Lost and Found

Please be sure to check our Lost and Found in the cafeteria before winter break. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity on December 20th.

School Choice for the 2020-21 School Year

Spread the word to all of your friends that Howard rocks! With Howard’s focus on technology we are an excellent school and a positive choice in your child’s education. With School Choice coming soon, please invite friends and acquaintances to visit Howard and seriously consider joining the Howard family. If you have any friends or neighbors living in the Bethel School District, be sure to let them know that they too can apply to attend Howard, even if they live outside of our school district.

Please watch the 4J website at www.4j.lane.eduparents > school choice for information on upcoming visitation opportunities and the upcoming lottery applications timeline.

Due Date for Complete School Immunization Records

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 is immunization exclusion day this school year. This means that your student’s school immunization record must be up to date with all required immunizations in order to stay in school. Letters were mailed at start of December if your student is missing Immunizations. Please return these letters with the dates of shots that were given. For questions or a duplicate letter, please leave a message for the health assistant at your child’s school.

Do you lack health insurance or financial resources to pay for needed shots? Here are some options to check in with....

Lane County Public Health 541-682-4041
North Eugene Clinic 541-790-4445
Churchill Clinic 541-790-5227

Health Screenings News from the School Nurse–

Once a year all elementary schools conduct health screening consisting of a brief vision and dental check. Please contact our Nurse Robin at 541-760-5569 if you have any questions or concerns.

This year the dental screening is scheduled Dec 12, and our community partner is Lane County Community Health Centers. The dental check involves a hygienist taking a quick look inside students’ mouths to see if there are any cavities, infections, or other anomalies. Our community partner also offers fluoride varnish twice during the year and is beginning an in-school sealants program this year, with special emphasis for 2nd and 3rd graders to protect their first permanent molars. Parents and guardians opt in for this service by completing the yellow “Authorization for Dental Hygiene Services” that came home in October.

Our vision screening is scheduled Jan. 22, our community partner is the Oregon Lions’ Sight and Hearing Foundation. Lion’s volunteers bring a “SPOT”machine which is like a camera that takes a brief picture of a person’s eyes. The Lion’s will run a report of the results that are stored in the SPOT and if your student does not pass, the nurse will mail a copy of the report to the home address within a few weeks.

Flu Vaccines – Influenza is here, not too late to vaccinate.

Influenza season has started. It isn’t too late to benefit from Seasonal flu vaccines. The vaccine is available at pharmacies, your health care provider and Public Health Clinic, 541-682-4041. We encourage all children to be vaccinated. Check with the pharmacy ahead of time for ages that they are able to vaccinate. Please teach your child to cover coughs and sneezes with their sleeves, and not to touch their faces with hands.

Keep Your Student Home For Fever Over 100.4 F/38 C

Fever Free – Remember, your student must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours, before returning to school after an illness. Your child also must remain home until 24 hours after last vomiting or diarrhea episode. Thanks for helping reduce spread of illnesses.

Parking Lot Reminders

Thank you to families who are helping keep our busy parking lot safe for students. In the mornings, students may be dropped off along the sidewalk that encircles our parking lot. At the end of the day, drivers can pause-park along the curb to pick up their student(s) when they come out at dismissal. Please note the following rules for pause parking:

- Drivers must remain in their cars at all times.
- Drivers should pull forward as space becomes available.
- Drivers should NOT stop in the crosswalk
- Students and families should never cut across the driveway area using the crosswalk.
- When getting in or out of a car, students must use the door on the sidewalk side. Getting in or out of a car on the driver’s side is unsafe for students and it stops traffic.
- Students should NOT get in and out of cars in the driving lane. It’s unsafe and it’s inconsiderate for stopping traffic.

Drivers must remember to ALWAYS yield at the painted crosswalks and sidewalks.

The parking lot is for families who want to walk their students into the building during arrival or who wish to meet their students at the main entrance at the end of the day at dismissal. Please note the following rules for the parking lot are:

- ONLY cross the driveway area using the crosswalk. Students and families should never cut across the driveway.
- Before using the crosswalk, students must stop and look for cars.

