

Knappa School District

Community Connections Newsletter

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November 2021

On the Path Back to Normal!

Thank you, Voters!

Knappa School District wants to thank the voters for supporting the school bond measure earlier this week. Your support for our students will make an impact on our community for generations to come. As we move forward, we will be selecting an architect firm to continue the design process for the construction projects. The anticipated bond sale will be in early spring, taking advantage of currently favorable interest rates.

In December, we will be submitting an application for a seismic improvement grant to further stretch the taxpayer dollars. We are using some federal grant dollars to do heating and ventilation updates at Knappa High School, and will be using additional grant dollars to update the heating and ventilation controls at Hilda Lahti as part of the upcoming building design.

We appreciate the support of the YesKnappa committee, led by Brian Montgomery. Their hard work led to a successful campaign and will benefit the Knappa community for generations to come.



Back to the Pumpkin Patch

Our preschool and elementary students once again got a chance to visit the pumpkin patch. This is another sign of a return to normalcy after the pandemic. Students got to learn about agriculture, including growing crops and raising animals. Thank you to Ed Johnson and Rhett's Ranch for hosting the students at their farms.



Logger Sports have a Successful Fall Season

After a season last year when volleyball, cross country, and football were in the spring and seasons were only five weeks long, we finally have had a normal fall sports season. Not surprisingly, Logger sports are back on a roll. After “playing up” against 3A Warrenton, the football team has been on a roll, outscoring opponents by a margin of 286-53. In the final game, we played against Gaston to move ahead in the state rankings from 7th place to 5th place. This game also placed us as the undefeated Champion of the 2A Northwest League. This seeding placed us with a home field advantage for this Friday’s playoff game against Jefferson. Come out and cheer for the team (but bring a raincoat). Because it is a playoff game, admission is charged for all attendees. \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Per OSAA statewide requirements, there are not senior discounts, free ASB admission, nor passes permitted.

Not only is our football team talented on the field; they are also working hard in the classroom. Our team placed second among state 2A teams in GPA this year with a team GPA of 3.62. They are named to the “Academic All State” list.

The volleyball team also made a post season appearance after going 10-6 in league play and 11-9 overall, placing 20th out of the 46 teams at the 2A level.

And yes, the cross country has had “quite a run” as well, placing second at the District meet. They will compete in the state meet this weekend in Eugene. They are photographed below.



Do you know somebody who may wish to enjoy a copy of this newsletter? Please send their name and e-mail address to morganj@knappak12.org and we'll add them to the list!

High School Success

Amongst all of the fall hoopla over sports this fall, some people in Knappa may have overlooked our academic success. When school report cards were released last month, Knappa topped the county's large districts in freshmen on track rate AND graduation rate. Knappa's graduation rate was 93%, topping the three larger districts in Clatsop County and beating the state rate of 83%. Knappa's freshmen on track rate (the percentage of ninth graders who are on track to graduate on time) is 90%, again topping the county's larger districts and beating the state rate of 74%.

Knappa School District has a dedicated team of leaders and teachers who work hard to track the progress of our students and find ways to individually create plans of action on how to help, mainly through personalization.

Homecoming



And, it would not be fall without a traditional homecoming. From royalty to hall decorating, dress up days, meatball (yes, the staff beat the students), powderpuff, and lip syncs, the Loggers experienced a normal homecoming for the first time since 2019. The Dance was held on October 23. Some photos are below.



Our Vision: All learners prepared to rise to the opportunities and challenges of the world.