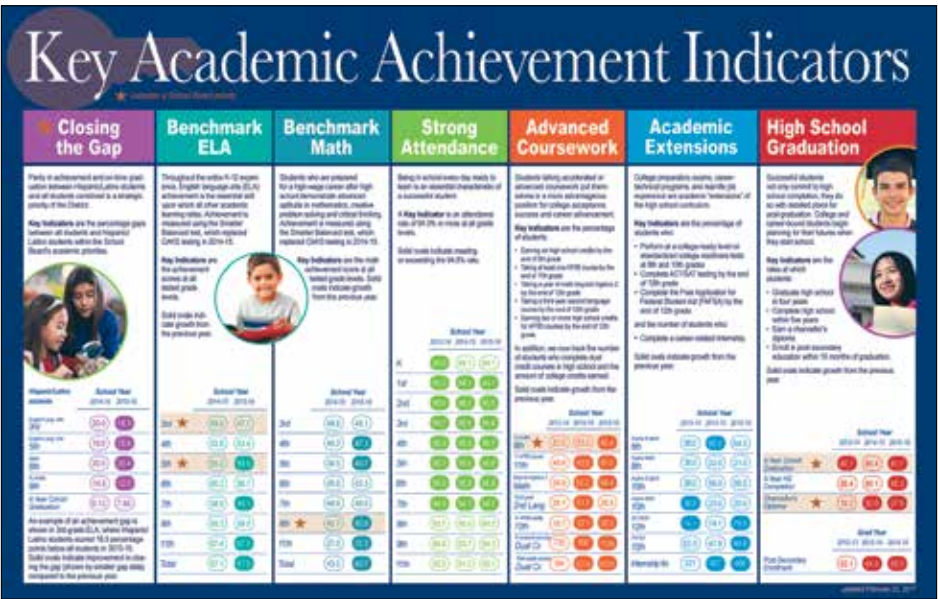
2015-16 Academic Highlights and 2016 Graduation Rates

The annual report of student achievement provides an at-a-glance look at how well the District is doing in meeting its strategic objective of ensuring that all students graduate with career- and college-readiness skills. The report compiles data on attendance, state testing, and school-level activities, like taking advanced courses or completing an internship, that help paint a picture of how well students are progressing toward graduation.

Some highlights from the 2015-16 school year are:

- The achievement gap* is shrinking in four of five tracked areas, including eighth-grade math and ninth-graders with six or more credits;
- Attendance is increasing thanks to the strong push for regular attendance;
- More students are taking Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credits and dual credit courses, and more students are completing career-related internships than ever before;
- Post-secondary enrollment is increasing; and
- The four-year cohort graduation rate increased by 1.3 percent to 81.68 percent.

Seeing a rebound in graduation rates was very encouraging, even though the official release from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) showed a rate decrease.



District staff were alerted to the potential anomaly when they received embargoed graduation rate data in early January, noticing that the information did not align with what they had been tracking internally last spring about students who had left the district or were otherwise not on track to graduate.

Staff then went back through each one of the records for the 233 students ODE identified as “other non-completers” and discovered that 88 students should have been classified differently—74 of them impacted the on-time graduation rate, either because they should have been removed from the cohort or counted as graduates, and 14 of them did not. Unfortunately, the window for making changes to the data was closed, and information could not be corrected in time for the planned annual release of graduation rates for the state.

Moving forward, District staff are formalizing systems for ensuring that more students graduate on time. The table below shows selected actions in each category.

Systems • Weekly at-risk data reports • High school principals and teachers collaborating for a guaranteed and viable experience	Relationships • On-track meetings for seniors • Meetings with freshmen (one to three times per year) • Mentoring program with a focus on Latino students
Academics • Math focus • D/F/I analysis (students receiving a D, F or incomplete grade)	Career & College • Focused programs of study • Expansion of online offerings • Career and technical education

See the shaded boxes for examples of some of this work.

At-Risk Data Reports

The Technology Services department, in collaboration with the Office for School Performance, has created a very informative report on our most vulnerable students that is automatically generated from our data warehouse each week. The report contains information about the students’ attendance, behavior, grades, and credits earned, among other things, and is sent to each high school principal so they can follow up directly with the students, their parents, teachers and counselors to see what supports are needed to help the students be successful.



High School Level Student At Risk

Students at Risk - Attending _____ in All Grades during School Year 2016-2017

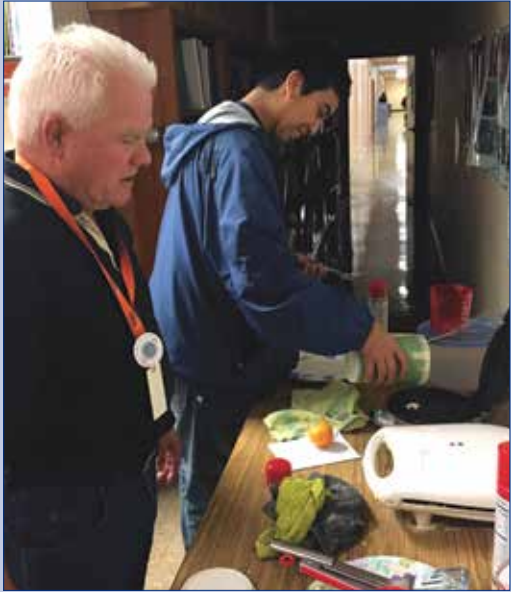
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*The achievement gap is the difference in achievement between Hispanic/Latino students and all students combined.

Math Supports

Our high schools are piloting various programs—from every day math to mentorships and tutoring—to increase math performance, as that continues to be an area in which our students struggle. One such pilot is at Glencoe High School called “Math Warriors.” Started by math teacher Jason Harless, and supported by graduation coach Lauren Cooley and teacher on special assignment Kristy Kottkey, Math Warriors is a group of 24 Latino boys who were identified as needing additional help with their math skills heading into the 2016-17 school year. The boys agreed to come to school early every



Wednesday to eat breakfast together, work on math, listen to guest speakers, and even go on field trips. The extra time and relationship-building is paying off—students in the program are attending more regularly and their math grades are improving.

Board member Monte Akers and one of the Math Warriors prepare waffles for breakfast for the group.

CENTURY FEEDER: ● CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL ● BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELEMENTARIES: ● BUTTERNUT CREEK ● IMLAY ● INDIAN HILLS ● LADD ACRES ● REEDVILLE ● TOBIAS



Ladd Acres students celebrate Read Across America day with "fruit-sicles." PJs and stuffed animals made for a very comfortable day of reading!

up is our science fair on April 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., featuring projects, hands-on activities and a school favorite: Reptile Man.

● **REEDVILLE** is a No Excuses University Network School. Part of this program includes development of character traits, such as respect and responsibility, to hone students' skills in leadership and their ability to create a positive school climate. It also helps set expectations for career and college. This year, we are implementing Reedville Scholar Cards that allow students who demonstrate exceptional traits to earn "credits" toward the next "collegiate" level, starting with freshman to doctorate. Incentives are oriented around college, ranging from an "I'm going to college" lanyard to a college field trip. We believe every student can achieve their career and college goals!

● **TOBIAS** The Lightbulb Lab is on! Students are enjoying using the Lightbulb Lab, our makerspace that is up and running this year. Visiting the Lightbulb Lab every other week, they have the opportunity to take on a wide variety of engineering challenges, code robots, and deconstruct old appliances and computers to see what's inside. More opportunities for engagement in STEAM are offered in after-school clubs. On June 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be fun for the whole family at our outstanding annual spring carnival featuring games, prizes, dinner and more.



Century Highlights

For the first time in school history, the boys wrestling team took home a state trophy by placing fourth in the tournament! The girls finished seventh, just missing fifth place by two points. Congratulations to the teams and individual placers (see Awards, page 13). Seniors are busy preparing for Senior Project Night on May 31—the community is invited to view this culmination of all their hard work. We then celebrate their graduation on June 8 at 7 p.m. Note the venue change—HSD graduations now will be held at Hillsboro Stadium. Admission is by ticket only.