The bus turnaround is for buses only. Drivers should not enter the bus turnaround area.
Mr. Matt's Memos

A topic that is very dear to me keeps coming up and I thought that I'd make that the focus of this month's memo. Just earlier today, I talked with a student who needed help with asking for help. The cool thing is that this student actually asked to see me to talk about this, so in turn, he asked for help. We had a great conversation and it led me to reflect on this idea of asking for help when we need it. I was always the kid asking a ton of questions in elementary school. I was a pretty inquisitive youngster and my questions would often times drive the students and teachers crazy and their eye rolls when my hand went up wasn’t the only dead give away. They’d tell me too! Then something changed. I hit middle school and I began to stop raising my hand. Mainly because I started caring what others thought of me and I didn’t want to look like the kid who didn’t know things. Well, the problem with this is that it became a habit and I stopped asking questions; both in middle school and into high school. My pride kicked in. I would guess or make something up or just do something before knowing what I was doing. The result? Many errors and even bigger problems. I wasn’t until I hit college when a professor, turned close friend, taught me the importance of my childhood curiosity and asking for help when help is needed. We grow when we reach out and ask for help. To this day, I still ask for help. I ask Mr. Chinn or Mrs. Henry questions all the time...no eye rolls there. Lol. I ask teachers and community agencies for help. I ask my wife for help and I will teach my 1 year-old daughter to ask for help. There is nothing shameful for asking for help, and if you need it, there are people wanting to help. You just have to reach out. Relief Nursery has been a great resource for me and they are always willing to answer my questions when I need it. I encourage you to do the same. If there is anything you are struggling with, and I mean ANYTHING, call Relief Nursery at 541-343-9706. Their hand will extend across the line and help guide you to the resources you need. Clothing, food, legal help, mental health resources, education, parenting help, basic needs, addiction and recovery services, housing and utility assistance, and much more is only a phone call away. Just give them a call and ask for help. My hope is that we never feel like we are alone and that asking for help and asking questions is never something we are ever ashamed of.

Winter Is Coming: Snow Day Decisions and Notifications

When winter weather arrives, schools may be closed or delayed or buses may use snow routes. These decisions are made districtwide and are the same for every 4J school.

How the decision is made:
Typically, weather-related school schedule decisions are made in the early morning, before school, when current weather conditions can be assessed. We believe students and families are best served when we are open. Our main concern and the reason for any school closure is the safety of our students and staff.

How to find out if there is a change:
If the district decides to make a change to the school schedule or bus routes, it is communicated as quickly as possible in several ways, all well before 6:30 a.m. If schools and buses are on their regular schedule, there will NOT be an announcement.

What does the announcement mean?
School Closure: There is no school for students, although some staff will be at work. The district will decide by noon about whether any after-school student activities or community use of buildings may take place.
Two-Hour Delay: School will start two hours late and end at the usual dismissal time. If a delay occurs on an early release Friday, school will still be dismissed at the early release time. Buses will drive cautiously, adjusting to conditions, so pickup and return may be delayed.
Snow Routes: Some school bus routes have alternate “snow routes” that may be used when snow and ice make road conditions hazardous at higher and steeper elevations. This helps limit the need for school closures in harsh weather. When school buses operate on these snow routes, some students will have a different bus stop location and time than on the regular route. More information is at www.4j.lane.edu/transportation/snowroutes.

Parent Choice: When school is in session during wintry weather, families are encouraged to consider the road conditions in their areas, make their own decisions based on safety, and notify the school if their student will be staying home. Parents’ decisions about student absences for hazardous weather safety reasons will be honored.

For more information, please see www.4j.lane.edu/weather.

Holiday Assistance for Families

See the attached flyer for the 2019 Holiday Resource Guide, which can provide holiday food boxes, gifts, and other assistance for families. There may be additional resources, so families are encouraged to contact 211 as well (online, phone, text, or email). Some of the deadlines are coming soon!

AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.

As the holidays approach don’t forget that when ordering gifts online that if you do it through our Amazon Smile account, Howard will receive a portion of your purchase at no additional cost to you. To support Howard, go to http://smile.amazon.com, search for “Howard Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization,” and connect your account to our school. Now that’s an easy way to spread holiday cheer!

Attendance Matters - Chronic Absence = Missing two or more days per month

According to multiple studies, missing several days of school significantly reduces the likelihood that students will graduate from high school. With attendance a crucial factor to keeping kids on the right path to graduation, Attendance Works has substantial information on attendance and the impact on student achievement.

Below is some of the research below on why attendance matters.

Start Strong
Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict frequent absences later in the school year. Nearly half of all students that missed more than two days of school in September went on to miss almost a month of school.
Chronic Absences
An estimated 5 to 7.5 million students in the United States miss almost a month of school every year. This adds up to over a year missed by the time of graduation.

