Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

What a great start to an even greater 2019-2020 school year! It was so awesome to see the smiles on both staff and students upon their arrival last Monday! Teachers were ready to teach and students were ready to learn! We have so many amazing activities and experiences planned for your student and look forward to the connections and relationship building that stand us apart from other schools. Please make sure that your child is here every day and on time and please contact your teacher to see if there are volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule. We LOVE our volunteers! Please stop by the office and say hello and/or give me a call if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We will be having a “Coffee with the Principal” on Tuesday, September 17th and I look forward to seeing you there. Have a great weekend and make the most of what is left of our beautiful summer in the Applegate Valley!

Julie Barry, Principal
#ittakesacommunity

UPCOMING EVENTS
9/11 PTO Meeting 3:45 pm
9/12 Cross Country @ Bear Creek Park
9/16 Volleyball @ Rogue River
9/17 Jog A Thon Kickoff
Coffee with the Principal, following Jump Start
Cross Country @ Colver Fields
9/18 Volleyball VS Cascade Christian
9/23 Volleyball @ Applegate
9/25 MID QUARTER
Volleyball @ Applegate
9/26 Cross Country VS Sacred Heart
9/27 Picture Day

HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER
Many parents and interested adults have shown a desire to help in the process of public education. It was because of this, and the seemingly endless number of duties and tasks involved in the education of students, that VIMS was created. By working with students, teachers and principals, volunteers in the Medford School District will enrich the educational opportunities available to all students.

Through this program:
® Volunteers gain first-hand knowledge of what is happening in the schools and become more proficient at helping their own children.
® Teachers receive more planning and teaching time, therefore increasing the quality of instruction for all students.
® Medford schools gain support and enrichment through the community’s involvement in the education of its young people.

All VIMS are required to complete the application found here: https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/apply.php?district=medford. Once you receive your approval email, please contact your students teacher or the school office at 541-842-3850 for the many volunteer opportunities we offer.

DID YOU KNOW? All meals at Ruch Outdoor Community School are FREE, yes FREE to every student regardless of income with NO FORMS to complete. Also, if your student brings a lunch from home, but just needs a bit more, they are welcome to a FREE “mini meal” - anything of the fruit & salad bar and milk of their choice. We have longer school days and at times our students get hungry. Remind them to get seconds if they are still hungry and to not waste food.
RUCH OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTO WELCOMES ALL!

“And suddenly you know: It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.”

Meister Eckhart

We have begun a new school year and the possibilities Our students have a fresh start AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THIS YEAR THEIR BEST YEAR. Please join your PTO Board, Lynda Hickey - President, Melanie Bonk - Vice President, Lauren Self - Treasurer, and Michelle Wallman - Secretary on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held in the Ruch Outdoor Community School Media Center at 3:45 pm. Students and siblings are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Meetings include discussion of parent/teacher requests, upcoming events, field experience and the planning of PTO sponsored fundraisers to enhance many programs Ruch offers. This is a wonderful way to find out what is happening at our school. We look forward to meeting families, parents, guardians, grandparents and anyone who would like to get involved with the Ruch PTO. Please come to meetings, read the minutes, provide your thoughts, volunteer to help, offer your opinion and above all ASK QUESTIONS! We hope to see you at our first meeting of the 2019—2020 school year on Wednesday, September 11 at 3:45.

CAR POOLING

We have many new and returning families who are interested in carpooling. If you are interested, please contact the office. We do not organize, just try to connect the families. If you are carpooling, please be sure the office has that information so we are aware of who is picking up your student.

Talented and Gifted

Medford District 549C schools are in the process of identifying students who are academically talented and/or intellectually gifted. Students may be nominated for the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) by the following: national or state test scores (97th percentile or above), teachers, parents, community members, or by self-nomination. After nominations are complete, information will be gathered and a screening committee will screen each student. Students will be contacted if additional testing is needed. If you wish to obtain information on this program or you have any questions, please contact Terri Dahl, the district talented and gifted coordinator at 541-842-3633, or at Ruch Outdoor Community School contact Jason Straube at 541-842-3850.

Message from Thalia Truesdell, Ruch Public Library Branch Manager

Welcome to a new year of a partnership between the school and the library. Ruch Library is proud to have ROCS classes come to the library each week! If your student received a library card on a class visit, they are limited to checking out 2 items. If you wish to change that, the parent/guardian has to go into any Jackson County Library and have a staff member change their record. You can indicate a different number of items or change it to FULL SERVICE. In effort to make the library more accessible, we need to have all the student be able to place holds on books that are in other branches. In order to do this, the student must know their pin number. If you know your students pin number, please take the next step to activate their account that allows them to place holds on books. If you do NOT know your students pin number, and you have computer access at home, please go into their account and change the pin number under MY JCLS (the entire family can have the same pin number). You can then change their account to reserve books. If you come into any library branch a staff member can help you do this on the public computers. Thank you so much for assistance on this matter. Now your students will have a full and satisfying experience with the public library!

~ Thalia

YMCA AFTERSCHOOL

Our new YMCA afterschool program is up and running, but we still have spaces available. One of the participants, Tucker Nielson, 3rd grader, said “Do I really have to go home?” when being picked up. I would have to say the kids are enjoying their time. Program information and enrollment forms available in the Ruch office.

Message from Mrs. Barry!

I ___________________________ have read the Cougar Chronicle with my parent/guardian. The hidden phrase is:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

Return this signed coupon to the office and your name will be entered into a drawing for a book from Mrs. Barry!

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