Other News

● **BROWN**'s student leadership team, under the direction of Mr. Corwin, has facilitated monthly spirit assemblies and after-school socials that build school community. In November, they organized a friendly food drive competition with Evergreen. Even though we won, we know that everyone wins when we support our community. Leadership students also are busily supporting the staff and students at Imlay Elementary. Eight times a year, they are helpers on the playground, lunch buddies, and classroom support. They strive to be positive influences on the elementary students. Leadership requires sacrifice, creativity, and perseverance. Thank you to our student leadership team for the difference they have made in our school and community!

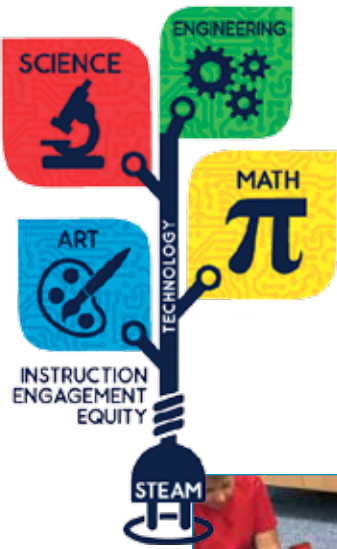
● **BUTTERNUT CREEK** is excited to be attending the "Ten Grands for Kids" matinee on April 15 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Students in grades 1-6 will watch 10 pianists on 10 grand pianos, with a mix of professional musicians and talented kids playing on the same stage. The goal of the show is to expose students to music at a very high level of proficiency, and to inspire them to follow their dreams. We are grateful to Michael

Allen Harrison's Snowman Foundation, which made this trip possible for our students. It will be a memorable event!

● **IMLAY** Every day at Imlay is different and exciting, but always STEAM-y! Walk into school and be surrounded by science, technology, engineering, art, and math experiences. Observe our tank of developing trout. Enjoy the STEAM photos scrolling on our recently-donated Mondo Board. Then walk down the halls to see the magic in the classrooms, including weather observations, earth materials sandwiches, maglev trains, salmon dissection, stop-motion videography, cell study, Dash and Dot programming, and art literacy, as well as spring preparations in our garden. Come experience STEAM for yourself at our festival on April 20, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

● **INDIAN HILLS** At Indian Hills, we incorporate STREAM—STEM with reading and arts—through a variety of activities. We have our newly-developed garden program, thanks to fourth-grade teacher Yvonne Norman and 2016 Century graduate Kyle Chasteen. Our annual Bridge Building engineering activity is a hit with students in grades K-6 as they plan, collaborate and build their structures using popsicle sticks and glue, then stress-test and analyze their results. Another annual event is our STREAM Fair, where students showcase their work. Combined with our standard curriculum, these activities enable children to think more deeply and critically as we prepare them to be career- and college-ready.

● **LADD ACRES** is proud of the long list of after-school programs we offer to our students, such as Chinese, chess, art, language, reading, LEGO robotics, and Battle of the Books clubs—currently 18 clubs in all! Most are free to participants, with some limited scholarships available for fee-based clubs, like Mad Science and Code to the Future. We also are very proud of our Crystal Apple Award winner, custodian Rolando Radilla Martinez! Coming



Tobias students love visiting the Lightbulb Lab, our new makerspace! Here, they explore coding with Dot and Dash robots.



Reedville Scholars in grades 3-6 learn about college at Portland State University's Kids Day, and even got to watch and cheer on the PSU women's basketball team.

GLENCOE FEEDER: ● GLENCOE HIGH SCHOOL ● EVERGREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELEMENTARIES: ● FREE ORCHARDS ● JACKSON ● LINCOLN STREET ● MCKINNEY ● NORTH PLAINS ● PATTERSON

Glencoe's Full Speed Ahead

After a bit of slowing due to snow days, we are full speed ahead this spring! Here are some highlights: The community is invited to sleuth around at our upcoming murder mystery play on April 21 and 22, 7:30 p.m. On April 28, students learn about honored veterans' experiences at our Veterans Remembrance Day. Student music will be featured at our new Glencoechella festival on May 19, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Graduation is June 9, 7 p.m. There's so much more! Be sure to check the calendars on pages 8-9 and our website.

Other News

● **EVERGREEN** Recently, science students were encouraged to think outside the box as they took part in Right Brain residency projects with two local artists. Eighth-graders learned about and created plate tectonic sculptures, and seventh-graders used clay animation to create stop-motion videos. Students were deeply engaged with the hands-on activities and experiences. At the end of the unit, they presented their sculptures and videos to their peers. Glencoe feeder administrators also listened in on some of the presentations.

● **FREE ORCHARDS** With over 90 families represented, Family Math and Pizza Night in February was a huge success. This is always a popular event where students cycle through fun, math-related activities, earn tickets for raffle prizes, and enjoy complimentary pizza from our community partner, Cornelius Little Caesars. Even former Free Orchards staff joined in the fun! We look forward to similar events this spring at our Science Fair Extravaganza on April 18, our kindergarten orientation on April 25, and our Celebration of Learning/Open House on May 23.

● **JACKSON** Parents and Pastries, Battle of the Books, a chess tournament, and the annual



Glencoe's dance team, the Tidettes, finished second in the state 6A dance competition in March.

PTA auction are just a few of the exciting things we experienced in the last few months. Inside the classroom, you are sure to see serious thinking and academic discourse as we prepare

students for future life success! It's not just the students learning; teachers are learning from each other through classroom walk-throughs and awesome professional development. We are looking forward to the extra days in June when we will celebrate world cultures and have college week with a panel of Jackson alumni college students!

● **LINCOLN STREET** As we embark upon the second year of our AVID program, fifth- and sixth-grade students have been working on organizational and note-taking strategies. Our AVID/concert night helped families connect these strategies at home. All grade levels have been building confidence and skills in speech through Right Brain Initiative's "Loud and Clear" project, with the support of the Oregon Children's Theatre and guest speakers from Pacific University, Laika Film Studios, Bag&Baggage, Salesforce, Lifeworks NW, Washington County Libraries, and our beloved Barley from the Hillsboro Hops.

● **MCKINNEY** Our first year as a STEM school has seen us focused on having a growth mindset, taking risks, and using mistakes as learning opportunities. Students are encouraged to think critically and collaboratively to find unique solutions to complex problems. We are looking to continue our high levels of success, and we couldn't do this without our wonderful business

partners, parents and volunteers who have helped make McKinney such a successful STEM school. THANK YOU!

● **NORTH PLAINS** Our band and choir participated in the Glencoe feeder concerts in March; it was a great opportunity to see what other elementary schools are doing with music. Right Brain Initiative projects keep kids creative with movement and role-playing with Nikki Flinn for grades K-2, and journals with drawings with Carl Sweets for grades 3-6, all related to the topic of community-building. We plan to display these at our spring showcase on April 20. Garden Club started in March, and continues through May, as students work with Ms. Debolt in our school garden. Sixth-grade students are getting excited about Outdoor School at Triple Creek on April 26-28, and we are all preparing for our science fair on May 9.

● **PATTERSON** just wrapped up its 11th year of impressive drama productions with "Seussical the Musical." Its two amazing casts of over 70 students in grades 4-6 were headed by Ruth Elison and supported by Neill Twigg. In other exciting news, Our Battle of the Books team went to the regional competition, vying admirably against 75 teams. Our 100+ student chess club sent its top 10 players to the regionals, where they took first place! They went on to the state tournament and had a great showing, with fifth-grader Ryan Long earning a second-place individual trophy. Great job and congratulations to all!



On display in Patterson's main hall are the kindergartners' "stamp art tiles" (top) and the "career tiles" created by sixth-graders. Coming soon is the grade 1-5 mural.



McKinney students are engrossed in coding, building robots and creating digital music as part of their STEM activities.



Free Orchards' Family Math and Pizza Night was a hit, with lots of fun activities and, of course, pizza—provided by Little Caesars in Cornelius.

HILHI FEEDER: ● HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL ● SOUTH MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELEMENTARIES: ● BROOKWOOD ● FARMINGTON VIEW ● GRONER ● W.L. HENRY ● MINTER BRIDGE ● ROSEDALE ● WITCH HAZEL



W.L. Henry's student council believes leadership is about building community, rising from problems, and doing what is right.