Early Absences Lead to Attendance Issues in Later Grades
Absenteeism starts early. One in 10 kindergarteners and first graders are considered to be “chronically absent.” Research shows students who miss 10 percent of school, or two days per month, show negative academic progress. In some schools, that adds up to 18 days a school year and is considered to be chronic absence.

Third Grade Reading Level
Poor attendance can keep children from reading proficiently by the end of third grade, which is shown to negatively affect their chances of graduating on time.

Dropout Indicator
By sixth grade, a chronically absent student is shown to have a significantly higher chance of dropping out of high school.

Excused Absences Hurt Too
Excused absences are just as negative as unexcused ones. Suspensions add additional missed time in the classroom, which in turn increases the dropout risk.

At Risk Students are at Risk for Absence
Students from low-income families are four times more likely to be chronically absent. Reasons for this are often out of the student’s control, such as unreliable transportation, unstable housing, and a lack of access to quality health care.

Every Minute Matters
If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, this adds up to missing more than 33 hours of class time. A student with a 90 percent attendance average for Kindergarten through 12th grade will miss over a year of accumulated time in the classroom.

See more research on the importance of attendance here: http://www.attendanceworks.org/research/

Library Happenings
Library is the heart of our school :) Our library is open all day every day for our students and staff. If your child happens to finish their library book before their weekly scheduled library class they are welcome to come down to the library and choose a new book. With this new availability we have increased our check out numbers from 1,617 books last October to 2,812 books this October.

Trending books are:
Kinder - Franklin, Clifford and animal books
1st grade Lego Elephant and Piggie, and Lego books
2nd Grade Elephant and Piggie, The Day the Crayons Quit and Don’t Push this Button
3rd grade Dog Man, Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Last Kids on Earth, Minecraft handbooks
4th & 5th grade Graphic Novels, Dog Man, The Amulet series, Raina Telgemeier books, and Gravity Falls and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Oregon Battle of the Books update, we will be forming teams and beginning to prepare for our games coming up in January and February. We will be memorizing our book titles and author names. Please encourage your child to read their books at home. The more books they read the better :) Thank you for supporting your child in this reading program. https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/

I will be introducing the Beaverly Cleary Children’s Choice Award books to 1st-3rd grade. When students read a minimum of two or more of the books listed below they will be eligible to vote for their favorite book this coming March. https://ala.memberclicks.net/bccca-home

Dragons and Marshmallows
Her Right Foot.
Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Quee
Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker.
Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean’s Most Fearless Scientist.
The Haunted House Next Door.
Princess Cora and the Crocodile.

Winter Walk & Roll to School Days!
Wednesday, December 4th is our December Walk & Roll Day! We’re encouraging all students to bundle up and walk, bike, carpool or ride the bus to school. If you live a long way from school, try parking a ten minute walk from school and walking the rest of the way. With clothing to keep us dry and warm, it’s still healthy to move our bodies outside! Older students can walk on their own; younger students will need to walk or bike with an adult.

January 8th is our Walk & Roll to School Day! With the new year comes a chance to try new ways of getting to and from school. Tired of waiting in traffic? Imagine what else you could do with that extra time if your child was walking, biking, carpooling or riding the bus to school. You could enjoy some needed “me time” if your child rides the bus or enjoy “we time” biking or walking together. New Years is a great time to make positive changes in your life - so give it a try! Who knows how long it could take to drive with all this recent traffic? Older students can walk or roll on their own; younger students will need to walk or roll with an adult.

Our goal is to reduce traffic and pollution around our school and to promote physical activity for our students. Students who ride the bus are doing their part by participating in the biggest carpool of all! Teaching your child to use their body to get to school and other places builds their confidence, keeps them physically fit, and can be fun for the whole family!

News from PTO

T-shirt update
Good news! Thanks to Evergreen Roofing of Oregon, Moir Construction, and Debora Coelho Gordon, Realtor, we will be able to purchase T-shirts for all Howard Elementary students. They will be distributed mid-December.

December restaurant fundraiser: Hot Mama’s Wings, Dec. 17 (all day)
When you purchase your meal mention Howard Elementary and receive 15% of your meal’s price donated back to Howard elementary PTO!

