

# THE SCHOOL BELL



## November Newsletter

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### **MUSIC TO OUR EARS -**

Strings classes are underway and students of all ages are gaining in skill! Elementary and Middle school students are learning notes and chimes.

### **BASKETBALL SEASON IS HERE! -**

Open gym is available to middle and high school students. Official practices start November 14. Contact Coach Conner with any questions.

### **LIBRARY NEWS -**

The Ukiah Library invites everyone to participate in the Reading Challenge. OBOB and Challenge Themed titles are available now. Come see Ms. Kaden for more information!



## Fall Celebration and Student Achievement

Thursday, October 27th was the end of the first academic quarter of the year. Students celebrated the event and what we have been learning with a pumpkin carving contest and community chili feed. Students were recognized for their work and attendance, the TSA and VEX club introduced their officers and plans for the upcoming season, and high school volleyball awards were given to players.

The staff believes the work of our students needs to be shared and celebrated and we plan to do this through Student Celebrations each quarter. Look for information regarding the next celebration in January!

## Elementary News

Things in the elementary wing are busy, busy, busy! In addition to regular work in reading, math, writing, students have been participating in weekly library time, art and music classes. The lower grades have greatly improved in their phonics, math skills, and positive behaviors. The upper grades are learning about US geography and states, map reading, the world's biomes, and local ecology.

The Student of the Month for October was Lylah - her positive attitude, big smile, and enthusiasm is wonderful!

### COUGARS IN THE COMMUNITY-

Middle and High School students regularly help out at the community Food Bank. The students volunteer time to help unload the truck and assist in organizing the supplies and packing food boxes.



### CAN DRIVE -

The cans and bottles donated will benefit the activities and projects of all the students in our school. There is a horse trailer in the parking lot across from the gas station.

Drive will be over before Thanksgiving Break - drop your donation off today!



## Halloween Homecoming Dinner and Dance

Saturday, October 28th the middle and high school students were joined by students from Long Creek for a Halloween-themed homecoming dance. The event was a great success and fun was had by all that attended. Fall 2016 Homecoming Court was Prince Quinton and Princess Alea with King Ben and Queen Alexis.

The dinner and dance would not have been possible without the efforts of our parent and staff volunteers and the generous donations provided. We all wish to give a big thanks to The Thicket, Rhodes Supply, Safeway, Franz Bakery, The Ukiah City Council, Mr. Barbolettos, Mr. Stubblefield, and Mr. Byrnes

## TSA and VEX Robotics

Now officially known as the Student Technology Group - Weekly meetings for project development and completion have started. The first TSA competition is Dec. 8 at BMCC. Students in both High and Middle School will compete in Structural Design and Engineering, Flight Endurance, and Manufacturing Prototype.

The students voted in club officers for the coming year. For the High School team we have President Quinton, Vice President Alea, Secretary Brooke, and Treasurer Tina.

The club Haunted House fundraising event was a great success and we want to thank all who attended and helped with the event - especially Amber Combs!

The VEX teams first compete on January 27 and 28th in West Salem with the 2017 challenge 'StarStruck'.

This year the students will need to design robots that can throw, carry, and lift 3D stars and blocks in cooperation with a team robot. To learn more just ask a team member or Ms. Veach!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Quarterly Parent-Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for students and will be held during the week of November 7-9. While we are happy to have these conference dates and the high parents turn out - we remind parents that a meeting can be arranged at anytime. Student success is our top priority. Just contact the office to arrange a time.



## Library Events

The library is offering a wide range of activities and a new schedule to better meet the needs of our community and offer fun opportunities for all ages. Ms. Adams is doing a wonderful job creating opportunities for all members of the community to benefit from and participate in library events.

Check in frequently for the updated calendar of events!

## NITARP Research

Mrs. Orr and students are wrapping up a year's worth of astronomy research into identifying variable young stars from their spectra and light curves. This year three students participated in the full project - Quinton Orr (Ukiah, OR), Arie DeLint (McCall, ID) and Jared Mader (Pilot Rock, OR). The students will be traveling to present their work in a poster session during the annual American Astronomical Society's conference in Grapevine, TX this January. They will be presenting their work to the local community during the December School board meeting. Mrs. Orr was selected to participate in the NITARP program again for the coming year and will soon be looking for interested students to join her in this unique research opportunity. Contact her if you have questions or are interested in learning more.

## Basketball Season

Coach TC Conner is returning to coach the high school basketball teams. He is hosting open gyms sessions for anyone on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Regular practices will begin on November 14th.

Ukiah athletes will be co-opting with athletes from Long Creek again this season. The full season schedule is still being finalized and will be posted online and around the community as soon as it is.

## Ski Season Is Almost Here!

The community ski bus will be traveling up to Anthony Lakes for ski and snowboard opportunities again this year. The resort offers us a great rental/lift/lesson package and it is open to all interested. For information contact Mrs. Orr.

Do your snow dance!

### COUGARS CAN CODE -

Students in science and technology classes were given opportunity to participate in the Congressional App Challenge. Students worked in teams to design and build a working mobile app. Their submissions will join others across the state and country and will be judged by members of Congress.

### STUDENT STORE -

The Cougars Den student store is open for business and under new management! Stop by to see the selection of snacks, drinks, games, and school supplies. Something for everyone!





# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## November -

- 7th - Middle and High School Students to Long Creek for Veterans Day Presentation
- 12th - Library Pajama Movie Night @ 3:00 p.m. featuring
- 13th - Library Build-a-Book Workshop @ 2:00 p.m. and Adult Coloring Night @ 4:00 p.m.
- 14th - High School Basketball Practice Begins
- 15th - Elementary/Middle School vs Parents Volleyball Party
- 16th - Regular School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 19th - Library Pajama Movie Night @ 3:00 p.m. featuring
- 23rd - Early Release - students out at 12:00 p.m. -
- 24th - Thanksgiving Holiday

## December -

- 5th - 10th - Annual Exhibit benefitting the Library
- 6th - High School Basketball in Monument vs Monument/Dayville
- 8th - TSA Competition at BMCC
  - Annual Library Pie Social and program silent auction
- 9th - String Concert @ Ukiah Senior Center
  - High School Basketball in Long Creek vs Huntington
- 10th - High School Basketball in Long Creek vs Burnt River
- 14th - All School Christmas Program
- 17th - Library Christmas Paper Mache Party
- 21st - 2nd - Christmas Holiday

## Communication

Communication is essential is essential for academic success. Together, we are able to achieve our objectives as learning community.

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You can also keep up with our events and the activities of our students via Facebook!