Hilhi Strives to BE•LIVE•BLUE

In addition to AVID and our career and college pathways, Hilhi offers academic extensions that are unique in the district: International Baccalaureate and Bilingual Seal (dual language). These options enable students to pursue rigorous coursework and receive special diplomas when they graduate. We also take pride in extracurricular success in leadership, sports, music, arts, and community service, most recently in wrestling, theatre and swimming (see Awards, page 13). Being BLUE means to Belong, Lead, Unite, Excel—qualities we strive for every day.

Other News

- **SOUTH MEADOWS** Our eighth-grade AVID students have taken on a leadership role in recruiting students for next year, visiting all of our feeder schools and leading assemblies about AVID and how it has impacted their own lives. All AVID students led our AVID family night, where more than 100 future SMMS students and parents learned about our program. Our students have also been learning about Oregon colleges, traveling to George Fox University and Oregon State University so far. Most of them would be the first in their families to attend college. Committed to hard work and good grades, they are determined to make college part of their future.
- **BROOKWOOD** On Jan. 25, award-winning author and children's advocate Trudy Ludwig visited our school to share tools that could be used to stop a bully. She read one of her books to our students and discussed healthy friendships. Through engaging activities and role-playing, she demonstrated some important life skills related to making those relationship choices. Trudy then presented staff with tips, tools, and resources to help in our ongoing efforts to promote a safer, kinder, and more inclusive school community. On Saturday, May 13, come challenge our amazing chess team members to a game at the Proud to be HSD Festival!
- **FARMINGTON VIEW** We are so proud of our VEX robotics teams who finished first and third in the 2017 state tournament, qualifying them for nationals in Iowa! We are also celebrating

the 25th year of our math program. Former students often return to visit math teacher Janet Rabe who started the program and has made such an impact on students. Starting up this spring are: Junior Naturalist project with Jackson Bottom Wetlands; building terrariums with Five Oaks Garden Club; planting flowers with parent volunteers; and planting in our learning garden. Join us for our STEM night on April 27 to see students' projects.

- **GRONER K-8** What do you get when you put families, science, technology, engineering, art, and math together? Our fifth annual Family STEAM Night full of engaging, hands-on experiences and STEAM learning! Taking place on Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the night will include family classroom STEAM activities, student science fair project displays, and outside partners to support the event. Come discover STEAM with us!
- **W. L. HENRY** Our student council, comprising a girl and boy from each of our fourth-sixth grade classrooms, recently shared ideas about school pride and leadership: We are bilingual. We are multicultural. We are responsible. We have wonderful teachers and a principal who are patient, help us and are good leaders. Leadership at our age is about helping others, giving ideas, and adding to community. Leaders are role models who help other kids who made bad decisions to learn from their mistakes. They help each other rise from problems. Leadership is about doing what is right so other people can do the same. At W.L. Henry, we are a community that comes together to stand up for and support each other.

- **MINTER BRIDGE** celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading parade, led by Carrie Bertram and Kim Lewis. Families and classmates enjoyed the "floats" on wagons about students' favorite books, and our school band joined



Minter Bridge students loved their reading parade, complete with the school band. Students made floats about their favorite books to celebrate Read Across America Day.



the fun! We learned about so many different books. This is just one way we bring our whole school together to build our community.

- **ROSEDALE** We were so excited to nominate our amazing custodian, Sara Cotten, for a Crystal Apple Award. Even though she didn't "win," the surprise reveal event on Feb. 8 showed how much we appreciate her. On Feb. 28, we held our Title I Literacy Night, followed by our Spring BINGO & Silent Auction on March 17. Many thanks to everyone who attended and donated so generously! We are looking forward to our talent show on Friday, May 19.
- **WITCH HAZEL** For a week of literacy fun in March, all eyes and ears were turned to books: reading and listening to them; tracking reading minutes; connecting math, science and writing to them; and decorating the school, all to celebrate the creativity, silliness, and life messages of beloved author Dr. Seuss. Each day, staff planned a Dr. Seuss-related dress-up theme, and, on his birthday, students and staff transformed into book characters. Students were able to trade in reading time for books—540 books were given away for 129,600 reading minutes! We live by Dr. Seuss' statement: "the more you learn, the more places you'll go!"



Farmington View fifth-graders are excited to be able to use real tools in their boat-building project with Wind and Oar. We look forward to finishing and testing it out on the lake!



Award-winning author Trudy Ludwig visited Brookwood to talk about making healthy relationship choices and promoting a more inclusive school community.

LIBERTY FEEDER: • LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL • POYNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELEMENTARIES: • EASTWOOD • LENOX • MOOBERRY • ORENCO • QUATAMA • WEST UNION



Liberty Pride!

This winter we celebrated many outstanding students! We have 453 students with a 3.5–3.9 GPA and 145 with a perfect 4.0 GPA (out of 1500 students)! Congratulations to our: theatre troupe for its outstanding production of "Xanadu;" Mr. Liberty pageant contestants who raised over \$5,000 for our Sparrow; Liberty Belles dance team for their third-place finish in the "Let Dance Ring" competition hosted at Liberty; and state champions: wrestler Ethan Wendell and the girls bowling team.

Other News

• **POYNTER** Do you have gently-used books, clothing, and home goods you'd like to have reused or recycled? Poynter is now part of the Gaia Movement, providing donation bins in our west parking lot—contact the school for a list of acceptable items. The community is invited to our spring play, "What Happened After Once Upon a Time," on May 12, 7:30 p.m., and May 13, 2 p.m. Our drama students have been busy rehearsing! In June, 22 students and two teachers will be getting an unforgettable summer learning experience as they head to Washington, D.C., to visit the museums and historical sites in the area.

• **EASTWOOD** Spring is in full effect at Eastwood! We started second semester dancing the night away at our annual PTA Family Dance Night with music from DJ Garcia. Next was Bingo and Silent Auction night, emceed by Mr. and Mrs. Keenan. International Writing Night on March 23 was a big hit. Our partner, Portland State University, provided each classroom with a cultural box of artifacts and information from different countries to study and display. Students took their families on a "tour of the world" to collect passport stamps as they traveled through each "country" classroom. All of our events focus on building our community—because we are better together!



Orenco staff take a tour of Hillsboro's new Orenco Woods Nature Park, a potential extension of learning experiences and curriculum for students.



Ceramic works by Liberty students received awards in the prestigious Scholastic Arts competition, including those of Lance Gates (panels 1 and 2) and Maricruz Gaona Lopez (panels 3 and 4). Other award-winners were Morgan Adams, Emily Bosworth, Nicole Miller, and Veronica Wilson.

• **LENOX** We had a fun and successful Read Across America Day on March 2! Staff and students were encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character or author. Our front lobby was transformed into a cozy living room complete with a coffee table, couch, rocking chairs and a reading lamp. At the end of April, we will begin our Right Brain residency as we work with Oregon Ballet Theatre to discover the patterns in movement and dance and relate this knowledge to how patterns manifest themselves in the real world.

• **MOOBERRY** offers an array of afterschool clubs for our students. Most are STEAM-related—coding, LEGO robotics, and Girls in Engineering and Mathematics, to name a few. However, we also offer clubs that are a bit more unique. One such club is Moo Fit, led by sixth-grade teacher Willow Grossen and supported by staff volunteers. Now in its third year, Moo Fit focuses on proper stretching techniques, leads students in jogs through the local neighborhood, and culminates in the Falcon 15K Relay held at Liberty High School every spring. In addition to getting fit, students receive shoes, clothing, and admission to the Falcon 15K Relay as a result of their participation.

• **ORENCO** students collaborated with the City of Hillsboro for the grand opening of the Orenco Woods Nature Park on February 4, writing poems with nature themes for reading and display. Staff members received a special tour, thanks to Diane Kearns, inspiring us to see this space as an outdoor extension of our learning environment. The park has opened up conversations about nature, animal track-

ing, climate, and eco-stewardship. Orenco is also taking steps to become a certified Green School. Next fall, we hope to weave more of an environmental focus into the curriculum and culture of our school.