Upcoming popcorn days: Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Jan. 24
Popcorn is .25 a bag or $2 for the rest of the year and is generally distributed the first and third Fridays of each month. 2-3 wonderful parent volunteers have been spending their Friday mornings preparing the popcorn, but we could use more help! If you have an hour on Friday mornings between 7:30 and 9:30 to help out, or could even just help out occasionally, please email howardelementarypto@gmail.com.
Christmas tree fundraiser
Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Howard Elementary when you mention the school. All trees are $7/ft. This is open to everyone and there is no limit. Spring Creek Holly Farm is open the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, from 9am to 5pm every day of the week.

School Cents program
Shop, dine, pay your cell phone bill, or watch movies at the Valley River Center and earn money for Howard! Save your receipts and upload them at shopandlog.com/VRC. Or, put them in the box in the Howard office, or text a photo to (541) 933-5336. Only the dollar amount, store name, and date need to be visible. See attached flyer for more info and more ways to earn points for Howard.

Volunteers needed for Science Night
The PTO is hosting a totally free, science-themed family night on January 10. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve food, help with experiments, and help with cleanup. If you're interested, email howardelementarypto@gmail.com and let us know how much time you'd be able to volunteer and what you'd be interested in doing.

Upcoming Events
12/4 – Monthly Walk & Roll to School Day
12/7 - Holiday Bazaar, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
12/10 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
12/20 – Fun Friday – Pajama Day
12/23 – First Day of Winter Break
1/1 – In District School Choice Opens
1/6 – Professional Development Day-No School
1/7 – Classes Resume
1/10 – PTO Family Night
1/11 – School Choice Showcase, District Office 10:00 – 12:00
1/13 – 1/17 School Choice Tours BY APPOINTMENT
1/14 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
1/14 – School Choice Informational Meeting, 7:00 Ed Center
1/16 – School Choice Tour, 6:00
1/20 – MLK Day – No School
1/27 – Site Council, 2:45 pm
1/27 – 1/30 School Choice Tours BY APPOINTMENT
1/28 – School Choice Tour, 6:00 pm
1/31 – Grading Day – No School
1/31 – In District School Choice Closes
2/5 – Monthly Walk & Roll to School Day
2/11 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
2/17 – President’s Day – No School
2019 Winter Holiday Resources
Recursos para los Días Festivos del Invierno

Other resources may be available. Call 211 or visit www.211info.org
Otros recursos pueden estar disponibles. Llame al 211 o visite www.211info.org

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES
CAJAS DE COMIDA PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS

Food for Lane County/Comida del Condado de Lane (541) 343-2822
Call for nearest food box distribution location.
Llame para información sobre la distribución de cajas de comida y la ubicación más cercana a usted.

Catholic Community Services/Servicios Católicos Comunitarios (541) 345-3628
Eugene Site: 1464 West 6th Avenue, Eugene—Food Pantry opens Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. (must check in before 12:45 p.m.).
Sitio en Eugene: 1464 West 6th Avenue, Eugene—La Despensa de Comida estará abierta de lunes, miércoles y viernes de 9 a.m. a las 1 p.m. (necesita registrarse antes de las 12:45 p.m.).

Springfield Site: 1025 G Street, Springfield—Food Pantry opens Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (must check in before 12:45 p.m.).
Sitio en Springfield: 1025 G Street, Springfield—La Despensa de Comida estará abierta miércoles, viernes y sábado de 9 a.m. a la 1 p.m. (necesita registrarse antes de las 12:45 p.m.).

Thurston Community Pantry/Despensa Comunitaria de Thurston (541) 952-2173
In Partnership with Catholic Community/En asociación con Servicios Católicos Comunitarios.
WayPoint Church 332 58th St. Springfield
The pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of November & December from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
La despensa está abierta el tercer sábado de noviembre y diciembre de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Centro Latino Americano (541) 687-2667
944 W 5th Ave., Eugene
Gifts for kids will be available for registered families. For holiday food boxes please contact Centro Latino Americano for more information.
Registre a la familia para que los niños puedan recibir regalos. Para las cajas de comida festiva por favor de contactar a Centro Latino Americano.

Community Food for Creswell/Comida Comunitaria para Creswell (541) 246-9117
Cobalt Building, 364 Cobalt Lane, off N. 5th/N. Harvey Rd., Creswell
Food boxes available every Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m.
Las cajas de comida están disponibles todos los jueves de 12:30 y 3 p.m.
Cottage Grove Community Sharing Holiday Food Box/Cajas de Comida Festiva (541) 942-2176 1440 Birch Ave., Cottage Grove
Cottage Grove families can sign up for a holiday food box Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. from November 1st – 27th. Holiday Food box pick up will be December 20th from 1-6 p.m. Social Security cards for everyone in the household, photo ID for all family members 18 and over, proof of income for all adults, and proof of address are required to receive an application.

