

WINTER 2023
SOUTH UMPQUA SCHOOL DISTRICT



CONNECTIONS

Community Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear South Umpqua Families,

Happy 2023. Thank you for your support as we continue to unlock the potential in every student.

January was School Board Recognition Month. I would like to thank our dedicated board members who spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students. They also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers.

In November the school board approved my resignation as superintendent. I remain dedicated to the district and will fulfill my superintendent responsibilities through the end of the school year before I step into my new role as the district's next director of student achievement. I will replace Andy Johnson following his retirement. The process has begun to hire a new superintendent.

We are all honored for the opportunity to serve our students, families, staff, and community.

I'm excited to share what's been happening and look forward to what's to come.

Sincerely,
Kate McLaughlin

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nominations for **Regional Teacher of the Year** and **Education Support Professional** are open now through February 28.

To nominate one of our amazing staff members for either award, visit oregonteacheroftheyear.org

Every Child is hosting an explore fostering a child meeting on February 28 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Cascades Coffee House in Roseburg. To learn more, visit www.everychildoregon.org/douglas/get-involved/foster

BUILDING SUCCESS

Kitchen, cafeteria, band room

In July a grant-funded construction project began at Coffenberry Middle School in Myrtle Creek. The school will receive a new addition that includes a kitchen, cafeteria, and band room. The expansion also addresses student safety. The project is slated to be completed this spring.



Barn and greenhouse

Plans are nearly complete for the barn and greenhouse construction projects that began in the fall. The district is grateful for the South Umpqua FFA Alumni Association for their efforts to secure funding.



Playground

Installation is nearly complete on our new self-contained play structure for students in the elementary Developmental Learning Program at Tri City Elementary.



Good Things

SUSD students are awesome!
Here are just a few of the Good Things happening in South Umpqua Schools!

Tri City Elementary, Canyonville School, and Myrtle Creek Elementary welcomed our newest learners to our Kindergarten Readiness Program.

Canyonville School hosted a Family Feedback and Pizza Dinner.

Myrtle Creek Elementary decorated the City of Myrtle Creek's Christmas tree with handmade ornaments.

Tri City Elementary hosted a Family STEM night event of fun, games, and refreshments.

Douglas County Safe Routes to School teamed up with Coffenberry Middle School's sixth-grade PE class to offer a Bike Safety Course.

South Umpqua High School Students enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Feast.

High school super sewing students partnered with the Community Cancer Center to make neck pillows to provide comfort to patients.

Our district welcomed Deputy Vian as our new school resource officer.

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