

Eagle Update

“Information is just a squawk away.”

DC Trip Update

The students attending the trip to Washington, D.C. are getting very excited as it gets closer to the departure day in May 2023! Some of the highlights from this trip will include the Holocaust Museum, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery. Another extraordinary adventure we will be having is walking around some of the memorials at night while they're beautifully lit. Some of the students have either never been on a plane before so this is another exciting event for some of the kids!

Just a reminder to everyone: The trip goes from May 8th, 2023, thru May 13th, 2023.

By: Josey Holm

City Council

The Spray City Council met on Monday, April 15th. Recorder Crystal Rey reported that the tables and chairs for the Fire Hall were delivered, and that the laptop and printer

requested by Fire Marshall Jeremiah Holmes should be purchased by the end of the month.

Terry Harris updated the council on the new water program system. Terry has been trying to get an update on delivery and installation. The current system is over 25 years old and council-approved replacement has been in the build process for many months due to supply chain delays.

The Spray Rodeo organization attended and gave an update on the new wall being installed behind the east end zone of the football field. This improvement benefits both the rodeo grounds as well as the football team.

A property lot was approved that reset internal boundaries for a private sale. In addition water and sewer line placement including fire hydrants was discussed for said property.

The Spray community cleanup day in May was suggested to be announced during church services, as well as placed on the school's digital sign board.

By: Mark Marcantonio

Teacher of the Month

Mr. Starr was asked why he wanted to be a teacher. Starr stated that the reason he decided to be a teacher was because of his father who was also an educator, and he looked up to his dad a lot. Mr. Starr has been teaching for an impressive 35 years.

Mr. Starr always has had a love for science and math, stating he read all the science books in the library when he was a kid. Starr loved to watch “Wild Kingdom” on Sunday nights, which came on right before the Disney show.

Mr. Starr said the hardest part of being a teacher is keeping up with changes by the Department of Education and doing paperwork. His favorite part of being a teacher is seeing kids succeed, whether that is in class or beyond the classroom. Mr. Starr is and always will be proud to be a small part of the development of the students.

By: Elijah Wilks

Career Day

On Wednesday, April 5th the students at Spray High School had the opportunity to attend a career exploration day hosted by the Condon High School. About 20 students from Spray went to Condon to explore jobs that they might be interested in for the future. Some of these careers included the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office, ODOT, ODFW, ODF, Pendleton Fire Department, 911 Dispatch, and Bank of Eastern

Oregon, along with many other companies and employers. Each place had its own booth with informational packets, pamphlets, free pens, water bottles, and magnets. It was very educational and gave a wide variety of future career opportunities for the students to choose from. Hopefully, the students will use this information in the future to choose the best career for them.

By: Robert Smith

Prom 2023

Our annual prom for 2023 was held in John Day, Oregon. The event was an absolute blast for the high school students that attended! There were nine schools in attendance from all the towns surrounding John Day. Students either rode the bus or with their parents. The prom was held in the Pavilion at the fairgrounds, lasting from 7 pm to 11 pm. It was a full house with an estimated 150-175 attendees. Staff and volunteers held a pasta dinner to which all the students were invited. Everyone ended up loving the event. We hope there will be another prom on John Day next year! Thank you to the staff of the Prairie City High School for putting on the Prom. It was awesome!

By: Josey Holm

School Board

The April 2023, Spray School Board Meeting started with Jon Asher making a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions of 3.2 School Beautification Project Proposal and 7.6 Approve Policy JHH. With a second from Becky Clark, it passed unanimously. Eli Thomas presented his class's idea for decorating the face of the steps in front of the Stone Building with positive words/phrases. Kaylee Harris added that the kids would do their own research and would like to order some paint. The Board agreed, and Mr. Butler said the school had the funds to order the supplies.

Ms. Ingram inquired about setting up a coffee cart on school grounds during the Spray Rodeo. David Newton suggested setting it up where the buses park.

Mr. Butler then gave the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Starr added that the track team is looking good. Four students took their SATs, and seventeen students took their ASVAB test. Mr. Jones had a math-related "pie day" assembly with pizza during the fifth period. Ms. Ingram is taking the two-day ASIST (applied suicide intervention skills training). Mr. Butler went to Condon training on the needs assessment. The middle school is proposing a field trip to the High Desert Museum in May. Mr. Starr said he might be able to chaperone.

The Board talked about the February Financial Report. Robin said there were problems with the

computerized thermostat. It's been fixed. The EPA grants started on April 1st, 2023. Colin is talking with other schools about how they pay for their buses. He is looking to purchase another Suburban, possibly trading in the old Yukon. The possibility of selling the big game bus for \$5,000 is being considered. Mr. Starr stated that he was proud of the basketball team and how they handled the Molalla trip, even though they were exhausted by game time. He also said Colin did a very good job driving the team in the bad weather conditions. The next school board meeting will be May 8, 2023.