• **QUATAMA** held a terrific STEAM Fair on April 6, featuring interactive activities for the whole family connected to life science, and a taiko drumming presentation that kicked off our Right Brain residency with Korekara Taiko. We are proud of Coyote alumni Lily Van Oss and Madeline Hui, currently at Poynter Middle School, who presented their sixth-grade collaborative stop-motion cell cycle film at the National Council of the Arts meeting in Washington, D.C., over spring break. We also celebrate sixth-grader Colby Jones, who will be representing us at the National Geographic Bee's state competition. Thanks to the Coyote Community Club and many volunteers for another successful Family Fun Night, with over 1,000 attendees throughout the evening!

• **WEST UNION** What a year for our Wolverines! Hillsboro community members were invited to be judges during West Union's version of the show "Shark Tank." Sixth-graders created unique inventions, calculated the cost to make them, and then wrote persuasive presentations to try to sell their inventions to the judges. As we head into spring, we are looking forward to having our first LEGO Robotics after-school club. In April, all students will have the opportunity to share a variety of projects at our STEAM Night—a fun event for the whole family!



Moo Fit club members at Mooberry do proper stretching before jogging. Students are training to run in Liberty's Falcon 15K Relay this spring.



An Eastwood class featured Guatemala on International Writing Night, producing their own "travel guide" to showcase the country and its culture.



2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

On February, 7, 2017, the School Board adopted a revised calendar for the 2016-17 school year, adding back school days to make up for school closures due to snow days in December and January. The added days are noted in blue. To view the adopted calendar, please visit <http://bit.ly/2mQgRrz>.

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Licensed staff listening session, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Poynter MS library
TAG family night at OMSI, 6-8 p.m.
Citizens Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7 p.m., District Administration Center
- 4

School Board meetings at the District Administration Center:
5:15 p.m. executive session
5:45 p.m. work session
7 p.m. regular session
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Hillsboro Online open house, 6:30-9 p.m.
Liberty choir concert, 7-9 p.m.
- 5

Witch Hazel coffee chat, 8-9 a.m.
District Spelling Bee, 8:30-11 a.m., District Administration Center
- 6

South Meadows coffee with the principal, 7:30-8 a.m.
Quatama STEAM fair and taiko drumming performance, 5-8 p.m.
Orencia math and science night, 5-7 p.m.
Patterson science fair, 5-7 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Construction bond open house, 6-7:30 p.m., Glencoe HS library
District kinder fair, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Street ES
Destino Éxito Educate forum, 6:30-8 p.m., Hilhi SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
- 7

Quatama coffee with the principal, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Spanish Spelling Bee, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Forest Grove HS
Traditional Powwow, 5-10:30 p.m., Liberty HS, hosted by Hillsboro Indian Education program
- 8

Brookwood spring bazaar
TrackTown All-Comers Meet, check-in 10 a.m., meet begins 11 a.m., Century HS
Hilhi Spring Fling black light dance, 4-7 p.m.
Glencoe prom, 8-11 p.m.
- 11

Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Brown "Become a Panther" night, 6-7:30 p.m.
Poynter choir concert, 7-9 p.m.
- 12

Metro Choir Festival at Glencoe HS
Oregon Symphony-Percussion, "Comedian's Gallop," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lincoln Street ES
West Union kinder orientation, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Bond Advisory Committee meeting, 6 p.m., District Administration Center
- 13

End of third quarter
Brown MS career day, 1-3:15 p.m.
Groner kinder orientation, 3-4 p.m.
Indian Hills kinder orientation, 3-4 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Hillsboro Online science fair and talent show, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Minter Bridge father/daughter dance, 6-8 p.m.
Tobias kinder orientation, 6-7 p.m.
SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
- 14

Added school day (to make up for snow day)
Lenox Jump-Rope for Heart
- 15

Trex Recycling Challenge ends
- 17

Hillsboro Schools Foundation phone-a-thon
- 20
- 18

Lenox kinder orientation, 3-4 p.m.
Farmington View kinder orientation, 3:30-5 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Minter Bridge kinder orientation, 5:30-7 p.m.
North Plains kinder orientation, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Free Orchards science fair, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 19

McKinney dads and doughnuts, 7:30-8 a.m.
Orencia family fitness night, 5:30-7:15 p.m.
Bond Advisory Committee meeting (tentative), 6-8 p.m.
- 20

Butternut Creek kinder orientation, 3-3:45 p.m.
North Plains spring showcase, 3-7 p.m.
Rosedale kinder orientation, 4-5 p.m.
Imlay STEAM festival, 5-7:30 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Eastwood kinder orientation, 6-7:30 p.m.
Groner family STEAM night, 6-7:30 p.m.
McKinney family STEM night, 6-7:30 p.m.
Lenox family science night
SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
- 21

Eastwood family fun night
Jackson bingo night, 6-8 p.m.
Liberty Drama presents "The Secret in the Wings," 7:30 p.m.
Glencoe Theatre presents "Murder Mystery VI," 7:30 p.m.
- 22

Hilhi FFA banquet
Falcon 15K Relay & Walk, races begin at 8:45 a.m.
Liberty Drama presents "The Secret in the Wings," 7:30 p.m.
Glencoe Theatre presents "Murder Mystery VI," 7:30 p.m.
- 23

Chamber of Commerce's Latino Cultural Festival, 12-5 p.m., downtown Hillsboro
- 24

Metropolitan Youth Symphony concert, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Lincoln Street ES
Glencoe National Honor Society induction, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 25

Orencia kinder orientation, 2:45-3:30 p.m.
Ladd Acres kinder orientation, 3-4 p.m.
School Board meetings at the District Administration Center:
5:15 p.m. executive session
5:45 p.m. work session
7 p.m. regular session
Bond Advisory Committee presentation to School Board, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Free Orchards kinder orientation, 6-7 p.m.
Tobias STEM night, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 26

Indian Hills and North Plains sixth-graders to outdoor school
Lincoln Street concert and curriculum night, grades K-1, 6-7:30 p.m.
SPED parent partnership evening, 6-8 p.m., District Administration Center
- 27

Farmington View STEM night, 5-7 p.m.
WL Henry kinder orientation, 5-6:30 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Ladd Acres science fair, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
District kinder fair, 6-8 p.m., Witch Hazel ES
Orencia musical performances:
6 p.m., first grade
7 p.m., second grade
Reedville science fair, 6-7 p.m.
SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
- 28

Glencoe veterans remembrance day
Tobias coffee with the principal, 8-9 a.m.
Liberty Drama presents "The Secret in the Wings," 7:30 p.m.
Brookwood family movie night
Indian Hills movie night, 6:30-9 p.m.
- 29

Eco Fair and Lincoln Street garden festival, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hilhi FFA spaghetti bingo
Liberty Drama presents "The Secret in the Wings," 7:30 p.m.

2016-17

Calendar

May

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Orencia hearing screenings, grades K, 1 and 3
Classified staff listening session, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Brookwood ES
Tobias "Walk on Rock," 6-7 p.m.
Citizens Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7 p.m., District Administration Center
- 2

Brookwood kinder orientation, 4-5:30 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Glencoe theatre spotlight, time tbd
- 3

Tobias spring book fair begins
Witch Hazel coffee chat with the principal, 8-9 a.m.
Witch Hazel kinder orientation, 4-5 p.m.
Tobias picnic on the playground, 6-7:30 p.m.
Glencoe theatre spotlight, time tbd
- 4

Indian Hills fun run
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
District science-o-rama, 6-7 p.m.
SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
Budget Committee meeting, 7-9 p.m.
Glencoe theatre & senior spotlights, time tbd
- 5

Orencia jog-a-thon
Minter Bridge spring fiesta, 6-8 p.m.
Glencoe senior spotlight, 7:30 p.m.
- 6

State choir competition, George Fox University
Glencoe senior spotlight, 7:30 p.m.
Hilhi Drama presents "Simply Maria," 7:30 p.m.
- 8

Ladd Acres coffee chat with the principal, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
- 9

North Plains science fair, 2-7:30 p.m.
Imlay kinder orientation, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Indian Hills volunteer tea, time tbd
School Board work session, 5:15 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Reedville kinder orientation, 6-7 p.m.
- 10