Las familias en Cottage Grove pueden inscribirse para recibir una caja de alimentos festivos de lunes a viernes desde las 11 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. durante el 1-27 de noviembre. Pueden recoger las cajas de comida festiva el 20 de diciembre de 1 a 6 pm. Requieren tarjetas de Seguro Social, una identificación con foto para todos los miembros de la familia mayores de 18 años, comprobante de ingresos y comprobante de domicilio si no es un cliente actual de Community Sharing.

**Eugene Salvation Army/Salvation Army de Eugene (541) 343-3328**
640 W 7th Ave, Eugene

Special Holiday Food boxes available (along with the Angel Tree program) with registration/application. Registration is Monday, October 28th to Wednesday, November 27th. Bring your identifying documents like copy of birth certificate, child’s name and birthdate on a form, and recent phone or utility bill. If you register for this program you cannot in addition register for other food or gift programs.

Regístrese para recibir la caja de comida festiva junto con el programa de Angel Tree/Árbol del Ángel. Puede registrarse el lunes 28 de octubre hasta el miércoles 27 de noviembre. Por favor de traer documentos de identificación tales como copias de certificados de nacimiento, nombres y fechas de nacimiento de los niños en una forma o un recibo reciente de luz o teléfono. Si usted se registra en este programa, no puede registrarse en otros programas adicionales.

**Junction City Local Aid/Asistencia Local en Junction City (541) 998-3992**
210 E 6th Avenue, Junction City

**Hours:** Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., and the last Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Horario:** martes 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., miércoles 9 a.m. -12 p.m., jueves 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. y 6 p.m. a 8 p.m., y el último sábado del mes de 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**St. Matthews Episcopal Church - Food Distribution/Distribución de Comida**
(541) 689-4010 4110 River Rd, Eugene

Food boxes for the month of November will be distributed on Saturday, November 23rd from 10-11:30 a.m. Food boxes for the month of December will be distributed Tuesday, December 12th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 30th from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

La distribución de las cajas de comida es el sábado 23 de noviembre de las 10 a las 11:30 a.m. y el martes 12 de diciembre entre las 5:30 y 7:00 p.m. y también el sábado, 30 de diciembre entre las 10:00 y 11:30 a.m.

**St. Vincent De Paul Holiday Food Boxes/Cajas de Comida Festiva (541) 689-6747**
Lindholm Service Center at 456 Hwy 99 N., Eugene *at the red door (en el extremo sur del
Pick up a holiday food box voucher starting Nov 11th - Dec 20th during business hours Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) or call to receive your voucher. Please provide the date of births and Social Security cards for all members of the family if you have them. Pickup dates for the Holiday Food Boxes are from December 19th to 23rd (dependent on person location).

Puede obtener un boleto para una caja de comida festiva a partir del 11 de noviembre hasta el 20 de diciembre durante las horas de servicio de lunes a viernes de 10 a.m. a 4 p.m. (está cerrado durante las horas del almuerzo 12:30 a 1:30 p.m.). También puede llamar al (541) 689-6747 para recibir su boleto. Por favor proveer las fechas de nacimiento de todos los miembros de la familia y las tarjetas de seguro social, si las tiene. Las fechas para recoger las cajas de comida festiva serán del 19 a 23 de diciembre (dependiendo de la ubicación de la persona).

Veneta/Elmira Kiwanis Holiday Food Box and Meals /Cajas de Comida y Cena Festiva (541) 935-4555 Ext. 100 Fern Ridge Service Center at 25035 West Broadway, Veneta

The Holiday Meal will be at Veneta Elementary. The date and time is yet to be determined. For more information please call.

La cena festiva será en la escuela de Veneta Elementary. Llame para obtener la información sobre la fecha y horario de la cena.

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<td>Free holiday meal prepared by the MLK Education Center Culinary Arts Program for anyone in the community and free raffle. December 17th 11a.m. – 2 p.m. Questions? Contact Shelly at (541) 682-2404 *No RSVP Required.</td>
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Thanksgiving Dinner served on Thursday, November 28th, from 12 – 5 p.m.
*Please call to RSVP for groups of 8 or more.

