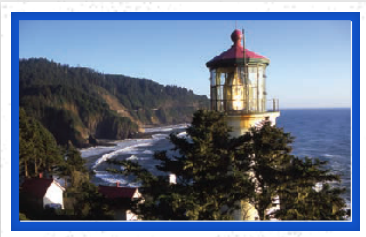


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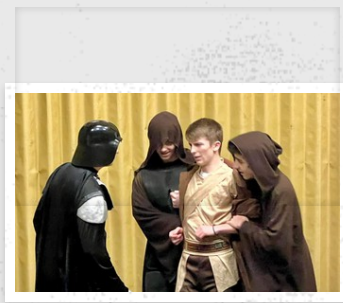
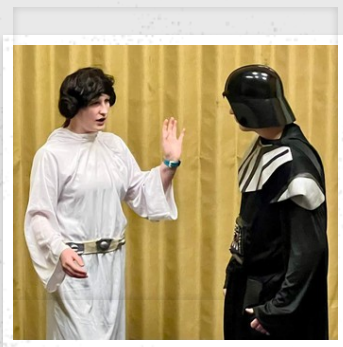
MOTIVATING AND PREPARING ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL



This is the second edition of our Talented and Gifted (TAG) newsletter for the 22-23 school year. This newsletter will provide a snapshot of what is happening across the district, as well as helpful resources. The TAG newsletter will be published three times a year for teachers, students, and parents of TAG students. It is also posted on the TAG website. If you would like to receive a paper copy mailed to your home, please email the TAG Coordinator, Kelly Dotson, at kdotson@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION CLASS PERFORMS SCENE FROM HAMLET

Groups of students in Mr. Johnson's AP Literature and Composition class recently provided a rendering of Act IV of Hamlet. This group included a Star Wars perspective with their interpretation, which was educational, hilarious, and very impressive. Kudos to these students for adding a touch of creativity to their presentation! Pictured here: Danin LaCouture, Camden Linton, Brayden Linton, Bruno Munoz Rocken, and Billie Massey (photo by Bev Scott).



SPRING CONFERENCES

Family Conferences are scheduled for March 9th and 10th, with some elementary conferences the evening of March 8th. There is no school on March 9th and 10th. Please let your student's teacher know if you would like to review or update a TAG plan during conferences. The TAG Coordinator will be

available to attend conferences on a first come first served basis, please notify Mrs. Dotson if you would like her to attend, kdotson@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. OBOB's mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

This year we've had 25 students participating in OBOB district-wide. Our elementary team is gearing up for a regional battle on March 11th in Eugene. We've had three teams at the middle school level, and they battled it out on February 3rd. Congratulations to "The Rebels" for winning the Siuslaw Middle School battle. We are waiting to hear if this team will have an opportunity to advance to a regional competition. We have one team at the High School and they will be competing in Regionals on March 15th in Eugene. Thank you to our volunteer OBOB coaches: Kassy Keppol, Greg Jorgenson, Kelly Dotson, Hilary Roach, Ryan Roach, and Kelly Joslin. (photos by Ryan Roach)



**SMS OBOB
1ST PLACE,
THE REBELS**

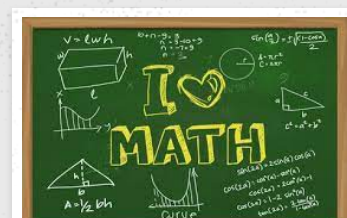


**SMS OBOB
2ND PLACE,
THE
GOLDFISH**



**SMS OBOB
3RD PLACE,
DISTRICT 13**

NOETIC MATH CONTEST RETURNS



Noetic: Noetic comes from the Greek word noēsis/noētikos, meaning inner wisdom, direct knowing, intuition, or implicit understanding. Noetic refers to ways of knowing beyond our traditional five senses.

Students in grades 3-8 will be invited to participate in a second round of the Noetic Math Learning Contest in April. In the Fall we had 80 students in grades 3-7 participate. This is a challenging contest with a focus on higher level mathematical problem solving. We are so proud of all of the students that participated. Check out the awards ceremonies here. Thanks to Ms. McKenzie for being our videographer.

[3rd Grade Noetic Awards Ceremony](#)

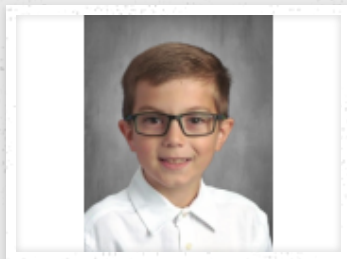
[4th Grade Noetic Awards Ceremony](#)

[5th Grade Noetic Awards Ceremony](#)

[6th Grade Noetic Awards Ceremony](#)

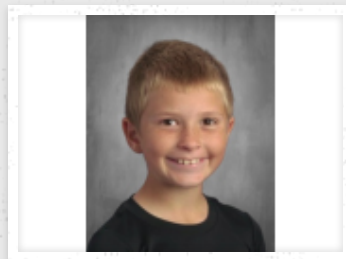
[7th Grade Noetic Awards Ceremony](#)

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR SCORING THE HIGHEST IN THEIR GRADE!