South Meadows incoming seventh-grade visits, 6-8 p.m.
- 11

Mooberry kinder orientation, 5-6:30 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Quatama kinder orientation, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Street kinder orientation, 6-7:30 p.m.
Patterson kinder orientation, 6-7:30 p.m.
SENG parent group meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Poynter MS
Budget Committee meeting (if needed), 7-9 p.m.
- 12

Free Orchards moms and muffins, time tbd
Poynter Players present "What Happened After Once Upon a Time," 7:30 p.m.
- 13

Proud to be HSD Festival, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., downtown Hillsboro
Reedville Girls on the Run 5K, 9 a.m.-noon
Hilhi Drama presents "Simply Maria," 7:30 p.m.
Poynter Players present "What Happened After Once Upon a Time," 7:30 p.m.
- 16

Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 17

SPED parent partnership evening, 6-8 p.m., District Administration Center
- 18

Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lenox celebration of learning and music/dance performance, 5:30-7 p.m.
Patterson open house, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Butternut Creek family cultural night, 6-8 p.m.
McKinney kinder orientation, 6-7 p.m.
Hilhi spring band concert, 7-9:30 p.m.
Liberty One-Act Festival, time tbd
- 19

Glencoechella, 4-8 p.m.
Ladd Acres carnival, 5-8 p.m.
Rosedale talent show, 6-8 p.m.
- 20

Hilhi senior prom, 8-11 p.m.
- 23

Liberty senior project exhibitions
School Board meetings at the District Administration Center:
5:15 p.m. executive session
7 p.m. regular session - includes approval of final bond package
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Free Orchards celebration of learning open house, 6-7:30 p.m.
Jackson kinder orientation, 7-8 p.m.
- 25

District retirement celebration, 3:45-5 p.m.
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Glencoe choir concert, 7-9 p.m.
- 26

Tobias school community upkeep project
District valedictorian/salutatorian luncheon
- 29

No school: Memorial Day holiday
- 30

Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Liberty spring choir concert, time tbd
- 31

HSD coaches/directors celebration, 5:30-8 p.m., Glencoe HS cafeteria
Century senior project night, 6-8 p.m.



Cheer on your favorite mascot at the hilarious Proud to be HSD Festival Mascot Challenge! Last year's special guests were Victor E. Viking from Portland State University (left), Tom-a-Hawk from the Portland Winterhawks (center), and Barley from our Hillsboro Hops (right). Challenges included cupstacking, dance-offs, musical chairs, and an obstacle course.

Saturday, May 13
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Proud to be HSD
Festival
downtown Hillsboro

In celebration of Earth Month, Hillsboro School District is teaming up with the City of Hillsboro's Sustainability Department to host an Eco Fair on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lincoln Street Elementary School, 801 NE Lincoln St. The main attractions will be a tire collection, recycled art activities out of the District's new Proud to be HSD Trailer, and beautification projects around the school grounds. Hillsboro Library will be there showcasing the Library of Things, and other community partners will be participating as well. Look for more information on our website.

eco fair

saturday, april 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
lincoln street elementary school, 801 ne lincoln street, hillsboro

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- 1----- Indian Hills field day
Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
HSD coaches/directors celebration, 5:30-8 p.m., Century HS cafeteria
Hilhi senior award night, 6-8:30 p.m.
Glencoe theatre showcase, 7:30-9 p.m.

2----- Lenox carnival, 5-8 p.m.
Tobias spring carnival, 5:30-8 p.m.

5----- Hilhi leadership banquet, 4-10 p.m.
Citizens Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting (tentative), 7-8:30 p.m., District Administration Center

6----- Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lenox book fair family night, time tbd
Hillsboro Online commencement, 7 p.m., Peter Boscow, 452 NE 3rd Ave.
Glencoe honors night, 7-9 p.m.

7----- Witch Hazel coffee chat with the principal, 8-9 a.m.
MEC commencement, 7-9 p.m., Hilhi auditorium
Century HS bacculaureate, 7-8:30 p.m.
Glencoe HS bacculaureate, 7-8:30 p.m.

8----- Homework Help at Shute Park Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Century HS commencement, 7 p.m., Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NW 229th Ave.

9----- McKinney hosts Glencoe graduation walk, 2-2:15 p.m.
- Indian Hills annual carnival, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Glencoe HS commencement, 7 p.m., Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NW 229th Ave.

10---- Hilhi commencement, 3 p.m., Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NW 229th Ave.
Liberty HS commencement, 7:30 p.m., Hillsboro Stadium, 4450 NW 229th Ave.

13---- School Board meetings at the District Administration Center:
5:15 p.m. executive session
7 p.m. regular session

15---- Reedville student showcase, 6-7:30 p.m.

19---- Added school days (to make up for -22--- snow days)

19---- Lenox annual egg drop event

20---- Lenox sixth-grade BBQ
North Plains field day

21---- Last academic seminar of the school year
Lenox sixth-grade graduation
Minter Bridge field day

22---- Minter Bridge sixth-grade completion, 6-7 p.m.

23---- Last day of school for grades K-11; early release (please check with your school for dismissal times)
Indian Hills grade 6 "moving on" ceremony, 9-10 a.m.
Minter Bridge kinder completion, 9-10 a.m.

24---- SUMMER BREAK BEGINS! (through Sept. 4)



HILLSBORO ARTS SUMMER

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS CAMP

July 10-21, 9 a.m. - noon
Century High School

for youth entering grades 6 - high school
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/HAS



CAMP AMP

HILLSBORO PARKS & RECREATION

Major in bass, concert production, drum set, guitar, horns, and vocals

July 10-21, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Century High School

for youth entering grades 6 - high school
Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/ParksRec

Each camp is \$200 per participant, or \$300 for both camps (before July 5). Add \$50 after July 5. Call 503.681.6120 if you have any questions.

Glencoe High School's Captain Crimson was the victor of the 2016 Mascot Challenge after a hard-fought competition with our guests and fellow HSD mascots. Who will be this year's winner of the coveted trophy?

See last year's festival fun at: <http://bit.ly/1bY4tx5>



Fall 2017

- SEPTEMBER**
4----- No school: Labor Day holiday
5----- First day of school, grades 1-6, 7, 9
6----- First day of school, returning students in grades 8, 10-12
7----- First day of school, kindergartners
- OCTOBER**
12---- No school (elementary only): staff development and work day
13---- No school: licensed non-contract day

- NOVEMBER**
2----- End of first quarter
3----- No school (elementary only): work day and conference prep
8----- No school: elementary-parent conferences; secondary-staff development
9----- No school: parent conferences
10---- No school: Veterans Day holiday
23---- No school: Thanksgiving Day holiday
24---- No school: licensed non-contract day

- DECEMBER**
18---- No school: winter break -29

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View the upcoming school calendars

2017-18– <http://bit.ly/2mQgRrz>

2018-19– <http://bit.ly/2muf4oQ>



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Miller Education Center

Grades 9-12 and Options Programs

MEC film students work on their movie, "Conflicted Nature."

MEC is the site of our new Hillsboro Big Picture school, opening to ninth-graders in fall 2017, then expanding in upcoming years.

MILLER EDUCATION CENTER (MEC) The snow slowed the Counseling and Career Center down a bit this winter as we had to cancel our December and January college visits and community service due to school closures. That made February and March very busy months as we made up for lost time!

On Thursday, February 16, we visited Clark College in Vancouver, WA, and toured their dental hygiene facility and brand new STEM building. That same day, we also helped the Oregon Food Bank package hundreds of pounds of oats for families in need as part of our community service.

Students in Miller's film class premiered their movie, "Conflicted Nature," in February. The film is largely student-written, produced, directed and acted. It received a very warm

reception at a screening for the MEC student body and staff.

As of mid-March, 22 students have earned their G.E.D. Congratulations!

Miller West held parent information nights on March 23 and during spring break for our new Hillsboro Big Picture school, which will open this fall. At Hillsboro Big Picture, learning is centered around the student, who takes ownership of their personalized education and real-world experiences. We will start with incoming freshmen and plan to add a new freshman cohort in each upcoming school year.

Visit www.bigpicture.org or contact MEC at 503.844.1680 to learn more about what constitutes Big Picture learning and why we are



excited to be one of 80 schools around the world to offer this program.