La Cena de Acción de Gracias* es el jueves, 28 de noviembre de 12 a 5 p.m.
*Favor de llamar si necesita hacer una reservación para grupos de 8 o más personas.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Nuestra Señora de la Perpetua Esperanza** (541) 942-3420
1025 N 19th Street, Cottage Grove

Christmas meal is served right after Christmas mass at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th (around 11:30 a.m.). Information can be verified at www.olphcg.net

La Cena de Navidad se sirve justo después de la Misa de Navidad a las 10:30 a.m. el domingo, 25 de diciembre (alrededor de las 11:30 a.m.). La información puede ser verificada en www.olphcg.net

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Nuestro Redentor** (541) 688-2027
255 Maxwell Road, Eugene

Thanksgiving Dinner served to “one and all” on Thursday, November 28th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Todos son bienvenidos a La Cena de Acción de Gracias el jueves, 28 de noviembre de 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** (541) 942-2373
675 S. 7th Street, Cottage Grove

Thanksgiving Dinner served on Thursday, November 28th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. All are welcome.

Todos son bienvenidos a La Cena de Acción de Gracias el jueves, 28 de noviembre de 11 a.m. 2 p.m.

**Whiteaker Community Thanksgiving Dinner/ Cena de Acción de Gracias** (541) 485-8179
Whiteaker Community Head Start Center, 21 N Grand Ave., Eugene  www.wcdinner.org

Free to all comers, Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 28th, from 11a.m. – 3 p.m. Giveaways from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Holiday Program provides a free dinner and sleeping bags, blankets, shelter materials, toiletries, and clothes.

Gratis para todos, la Cena de Acción de Gracias es el jueves, 28 de noviembre de 11 a.m. a 3 p.m. Las rifas se llevarán a cabo de 8 a.m. a 2 p.m. El Programa de Días Festivos provee cena gratis y bolsas de dormir, cobijas, equipo de albergue, artículos de aseo y ropa.
Oakridge United Methodist Church Thanksgiving Dinner/ Cena de Acción de Gracias
(541) 782-3647 Oakridge United Methodist Church, 48137 E 1st St, Oakridge

Thanksgiving Dinner served on Thursday, November 28th, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. All are welcome.

La Cena de Acción de Gracias es el jueves, 28 de noviembre de 12 – 2 p.m. Todos son bienvenidos.

Florence Church of Nazarene Thanks Giving Dinner / Cena de Acción de Gracias
(541) 997-9020 Church of Nazarene, 1536 12th St., Florence

For the Thanksgiving dinner date and time please call the number above.

Para más información sobre la Cena de Acción de Gracias por favor llame al número de arriba.

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAMS
PROGRAMA DE REGALOS FESTIVOS

Junction City Local Aid- Sharing Tree/ Árbol para Compartir (541) 998-3992
Junction City Community Center, 210 E 6th street, Junction City

Hours: Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Thursdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and last Saturday of the Month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Horario: martes 9 a.m. -1 p.m., miércoles 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., jueves 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. y 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. y el último sábado del mes 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

S.A.N.T.A. Project (Sharing Among Neighbors Toy Appeal)/Proyecto S.A.N.T.A.
(541) 935-3282 Veneta Elementary 88131 Territorial Hwy, Veneta

For children in need, ages 0-17, in Fern Ridge or Crow-Applegate-Lorane schools. Bring proof of residency such as utility bill, I.D. or Driver License and the number of children living in the home. Bring a report card w/address, social security cards or birth certificates for all the children living in your home. Do not bring the children. The event will be Saturday, December 14th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Veneta Elementary School.

Para los niños que viven en casas de bajos recursos entre 0-17 años-de-edad y asisten a las escuelas de Fern Ridge or Crow-Applegate-Lorane. Se requiere comprobante de domicilio como recibo de luz, identificación o licencia de conducir y el número de niños que viven en el hogar. Por favor ensene una tarjeta de calificaciones con dirección, tarjeta de seguro social o certificado de nacimiento de todos los niños en el hogar. Por favor no traer a los niños. El evento se llevará a cabo el sábado 14 de diciembre de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. en Veneta Elementary School. Para más información llame al número de arriba.

Cottage Grove Tree of Joy/ Árbol de la Alegría (541) 942-2176
Community Sharing 1440 Birch Ave, Cottage Grove

Cottage Grove families can sign up for a ticket for the Tree of Joy* November 1st – 27th. Open Monday - Friday from, 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Kids’ Christmas presents available for those who qualify with required documentation and who live in Cottage Grove. Holiday food boxes are available to those who qualify with required documentation and not receiving holiday food boxes anywhere else. The Tree of Joy event and holiday food box giveaway will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, South 7th Street in Cottage Grove December 20th from 1-6 p.m.