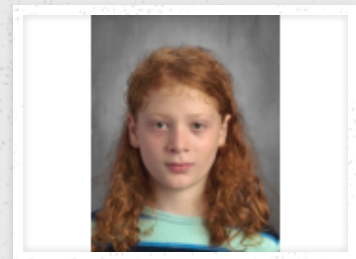
**LOGAN
ALCORN**

3rd Grade Team Winner



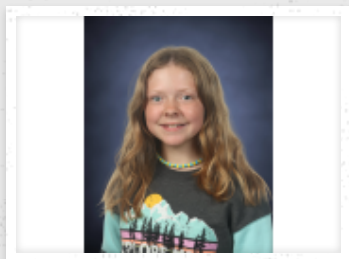
**LANDON
LINTON**

4th Grade Team Winner



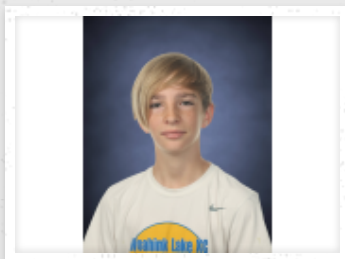
**WILDER
TOMARO-
HOLMES**

5th Grade Team Winner



**MCKENNA
JONES**

6th Grade Team Winner



**AVETT
DYKSTRA**

7th Grade Team Winner



OREGON POETRY ASSOCIATION STUDENT CONTEST!



The Oregon Poetry Association (OPA) is delighted to announce **CASCADIA 2023: Oregon's annual K-12 youth poetry contest.**

Open for free submissions February 1 through May 1, 2023.

Cascadia, the Oregon Youth Poetry Contest, serves to nurture the talent of young Oregon poets by providing an opportunity for their poems to be widely shared, published, and celebrated.

Up to ten unranked winners in three age categories will receive \$50 cash prizes. The winning poems will be published in Cascadia, an online journal of award-winning youth poetry from the Oregon Poetry Association. Winning poets will be invited to read their poems in an online celebration June 1 at 6 p.m. PST via Zoom. The winning poems in both the middle and high school divisions may be eligible to enter the 2023 Manningham Trust Student Contest sponsored by the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NSFPS). This national competition also awards cash prizes and anthology publication. For more information go to oregonpoets.org.

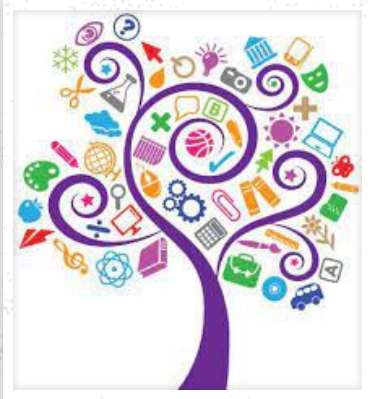
**CHECK OUT THESE UPDATES AND
RESOURCES FROM SIUSLAW LIBRARY
MEDIA SERVICES!**



K12 Siuslaw Library Weekly Slid...

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K12 + PD Siuslaw Library Connection: February 20th-24th
Reading Advocacy + Information Literacy + Digital Citizenship +
Technology Integration ☆ SHS Podcast "You Heard It Here
First": Join Riley Olson as he interviews this year's Court about
the "Rip Roarin' Rhodies 2023." Check out Season 1, Epi...



ENRICHMENT AND RESOURCE ZONE

Check out these [Enrichment Opportunities for Students](#)

Check out these [TAG Resources for Parents](#)

Check out these [TAG Resources for Educators](#)

Check out these [Educational Sites for Students](#)

Check out this [Recommended Reading for TAG](#)

TAG GUIDANCE FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requiring an updated 3-year District TAG Plan by May 1, 2023. Our plan is complete and has been available for the School Board to review. Once the plan is submitted to ODE it will be posted on the [Siuslaw School District TAG website](#). This document contains: district policies, identification of TAG students, instructional services and approaches, enrichment opportunities, and our plan for continuous improvement.

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE MURALS THAT WERE
PAINTED AT SMS LAST YEAR? CLICK HERE
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM.**

SMS students collaborated with artist Bayne Gardner to create this vibrant fish mural.



TAG CONTACT INFORMATION

Your classroom teachers are responsible for delivering TAG services, and are an integral part of each student's TAG plan. Remember to work closely with your child's teacher to ensure that they are getting the instruction they need to grow this year.



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The Siuslaw School District is committed to an educational program that recognizes and strives to maximize the unique value, academic needs, and special talents of each student. Among the groups of children we seek to serve, are those who meet Oregon's Department of Education's definition of Talented and Gifted.