From The Desk of Your Principal

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Thank you very much for reading the chronicle. School to home communication is very important to the success of your child and we never want you to feel “out of the loop”. Procedures have been taught and the students are diving into the curriculum. Field experiences are being planned and we want to remind you of our need for every child to pay $5.00 for each trip. These dollars go towards securing the busses which is expensive. Thank you to those families that offer more to cover those students who are not able to contribute. We will NEVER eliminate a child from an experience as a result of not being able to pay. We are still looking for classroom volunteers for field experiences, helping out in the classroom and serving as “Room Parent” to help with classroom parties and celebrations. Contact your teacher to make arrangements. WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!! Join us for an official press conference on Friday, September 21st @ 11:00 at Ruch Outdoor Community School as we unveil our new solar panels to our community and school supporters. Representatives from Pacific Power, True South, Medford School District Administration, Ruch Outdoor Community School student ambassadors and local media will be on site for the event.

It’s great to be a Solar Powered Cougar!!!

Julie Barry, Principal
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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/12  PTO Meeting 3:45 pm
  Volleyball VS Butte Falls
9/13  Cross Country @ Cascade Christian
9/17  Volleyball @ Rogue Valley Adventist
9/19  Volleyball VS Rogue River
9/20  Cross Country @ Madrone Trail
9/21  Solar Panel Press Conference
9/22  Cross Country Invitational
9/24  Volleyball VS New Hope
9/26  Volleyball VS Lorna Byrne
9/27  Cross Country @ Bear Creek Park

HOW TO 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.

100% FREE

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OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PHONE NUMBER: 541-842-3850
FAX NUMBER: 541-842-3480
FIRST STUDENT 541-772-1114

RUCH OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTO WELCOMES ALL!

Please join your PTO Board, Lynda Hickey- President, Jamie Hatcher - Vice President, Melanie Bonk- Treasurer, and Sonya Prislac- 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. 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 2018-2019 school year on Wednesday, September 12 at 3:45 pm sharing your ideas and thoughts to make this the best year yet.

Message from Thalia Truesdell, Ruch Public Library Branch Manager

Welcome to a new year of a partnership between the school and the library. We are thrilled to have the students coming to the public library every week, and want to make it a rewarding experience for all. Mrs. Drane’s class was the first class that has 100% card applications and will receive a party at the library. All other classes who reach 100% will receive a party at school.

The students who have received a library card through their class will be limited to checking out 2 items out at a time. If the parents want them to have the ability to check out more items, a parent/guardian must go into any Jackson County Library and ask that their students account be changed to "Full Service". This can only be done in person.

Jackson County Library website has a new look, and some new requirements you need to know about. The new catalog is a new service the library is providing, and users have to agree to the terms of use. This applies to using the website to place a hold on a book, which we are hoping ROCS Students will be doing. This cannot be done during class visits, unfortunately. It requires that you go online to www.jcls.org

1. In the top right, click Log In/My JCLS.
2. Click Log In/Register.
3. Enter your barcode and PIN.
4. The site will prompt you to register an account.

The username you select may be used to log onto your account in the future, or you can use the barcode on your library card. The username will show if you choose to post any content on the site's social media features, so do not put any personally identifiable information there. The new catalog has a lot of social features, but they are completely optional. No one will ever be able to see the personal information on your account.

Your students library card will enable them to check out books, and use the computer here (not during class visits). Some students have lost their cards, but still have active accounts. We know their numbers (but are encouraging them to memorize their numbers), and it will not be necessary to have a card in hand to use the library here. We definitely encourage bringing cards on library day, as it speeds up the check-out process tremendously.

We look forward to another fantastic year in this remarkable partnership!

Thalia

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

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!