Operating ten different programs at five locations, MEC is proud to provide students with alternative education that fits their learning styles and needs, and prepares them for their futures beyond high school.

hillsboro online ACADEMY



Students get a feel for Orbeez water balls, superabsorbent polymers that grow to more than 100 times their volume when water is added.

HILLSBORO ONLINE ACADEMY (HOA) is expanding access to online curriculum across the district with new courses available to high school students. Students are forecasting for next year's classes now and may sign up for these courses:

- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Renewable Technologies
- Veterinary Science: The Care of Animals
- Introduction to Manufacturing: Product Design and Innovation
- Principles of Public Service
- Introduction to Forestry and Natural Resources
- Cosmetology
- Careers in Criminal Justice

HOA is open to students in grades 3-12. Students can enroll in core content courses at HOA for a single class, multiple classes or full-time! We also have weekly elementary art, coding, chess, and running clubs. Coming soon: bowling activities for all



HOA students conduct their first weigh-in for the Trex Recycling Challenge. They collected over 82 pounds in the first two weeks!

students and twice-monthly art club for middle school students. HOA is AdvancED-accredited and NCAA-approved. Give us a call at 503.844.1050 or visit hillonlineacademy.org to learn more.



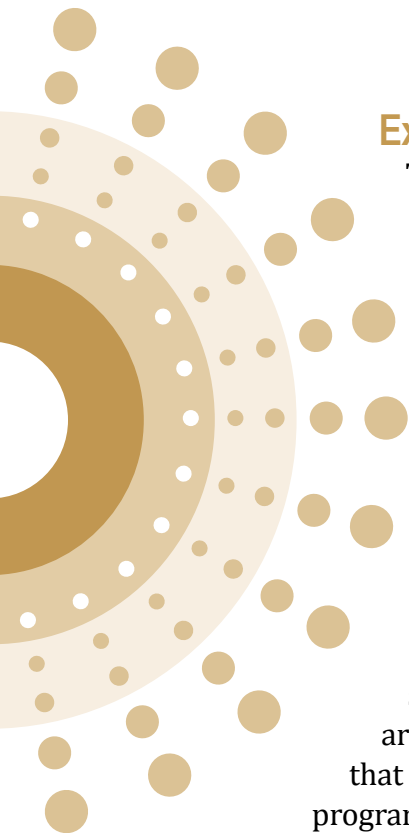
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CAREER & COLLEGE PATHWAYS



Expanding Opportunities

The Career and College Pathways (CCP) program continues to be a priority in the Hillsboro School District and we are encouraged to see our efforts mirrored in our academic achievement indicators.

Along with the AVID programs in each middle and high school, CCP is focused on working with students to embrace a culture of career- and college-readiness. Our success is further driven by counseling support, outreach efforts, and a diverse array of career and technical offerings that help guide students into postsecondary programs.

“My counseling office has been doing a very good job in making sure that we hear about all of the opportunities that the school district offers as soon as they hear about them,” Glencoe High School senior Ana Sally Gonzalez Barragan noted.

High school counselors and school-to-career coordinators also have been hosting College Application Weeks, where college admissions counselors come to the school to help students apply on the spot, and scholarship workshops, where students receive both information on available scholarships and assistance with filling out the applications. As a result, our two- and four-year college-going rates increased over the last year.

Our rates for submitting Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) increased as well. At each high school, there have been several outreach opportunities, including student/parent workshops during the day and evening, classroom guidance from counselors about



Thanks to the ongoing support and resources from my school district, I know I can do great things in life.”
— Ana Sally Gonzalez Barragan



the FAFSA process, and schoolwide communication through social media campaigns and newsletters. HSD’s dual credit rates continue to rise, too, due to the expansion of our partnerships with colleges and universities that lead to more dual credit courses than ever before. Our students are gaining more opportunities to begin a college transcript while in high school that can really pay off financially.

K-12 Guidance

In the Hillsboro School District, we have a strong K-12 career and college guidance program. We believe educating our students at an early age about career and college pathways, and providing career-related coursework and opportunities, are important for a successful transition after high school.

“Thanks to the ongoing support and resources from my school district, I know I can do great things in life,” Gonzalez said. Perhaps the most important resource for her was the hands-on learning opportunity provided by HSD through IGNiTE (Inspiring Growth Now in Teacher Education), for students who are interested in becoming future educators.

“Through IGNiTE, I was given the opportunity to do an internship with the Hillsboro School District’s migrant summer school,” Gonzalez continued. “There, I suddenly was called ‘Mrs. Gonzalez’ by the second- and third-graders. Those moments made me realize that education is something that I definitely want to do with my life because I want to impact the lives of the students and their families.”

We are proud to show how our achievements and student experiences are paying off—supporting our students not only while they are in our district, but providing solid foundations for success as they head into adulthood. Stay up-to-date on CCP as we continue to grow! Please visit the HSD website at: <http://bit.ly/17g1WfQ> or scan the QR code on the right.



Gov. Kate Brown Discusses 'Grow Our Own' Educational Opportunities with HSD Latino Students

On March 27, at the Brookwood Library, Oregon Governor Kate Brown took time out of a visit to Hillsboro businesses to hear HSD Latino students and alumni talk about the opportunities, as well as obstacles, they experienced in their education. The students and alumni represented current and past members of HSD’s AVID program, the IGNiTE and Student Communications teams, and the City of Hillsboro’s Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

They are tireless veterans of volunteering. Many participated in Portland Community College’s Future Connect, a collaborative scholarship program, or Western Oregon University’s WOU Scholars, which develops future bilingual educators. All are ambitious in their career and college goals, and in their plans to return to and give back to their community, reflecting the meeting’s theme of “Grow Our Own.”

Kristi Wilson, mentor to the City’s YAC, reiterated the importance of these programs to get youth excited about careers in education,

(see Gov. Brown, continued on page 12)



Gov. Kate Brown (center) talked about educational opportunities for Latino students with Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway and HSD students, alumni and staff: from left, Enrique Chavez (Liberty), Ariadna Hernandez (Liberty), Kimberly Lemus (Hilhi, WOU), Jazmine Tellez Rojas (Glencoe), Sindy Avila (staff), Giselle Cariño (Liberty), Yazmin Hernandez Alvarez (Liberty, WOU), Cristina Servin (staff), Alicia DeJesus (Hilhi, Pacific), Javier Gonzalez (Hilhi), Ana Sally Gonzalez Barragan (Glencoe), J. Andres Hernandez-Galvan (Liberty, WOU), Fernando Aguilar Roman (Glencoe, PCC).

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government and public service, with the intent of "sending them out to experience things and then come back to Hillsboro." About WOU Scholars, CCP Coordinator Brooke Nova said, "we are growing our own culturally- and linguistically-diverse students who will come back and be teachers for us." HSD is now in its third cohort of WOU Scholars.

Students introduced themselves to Gov. Brown and Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway, and provided a bit about their background. Their career goals range from education to dentistry to business, and even politics. They credited the opportunities and resources provided by HSD, the City, and the Chamber of Commerce for illuminating their career and college pathways, and building the foundations for successful futures.

"In addition to the scholarship," Liberty graduate Yazmin Hernandez said of WOU Scholars, "I get to go to my dream school and study to do my dream job."

Fernando Aguilar, a Glencoe alumnus, received an Associate's degree at PCC through the Future Connect program and now will study

to be a dentist at Pacific University on a full-ride scholarship. "I needed that extra support to guide me through the college journey," he said.

Entrepreneur Javier Gonzalez, a Hilhi junior, got connected with the Chamber and started the Tuesday Teen Market program, where he sold his range of pet accessories. His YAC participation garnered an internship with the City that enabled him to see the corporate and public finance aspects of business.

Gov. Brown then asked the students about their thoughts on a variety of education-related issues. On the topic of improving Oregon's education system, they suggested lowering class sizes and providing financial literacy classes. Resources for the arts were also a concern. Enrique Chavez advocated for more bilingual counselors, noting he was told there were currently only ten in the state (and he wants be the 11th).

The struggles of DACA ("Dreamer") students, lowering barriers, and the need for inclusion were brought to the table. Gov. Brown reiterated that Oregon is a sanctuary state, according to a statute brought by "a brilliant leader," the first Latino legislator, Rocky Barilla, in 1987.