Las familias de Cottage Grove pueden inscribirse para obtener un boleto para el Árbol de la Alegria del 1 al 27 de noviembre; abierto de de lunes a viernes de 11 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Habrá regalos navideños para niños y cajas de comida festiva disponibles para las personas que califiquen con la documentación requerida. El evento del Árbol de la Alegria y la entrega de cajas de comida se llevará a cabo en Trinity Lutheran Church, South 7th Street, Cottage Grove el 20 de diciembre de 1 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Creswell Angel Tree/Árbol del Ángel (541) 895-3328
Sponsored by Creswell Church of Christ, 380 Kings Row, Creswell

For low income youth 18 or under and people with disabilities with income at or below the poverty level living in Creswell. Bring parent/guardian picture ID, proof of current address, and income verification or government assistance. Must fill out an application. Applications can be picked up at any Creswell school or at the Creslane Family Resource Center. Turn in all applications for the same family to one school in Creswell, by November 27th. Gifts are picked up on December 17th, from 1-5:30 p.m. at Creslane Elementary for those who turned in an application.

Para jóvenes de bajos ingresos de 18 años o menores y personas discapacitadas cuyos ingresos están en el nivel de pobreza o debajo. Por favor de traer identificación con fotografica de los padres/tutores legales, comprobante de su domicilio actual y verificación de ingresos o de asistencia del gobierno. Debe completar una solicitud, la cual se puede recoger en cualquier escuela de Creswell o en el Creslane Family Resource Center. Entregue todas las aplicaciones para una misma familia a una de las escuelas de Creswell antes del 27 de noviembre. Los regalos se deben recoger el 13 de diciembre de 1 p.m. a 5:30 p.m. en Creslane Elementary para todas las personas que entregaron una aplicación.

Salvation Army in Eugene Christmas Assistance (541) 343-3328
640 W 7th, Eugene Registration: October 28th to November 27th on Monday & Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.– 11:55 a.m. or 1 p.m.–3:25 p.m. Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. or 2 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
You may only access this program OR Toys for Tots, not both.

Families with children up to age 17 receive toys and other essentials for Christmas, making the holiday extra special that year. Distribution will be determined on a first come, first serve basis.

Bring ID for all family in household which includes names and birth dates (such as birth certificates, immunization records, or WIC cards), proof of address (recent piece of mail with name, address, and date within last 30 days such as an electric or phone bill), and proof of income (such as pay stub, WIC, or other public assistance).

Salvation Army in Eugene Christmas Assistance (541) 343-3328
640 W 7th. Eugene **Registro**: miércoles, 8:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. o 1 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.; martes y jueves de 8:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. y de 2 p.m. a 3:25 p.m.; viernes 8:30 -12:30 p.m. Sólo puede aplicar para este programa O Toys for Tots, no ambos.

Por favor de traer identificación de todos los miembros de la familia que viven en el hogar. Incluya los nombres y fechas de nacimiento como certificados de nacimiento, registros de vacunas o tarjetas de WIC; un comprobante de domicilio como pieza de correo reciente con su nombre, dirección y fecha de menos de 30 días tal como factura de electricidad o de teléfono a parte de una prueba de ingresos como talón de cheque, tarjeta de WIC o cualquier otra asistencia del gobierno.

**Toys for Tots/Juguetes para Niños**

Toys for children up to age 13. Proof of Lane County residency, proof that the child lives with you, and proof of child's age is needed.

For tickets, call Lane County **Toys for Tots** Hotline: (541) 600-4483, or visit the website: www.toysfortots.org and select "Request a Toy". Tickets are issued out to minimize wait time at the distribution but ARE NOT REQUIRED. *Please do not bring your children on the day of distribution.*

**Juguetes para los niños menores de 13 años.** Necesita comprobante de domicilio en el Condado de Lane, comprobante que los niños* viven con usted y comprobante de la edad de los niños.