By: Tanner Mertens

Senior Banners

It's officially that time of year again! With a total of 11 graduating seniors, Secretary Renae Harris has done an amazing job of ordering and creating banners for each senior. The banners are now hanging along the front fence of Spray High School. If you would like to look at them don't be afraid to stop by!

By: Kiawna Denney

HS Graduation

Graduation is just around the corner! The seniors are beginning to get anxious for their next chapter in the world! As the year starts to round out, seniors prepare their speeches, slideshows,

pick out music and design their graduation caps. Scholarship awards and college or work options are beginning to come into place for each senior and we are eager to see where every one of them goes in life! Graduation will be held on May 21, 2023, at 2 o'clock in the Spray Gym.

By: Kiawna Denney

8th Grade Promotion

The eighth-grade promotion will be held during the Spray High School graduation ceremony. We hope everyone will be able to attend to support our eighth graders as they continue with their high school education.

By: Kiawna Denney

HS Sports

Track season started at the beginning of April and the track team is off to a great start. There are six track meets this month. The first meet was on April 7th in Prairie City. The second track meet was on the 12th in Prineville at Crook County High School. The third meet was held in Boardman at Columbia River High School on April 14th. The team's next meet was a small school track meet held in John Day at Grant Union High School on April 18th. April 22nd was the meet in Cove which had 1A-3A schools in attendance. The last track meet of April was on the 28th in Condon.

Carter Boise has the 3rd fastest time in our District in the 100m with a time of 11.92 sec. along with being 2nd in Triple Jump jumping 39' 7" in Triple Jump. Oran Davis is 2nd in our District in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 47.02 sec. Nate Clark is 1st in our District in Discus and Triple Jump throwing 137' 9.5" and jumping 40' 9.5". Morgan Cole-Hand is leading our District in Triple Jump at 31' 1". Carmen Balaguer just broke the school record and is leading our District in the 100m High Hurdles and 300m Hurdles with a time of 17.54 sec in the 100m and 52.77 sec. in the 300m. She is also 3rd in our District in Long Jump with a jump of 14' 2".

By: Robert Smith

Middle School Sports

Middle School track started at the beginning of April with their first track meet on April 7th in Stanfield. The second track meet was hosted by South Wasco at the Deschutes River Athletic Complex on the 21st of April. The third track meet was April 27th at Condon High School. All the kids combined had 12 personal records at the track meet which South Wasco hosted.

By: Robert Smith

High School Rodeo

Season has started back up again for the Oregon High School Rodeo Kids. The first rodeo was in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Everyone from Spray did well in their first rodeo of the year. The next rodeo is in Hermiston, Oregon. Good luck to everyone as the rodeo season continues.

By: Oran Davis

Preschool Update

Spray Preschool is currently taking enrollment forms for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must be ages 3-5 (Children must turn five after September 1.)

Preschool runs Monday-Thursday from 8:00-2:00 There is an optional breakfast at 7:30 am. The Preschool runs in tandem with the Spray School calendar. Come have your child learn in a fun environment including games, music, playtime, and art!

If interested or have any questions please contact Amanda Chase at achase@spray.k12.or.us or Spray School office at 541-468-2226.

By: Kiawna Denney

Spray Asher Health Clinic

The town has decided to rebuild part of the Spray Asher Health Clinic. The construction is currently being done and is estimated to be

completed in the time span of seven months from the start date. Since the building is being remodeled, the Spray Asher Clinic has temporarily moved to 32405 Hwy 19-207, on the outskirts of Spray, Oregon toward the Fossil side of Spray.

By: Josey Holm

Word Search

Monthly Word Search

A	L	E	A	A	Y	P	R	M	S	K	O	O	B
M	T	H	L	S	R	B	R	A	O	S	S	E	F
I	E	L	S	C	T	R	B	T	P	H	R	A	F
E	C	A	U	T	E	E	O	H	Y	A	L	P	T
G	N	N	B	C	O	A	L	U	N	C	H	A	P
R	E	G	J	H	P	K	R	E	P	A	P	H	Y
C	I	U	E	E	M	F	M	U	S	I	C	G	D
P	C	A	C	M	A	A	E	N	G	L	I	S	H
E	S	G	T	I	T	S	W	E	L	D	I	N	G
N	W	E	T	S	A	T	D	N	C	S	W	T	M
C	C	A	R	T	P	G	E	I	E	T	G	O	T
I	A	R	G	R	H	B	I	T	N	E	L	A	E
L	O	T	A	Y	O	N	T	T	S	P	T	U	U
S	O	S	R	L	R	B	G	W	O	R	D	S	T

ENGLISH
SUBJECT
BOOKS
POETRY
BREAKFAST
SCIENCE
PENCIL
MATH
CHEMISTRY
WORDS
WELDING
PAPER
MATAPHOR
LUNCH
MUSIC
LANGUAGE ARTS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5516288/>

By: Elijah Wilks

Pizza Truck

Coming this summer to the Spray Riverfront Park is a food truck! Not just any food truck; a PIZZA TRUCK! Many locals are excited to see a new venue come into place here in town and are eager to try it out! We will have more

updates about the pizza truck in the upcoming newsletter!