Regardless of the challenges they may face, Gov. Brown stressed: "I don't want you to take that [career/college] path off your options because we need more voices at the table."

Diversity is essential to the City as well. Mayor Callaway cited his 20 years of experience in education and talked about the difficulty of recruiting and retaining educators of color. "The fact that we're able to grow our own is such a great thrill for us," he remarked.

"I'm hoping to share some of the 'grow your own' with the rest of the state," Gov. Brown said. "I'm really excited about this program because I think it's so important that we diversify our educator [and healthcare and entrepreneur] workforce. We want to make sure that our educators look like the communities that they teach in. ... you're wanting to connect and help students ... that makes an incredible difference for those students. It really does, so I'm very excited."

At the end of the meeting, Gov. Brown was gracious enough to take photos and speak individually with each of the students. As one excitedly remarked, "this was on my bucket list!"

TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Ceremonies

Moving to Hillsboro Stadium

Century: Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Glencoe: Friday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Hilhi: Saturday, June 10, 3 p.m.

Liberty: Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

at Peter Boscow:

HOA: Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m.

at Hilhi auditorium:

MEC: Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

A new tradition is coming to Hillsboro this June: Century, Glencoe, Hillsboro, and Liberty High School graduation ceremonies will now be held at the Hillsboro Stadium. Following a staff recommendation, community survey, and Board discussion last spring and summer, the decision was made to move the ceremonies to the Stadium beginning with the class of 2017.

Students will each receive 10 tickets to their graduation event, which should help alleviate some of the stress around selecting family members who can attend. For those attendees who need indoor accommodations, the ceremonies will still be live-streamed to the auditorium at Liberty High School.

The graduation stage will be tented, and there are 1,500 clear ponchos at the ready in case the skies decide to provide liquid sunshine in honor of the graduates!



Our staff, students and schools have been working hard to perform professionally, achieve in academics and athletics, and secure grants to enable more great things to happen in our District. Here are select highlights of recent awards and grants, and winners of state, regional or national competitions:

Students and Student Groups

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Semi-Finalists

Ashwin Datta, Glencoe

Umairullah Khan, Century

MICHAELA CANETE of Century was named the Metro West princess on the 2017 Rose Festival court.

After winning the Metro League for the third time, the **CENTURY WRESTLING TEAM** took home its first-ever state trophy by placing fourth in the state 6A boys wrestling tournament. Congratulations to individual state placers: **RICHARD VASQUEZ**, fifth place, 113 lb. weight class; **TERRELL JACKSON**, fifth place, 138 lb.; **JOSH GRANT**, third place, 152 lb.; **TY SIMKO**, second place, 152 lb.; **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, second place, 182 lb.; **JJ PEREZ**, second place, 220 lb.

FARMINGTON VIEW ELEMENTARY'S VEX robotics teams placed first and third in the 2017 state championships, qualifying them for the national competition in Iowa.

GLENCOE'S DANCE TEAM, the Tidettes, finished second in the state 6A dance competition.

ASHWIN DATTA of Glencoe won the Best in Fair Award at the Beaverton-Hillsboro Science Fair for his invention of a mechanism for rotating microsatellites without the use of propulsion systems. He will compete in Intel's International Science and Engineering Fair on May 14-19 in Los Angeles.

ERIC MUÑOZ of Glencoe placed third in the 195 lb. class at the state 6A wrestling tournament. **IAN STETTLER** took fifth place at 152 lb.



TYLER RABANG of Hilhi is the first female wrestler in school history to place in the state girls tournament, taking second place in the 113 lb. class. In the state 5A boys tournament, **COLE SIEMON** took third place, 113 lb.; **PEYTON BELL**, second place, 132 lb.; **JARED EICHSTADT**, sixth place, 195 lb.; and **ENRIQUE GUERRA**, third place, 285 lb.

DAVID VANDYKE and **ABBIGALE KINZINGER** of Hilhi won Northwest Oregon Conference honors as best lead actor and best lead actress, respectively, for their roles in the 20-minute play, "Actor's Nightmare," by Christopher Durang. They are hoping to be just as successful in the state thespian competition in April!



▲ Hilhi boys swim team won first place in the state 5A championships.



▼ Farmington View's VEX robotics teams placed first and third in the state championships.



◀ Poynter's chess team took second place in the state Chess for Success tournament. Nathaniel Tan (holding trophy) was second in his individual competition.

HILHI BOYS SWIM TEAM won the team title in state 5A competition, overtaking Mountain View in the very last relay race to take first place. Also placing were the junior varsity team (second place) and the open team #2 (third place).

The following students earned Silver or Gold Key awards in the Scholastic Art Awards competition: Century High School—**FINN SYLWESTER**; Glencoe High School—**EVA BASILE, CASSIDY FINK, ADRIANA GREENE, JESSICA MCLAURY, YANELYS MEDINA**; Liberty High School—**MORGAN ADAMS** (also won a Gold Key at the national level), **EMILY BOSWORTH, MARICRUZ GAONA LOPEZ, LANCE GATES, NICOLE MILLER, VERONICA WILSON**; South Meadows Middle School—**SAMANTHA BLATTER, KATELIN EDER, MAKAYLA LIDGETT, SULLIVAN LOOSE, and MARY NGUYEN**.

LIBERTY'S GIRLS BOWLING TEAM won the state championship.

LIBERTY'S EQUESTRIAN TEAM members qualified for the state competition on April 6-9 by successfully placing in district meets. State qualifiers in their respective events are: **MOLLY BURTON, KENDRA CASPER, JESSIE LINCOLN, KELLYN POE, KATIE ROWLEY, and SAVANAH YOUNG**.

ETHAN WENDELL of Liberty went undefeated in the 138 lb. class to win a state 6A wrestling championship.

PATTERSON ELEMENTARY'S CHESS TEAM took first place in a Chess for Success regional tournament, moving on to state, where fifth-grader **RYAN LONG** earned a second-place individual trophy.

POYNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CHESS TEAM took second place in the Chess for Success state tournament. **NATHANIEL TAN**, a seventh-grader, won second place as well in his individual competition.

ZORYNA SAVELO, a seventh-grader at Poynter Middle School, submitted the winning artwork for the Hillsboro Farmer's Markets annual poster contest.

BRODY REESE, an eighth-grader at South Meadows Middle School, took first place in the 220 lb. class at the Oregon middle school state wrestling tournament. Brody will wrestle with Oregon's national middle school team in Cody, Wyo., on May 12-13.

Visit our website regularly to view the latest information on awards, grants and other recognition of students, staff and schools. Be sure to let us know of anyone we need to showcase!



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Best Part of Me: Annemarie Jacques

She originally thought she would come into Reedville Elementary School to read for an hour or so a week, but Annemarie Jacques has found herself in demand not only as a reading buddy, but as a math tutor and, recently, as facilitator of Reedville's "Best Part of Me" project, based on the book by Wendy Ewald. Using this subject as a writing prompt, she was able to encourage students to think about their own self-images.

Annemarie utilized her photography skills for this project to capture student images in a makeshift studio in the back of Reedville's auditorium stage. Each sixth-grader in Ms. Nehring's class was asked to select what they thought were their "best parts" and have them photographed. Then, they wrote a short essay about why they thought those were best. The more self-conscious students needed a bit more coaxing from Annemarie, but she also learned more about the students. For example, many of the girls chose their hair. Talking further, she found that some of them donated what they had cut to

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
—Henry Ford



Wigs for Kids to help other children who had lost their hair, demonstrating their care and empathy for others.

Students were able to select a color or black-and-white photo to post with their writing. Shutterbug helped with the cost of the prints and a friend helped with the mats. The finished products are displayed near the school's entryway. Fifth-graders will be adding their projects soon.