Para obtener boletos llame a la línea directa para de **Toys for Tots** en el condado de Lane: (541) 600-4483 o visite el sitio www.toysfortots.org, seleccione la opción "Request a Toy" para solicitar juguetes. Los boletos se emiten para reducir tiempos de espera, pero NO SON REQUERIDOS. *Por favor de no traer a sus niños el día de la distribución.*

For the Eugene/Springfield distribution, show up on Friday, December 13th between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to receive tickets to hold your spot in line. **Para la distribución de Eugene/Springfield, llegue el viernes 13 de diciembre de 3:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. para recibir el boleto y guardar su lugar en la línea de espera.**

**Eugene/Springfield Distribution** at 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, OR
- Tickets issued from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 13th
- Distribution from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th
- Distribution from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th

**Eugene/Springfield Distribución** en el 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, OR
- Los boletos están disponibles el viernes 13 de diciembre de 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Distribución: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. el sábado, 14 de diciembre
- Distribución: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. el domingo, 15 de diciembre

**Oakridge Distribution** at the Oakridge Fire Station, 47592 OR-58, Oakridge
- Tickets will be issued on Friday, December 13th in the morning
- Distribution from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th

**Oakridge Distribución** en la estación de bomberos en Oakridge, 47592 OR-58, Oakridge
- Los boletos están disponibles el viernes 13 de diciembre en la mañana
- Distribución: sábado, 14 de diciembre de 5:00 a 7:00 p.m.

**Cottage Grove Distribution** at the Cottage Grove Fire Station, 233 E Harrison Ave.
- No tickets required for this distribution.
- Distribution from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th

**Cottage Grove Distribución en la estación de bombero de Cottage Grove. 233 E Harrison Ave.**
- No necesita boletos para esta distribución.
- Distribución: Domingo, 15 de diciembre de 12 – 4 p.m.

**Florence Distribution at 2625 US – 101 Florence, OR**
- No tickets required for this distribution
- Distribution from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th

**Florence Distribución en 2625 US – 101 Florence, OR**
- No necesita boletos para esta distribución.
- Distribución: martes, 10 de diciembre de 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Acceptable Documents:**
For Parents: Local photo ID or photo ID with local mail (to show Lane County residency)
For Children: Birth certificate or Social Security Card AND ONE of the following: The First sheet of a Medical card showing both the parent's and child's names, WIC card, DHS paperwork the includes both the parents and child's name(s), Any other legal document that includes both the parents and child's name(s) and date of birth(s)

**Requisitos para los Juguetes de los Niños:**
Adultos: Identificación con foto (ejemplos: licencia de conducir, tarjeta de identificación, pasaporte, etc.). En lugar de identificación con foto - 2 piezas de documentación que demuestre su residencia en el Condado de Lane (ejemplos: facturas de servicios públicos, documentos del Plan Médico de Oregon, etc.) Menores (niños): Certificado de nacimiento O tarjeta de Seguro Social y una de las siguientes: la primera hoja de una tarjeta médica con los nombres de los padres y los nombres de los niños, tarjeta de WIC, documentación del DHS que incluye los padres y nombre(s) del niño, o cualquier otro documento legal que incluye el nombre de los padres y los hijos con fechas de nacimiento.

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Llame al 211 o visite www.211info.org

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HELP YOUR SCHOOL
EARN UP TO $2,000!

Participating schools earn $200 to $2,000 when you shop and log receipts from Valley River Center between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

Schools earn at least five points per dollar spent, with new bonus points offers every month.

Submit Your Receipts Online:
shopandlog.com/VRC

We accept images of paper or digital receipts!

Smart Phone Quick Tip: Access the receipt form just like an app by adding it to your Home Screen.

iPhone: click on box with up arrow at the bottom of your screen, then choose Add To Home Screen.

Android: click on the three dots on the top right of your screen and choose Add To Home Screen.

QUESTIONS?

School Cents:
Call (800) 539-3273
shopandlog.com/VRC

Valley River Center:
Text Concierge: (541) 236-2600
ValleyRiverCenter.com

LET’S GET SOCIAL

Earn 500 Points On Social Media

Earn points when you visit Valley River Center this holiday season. Post a photo by December 31 on social media of your picture with Santa, enjoying a school musical performance, picking a tag from the Giving Tree, or making your holiday purchases. Then use these hash tags and your school name to earn 500 bonus points, limit one per person:

#shopvalleyriver  #vrcschoolcents

EARN QUAD POINTS

November 16 — January 15

Earn more points for your school when you shop at Valley River Center this holiday season. All receipts dated and submitted between November 16, 2019 and January 15, 2020 will earn 20 points per dollar spent.

DON’T HAVE TIME TO UPLOAD YOUR RECEIPTS?

Put them in the box in the Howard office, or text a photo to (541) 933-5336. Only the dollar amount, store name, and date need to be visible.