By: Kiawna Denney

English Teaching Position

Mrs. Knapp was recently asked about accepting the English teaching position for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Knapp responded by saying, "My three-and-half decade-long teaching career was completed at Spray School District. It feels like home." Mrs. Knapp stated she feels honored to be able to finish out the year in this position. She went on to say that this school year both Mr. Knapp and she are subbing at the local area schools. They seem to both be enjoying retirement.

By: Elijah Wilks

Pee Wee Basketball

After spring break, our annual PeeWee Basketball started up again! Several high school students gathered to decide who would be the coaches for what teams.

Black Team coaches: Carson Conlee, Zach Neuburger, and Oran Davis.

Blue Team coaches: Josey Holm, Kiawna Denney, Ulises De Leon, and Eddie Wu.

Purple Team coaches: Taylor Towell, Morgan Cole-Hand, Lily Newton, and Maddy Neuburger.

Red Team coaches: Teagan Towell, Callie Denney, and Robert Smith.

All the 1st-4th grade students playing have such a blast, despite who wins. We've played eight games so far with the next game on Monday, May 1st, 2023. There is only one game left before the tournament, which is on May 1st, 2023. The tournament is on Thursday, May 4th. Come watch our elementary students play their game and come support them!

By: Josey Holm

Grades K-6 Fieldtrip

On Thursday, April 20, Kindergarten - 6th grade attended the Butte Creek Riverscape Restoration Project Field Trip. Wheeler SWCD invited students from Spray, Mitchell, and Fossil schools to come see their project site, including man made beaver dams. We also had the chance to help make such a dam. The kids placed branches, dug and dumped dirt, and successfully rerouted the water by helping to make a PAL dam. All the students enjoyed themselves and were able to celebrate Earth Day in a meaningful and memorable way.

By: Lindsay Ingram



**2023
YEARBOOK**

**PRE-
ORDER
NOW**



\$15

EXPECTED TO SELL OUT! NEW LOW PRICE!

**NEW THIS YEAR -PRESCHOOL
& MORE GRADE SCHOOL PHOTOS!!**

**SIGNING
PARTY**

**MAY 16TH
SIGN YOUR FRIENDS
YEARBOOKS TO REMEMBER
THE YEAR!!**


**FEATURING SPORTS, SCHOOL
DANCES, SPIRIT WEEK, CLASS
PHOTOS, FUNNY FACE, DORM LIFE,
MOST LIKELY TO AND MANY MORE!!**

**85+FULL
PAGES**



**PURCHASE FROM MS.DAY OR ANY
YEARBOOK TEAM MEMBER!**



SPRAY SCHOOL					MAY MENU 2023 GEAR UP FOR SCIENCE	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast is served at 7:30 am to 7:50 am with milk, water and Fruit. Elementary lunch is served at 11:00 am and High School is served at 11:50 am to 12:20 pm with milk water and Fruit and salad bar. 	
1 ST B- Coffee Cake, Boiled eggs and Fruit L-Spaghetti, garlic bread and Fruit	2 ND B-Scrambled eggs, sausage, Toast and Fruit L-Tacos and Fruit	3 RD B-Bagels, Yogurt and Fruit L- Tater Tot Casserole, and Fruit	4 TH Donuts and fruit L- Chicken and cheese on a Hoagie, and Fruit	5 TH		
8 TH Biscuit, Sausage and Tater Tots and Fruit L-Haystack Salad and Fruit	9 TH B-Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit L-Chicken Tacos and Fruit	10 TH B-Cereal or Oatmeal and Fruit L- Hamburgers and Fruit	11 TH B- Cinnamon Rolls, and Fruit L- Stroganoff, Green Beans and Fruit	12 TH		
15 TH B-Biscuits, Sausage, and Scrambled eggs L- Soup, Crackers and Fruit	16 TH B- Pancakes, Sausage and Fruit L- Corn Dogs and Fruit	17 TH B-Cinnamon Rolls, Yogurt and Fruit L-Spaghetti, garlic bread and Fruit	18 TH B- French Toast, and Fruit L-Chicken Fajita and Fruit	19 TH		
22 ND B-Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit L- Cook's Choice	23 RD B- Scrambled eggs, Sausage and Fruit L- Cook's Choice	24 TH B-Cereal or Oatmeal and Fruit L- Cook's Choice	25 TH B-Cook's choice L- Cook's Choice	26 TH		
29 TH	30 TH	31 ST				
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER This product was funded by USDA. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					 Updated 5/1/2023 www.SquareMeals.org	
 Food and Nutrition Division National School Lunch Program						

Spray School District
PO Box 230
Spray, OR 97874

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM Retail

*****ECRWSS*****

Postal Customer
Spray, OR, 97874