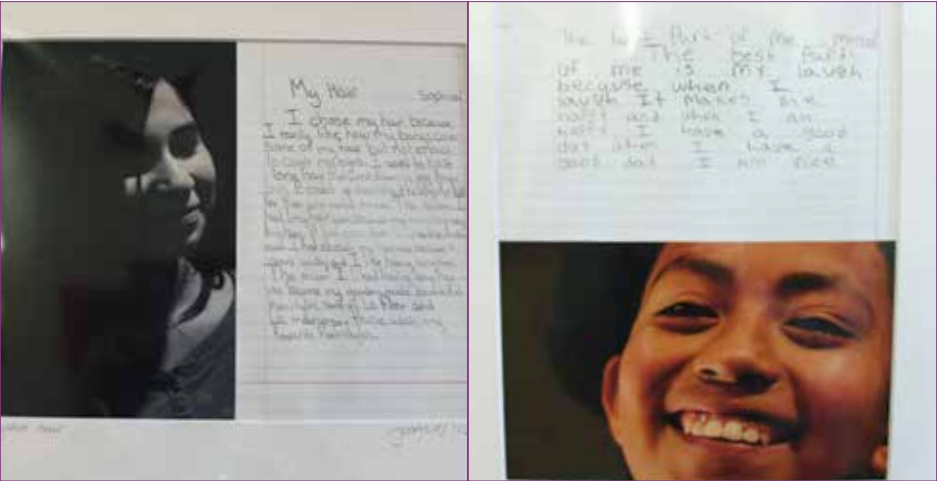


Volunteer Information
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A former architect and instructor at Clemson University, Annemarie moved to Portland with her husband to be closer to her daughter. She now teaches part-time at Portland State University. Volunteering is a pleasure, but also a way she can offer something. As a photographer, her interest has gone from buildings and landscapes, to sports, and now to photo-documentation; "more in line with social issues," as she described it. As good as she is with photography, students would probably say the best part of Annemarie is the hugs she readily gives.



Annemarie Jacques, a member of the Hillsboro Schools Foundation board, volunteered for Reedville's "Best Part of Me" project, based on Wendy Ewald's book, to photograph students' "best parts" and help them write about why they thought those were best.



Sophia (left) chose her hair, even though it's not as long as it used to be because she, like other girls, donated some to Wigs for Kids. Marcos (right) chose his laugh because "it makes me happy" which, in turn, makes him have a good day and be nice.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

INCLEMENT WEATHER
MAKE-UP PLAN

HSD students lost a total of nine instructional days in December 2016 and January 2017 due to snow and ice. After considering a variety of options for dealing with the lost time, the School Board ultimately decided to restore just six of the nine days by taking the following actions:

- **Make Friday, April 14, a school day.** April 14 had been identified as a no-school day for teacher preparation at the elementary level and grade preparation at the secondary level. Mid-semester grades will still be available on ParentVUE/Student-VUE for middle and high school students;

however, they will serve more as progress indicators than full quarter grades.

- **Add Monday through Friday, June 19-23, as school days for students in grades K-11.** Last days of school and graduation dates for current seniors will remain unchanged. All other students will be expected to attend school the week of June 19-23, 2017, with June 23 being an early release day.

The loss of instructional days was particularly impactful to high school students who are taking AP and IB courses and preparing for exams in May. School staff have

created plans to provide additional time for their AP and IB students through activities such as before- and/or after-school study sessions, and Saturday morning study sessions. Those plans are being supported by district resources.

An updated 2016-17 calendar reflecting the changes is posted on the District website. Changes are also incorporated in the calendar on pages 8 and 9.

Community Partners

City of Hillsboro

Measure 34-273: Police, Fire, and Parks Local Option Levy

The May 16 ballot will contain Measure 34-273, proposing a renewal of the current operating local option levy to maintain police, fire, and parks services. The current operating levy expires in 2018. If passed, Measure 34-273 would renew the current operating levy first approved by voters in 2006 and renewed by voters in 2012; the majority of the levy would go to maintain existing public safety services provided by the Hillsboro Police and Fire Departments, and the remainder would go to parks maintenance services. Get more information at Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/LocalOption.

Happening in Hillsboro E-Newsletter

Stay connected with the City's biweekly e-newsletter, "Happening in Hillsboro," featuring news and events in the City of Hillsboro. View issues and sign up at <http://bit.ly/2ggPUeO>.

Parks & Recreation

Sign Up for Summer Camps

Hillsboro Parks & Recreation offers a broad variety of summer camps, from full-day camps to camps that are a few hours long for a week or more. Camps include Jackson Bottom Nature Exploration, Zone Adventure Camp, Sizzling Summer Camp, Hillsboro Arts Camps, Sports and Aquatics camps and much more. Visit the Parks & Recreation page at <http://bit.ly/2mJCXh1> to view the summer issue of the Activities Guide (coming soon).

Walters Cultural Arts Center

Creative classes and summer camps are big hits at Walters! Kids ages 5-13 interested in learning how to act, work with clay, play the

guitar, draw, paint, write, and more can spend their summer getting creative with upcoming camps. Adults and teens can find that inspirational spark at individual classes. Find out more about these classes, concerts and all the cultural arts in Hillsboro at <http://bit.ly/2ggTC8c>.

Chamber of Commerce Congratulations Crystal Apple Award Nominees and Winners!

For the past 12 years, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce has honored educators in our community with the annual Crystal Apple Excellence in Education Awards. Winners were announced at the Crystal Apple Awards dinner held on February 23:

Licensed Category

- Kim Bliss, IB/Social Studies/TAG teacher, Hillsboro High
- Heidi Clayton, 2nd grade teacher, McKinney Elementary
- Margaret Kellar, elementary teacher, Hillsboro Online Academy
- Angel Magdaleno, 1st grade teacher, Jackson Elementary

Support Category

- Jorge Guzman, custodian, Quatama Elementary
- Lorrie Pierce, educational assistant, Imlay Elementary
- Rolando Radilla-Martinez, day head custodian, Ladd Acres Elementary

Administrators

- Bruce Bourget, principal, Indian Hills Elementary
- Audrea Neville, principal, Patterson Elementary
- Justin Welch, principal, McKinney Elementary

To view all 2017 nominees, visit HSD's Crystal Apple Awards page at <http://bit.ly/1G2sEDE>.

Latino Cultural Festival

An annual tradition since 2004, the Latino Cultural Festival celebrates the diversity of our community. It enables us to welcome and embrace Latino culture, and features art, food, entertainment and so much more. The festival takes place in downtown Hillsboro on Sunday, April 23, from noon to 5 p.m. Come join our celebration!



Annual Awards

Don't miss the Annual Awards dinner on Thursday, May 18, 5:30 p.m., at NW Events & Environments, 2900 NW 229th Ave., Suite 100, where outstanding organizations and individuals are honored for their contributions to our community—including a Distinguished Youth!

Visit hillsborochamberor.com for more information about all Chamber-sponsored community events,

Stages Performing Arts Youth Academy

In April and May, youth thespians will be performing "The Secret Garden" at the HART Theatre in Hillsboro. Stages also offers classes and workshops; coming up are "Get Your Act Together" and "Mastering the Audition." Find more information at www.stagesyouth.org.

Hillsboro Schools Foundation

Answer the Call!

From April 17 to 20, student volunteers will be calling homes in the community for the annual HSF Phone-a-Thon, raising funds to enrich public education. Please answer the call and give what you can. Donations are also accepted online at <http://hsfonline.org>.

Alumni Database

HSF is developing an alumni database! If you graduated from one of our HSD high schools, please take a few minutes to respond to their brief survey at conta.cc/2nU860d.

Hillsboro Rotary

Here are the latest Students of the Month who were selected by their counselors to present school updates to the Hillsboro Rotary:



Skylynn Rhiner
Hilhi



Mia Castaneda
Liberty



Shaina Gilbert
Century



Kaitlyn Krautscheid
Hillsboro Online



Ashley Cox
Glencoe



Jennifer Mendez
Hilhi



Qassim Saad
Liberty



Kennedy Taube
Hilhi



Gabriela
Hernandez Duran
Liberty



Michaela Canete
Century



Chelsea Miller
Hillsboro Online



The 2017 Crystal Apple Award winners celebrate their achievements! From left, they are: Justin Welch, Angel Magdaleno, Margaret Kellar, Heidi Clayton, Kim Bliss, Lorrie Pierce, Jorge Guzman, Audrea Neville, Bruce Bourget, and Rolando Radilla-Martinez. Sponsored by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, the Crystal Apple Awards honor excellence in education.



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See last year's highlights and get the latest updates for the 2017 Festival at bit.ly/1bY4tx5 or scan the QR code.



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