

From the Principal's Desk

February has been a challenging month with the snow, ice, and power outages for many of our families, and changing school schedules. I'm sure that we all hope that things quickly return to normal in that regard.

February also means that we are moving past the mid-year point in the school year. Mid trimester grades will soon be arriving in your homes and the staff is already making plans for the 2014-15 school year. Right now, we are working on our Course Catalog that will contain all of our course descriptions, prerequisite requirements, and other useful information about our academic programs. Once that is completed, it will be posted on our website so that students and parents can study the offerings before we conduct our forecasting later in the spring. That process involves having students enter their course selections for next year.

At this time of year, it is also helpful to help your student stay focused on maintaining excellent attendance and good work habits. We are trying to develop more effective mechanisms to keep parents informed about attendance issues and our Attendance Committee is also working on positive incentives to encourage excellent attendance.

I also want to remind parents that our school and district calendars were adjusted slightly because of the weather. March 19 will be the last day of Trimester Two and it is also the last day of school before Spring Break. Students return to school on March 31. Other events coming up include our monthly parent meeting on February 24 at 7pm in the Library. The West End Thespians and Music Department will be performing *Gypsy* over the weekends of February 21 and February 28, and district and state competition will soon be taking place for Lancer athletes involved in winter season sports. We are also working with the Lane County Sheriff's Department and other agencies to present a program called *Every 15 Minutes* on April 15 and 16. This is an in-school teen drinking and driving prevention program. More information regarding that event will be coming your way in the next G'Lancer and we will discuss it with interested parents at the next parent meeting.

Finally, I am pleased announce some new additions to our Churchill staff. Sheree Houck has come on-board as our Career Center Assistant, Elisa Halemeier joins us as Health and Special Education teacher, and Krista Cummings is our new Campus Supervisor.

Thank you for your support of Churchill!
Dennis Biggerstaff

It's School Choice Time. Come see what our schools offer!

In Eugene School District 4J, every school offers an excellent education for our students. Students may enroll in their neighborhood school at any time, or request enrollment in a different 4J school, provided there is a place available.

4J residents must apply by February 28 at 5 p.m. Non-district residents must apply between March 1 and April 1 at 5 p.m. Requests will be accepted in an order determined by lottery.

If you have any friends or family members who are considering school choice, please invite them to come learn more about our wonderful school and their school choice options!

School Visitation Weeks

Monday, Feb. 24–Friday, Feb. 28

Schools offer tours, open houses and more

School Choice Information Meetings

4J Education Center, 200 North Monroe St.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7–8 p.m.

Get answers about the school choice process

Learn more:

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/choice>

Elección Escolar: ¡Entérate de lo que ofrecen nuestras escuelas!

En el Distrito Escolar de Eugene 4J, cada escuela ofrece una educación excelente para nuestros estudiantes. Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en la escuela de su vecindad en cualquier momento, o escoger una escuela diferente si hay espacio disponible. La lotería anual de opción escolar determina el orden en el cual se otorga los cupos disponibles.

Residentes del distrito escolar deben regresar una solicitud antes del 28 de febrero a las 5 p.m. Los residentes de fuera del distrito escolar deben regresar una solicitud entre el 1 de marzo y el 1 de abril a las 5 p.m.

Si usted tiene amigos o familiares que estén pensando en elegir una escuela, por favor, invítelos a conocer más sobre nuestra escuela y sus opciones de escuelas!

Exhibición Escolar

Host an Italian student and your child will be invited to Italy

Ergon Student Exchange seeks families to host a 16-17 year-old Italian student. Ergon's program ensures a true cross-cultural opportunity: Italian families offer to your son or daughter a direct exposure to Italian culture through an all-expenses paid summer vacation. Ergon sponsors the flight! We specialize in a rigorous selection process and carefully match students with host families. Matteo is attending Churchill HS and it is an excellent experience for him and his host family. Our Churchill and other Eugene high school host families are happy to share their experiences with you. Please email Kim O'Brien, Eugene coordinator, at kobrien334@comcast.net and visit our website at www.ergon-se.org.

Rowing is an Excellent Sport

Looking for a way to get physically fit and make friends this spring? Love water and team sports? Rowing is a full-body, year-round, non-contact sport for athletes of any size or experience level. The South Eugene Rowing Club (SERC) is open to all 4J high school and 8th grade students who want to try a completely different sport while developing a work ethic, communication and time-management skills. If interested, come try our free "Try Rowing" week starting Feb. 18th. No experience necessary. Students must have a parent signed waiver completed before participating. Please find us online at oarjrcrow.org or email membership@oarjrcrow.net.

February is Perseverance Month

February can be a hard month to get through, it's dark and snowy and sometimes kind of depressing. We are featuring the idea of perseverance in our PRIDE lessons this month. With that said, the CHS staff would like to send a big shout out to their students who have persevered!!!

Financial Aid Night

The College and Career Center is sponsoring a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00pm in the Red Computer Lab. We will provide information on what financial aid is, how it is determined, how it works and how to apply. We will also provide hands on assistance completing the FAFSA.

Students and adults are welcome. If you have not yet completed the FAFSA or just want more information, please join us.

Brief Chinese Exchange Program March 17 - 22

We have the wonderful opportunity in welcoming up to 20 international students from Chang'An in the Shaanxi Province of China. This area of China holds a rich history and Shaanxi is home to the terracotta army, the Bell Tower and numerous beautiful natural and manmade attractions.

We are currently looking for families who would be interested in hosting students from China for the week of March 17 - 22. The students you would be hosting are high school age and are very excited to be visiting the United States, some for the first time. You would host them in your home, attend events with them and they would take classes at Churchill. We have an exciting week planned for you and your guest, including a tour of the UO, a visit to the UO Natural History or Art Museum, a trip to a mall, and a trip to either the coast or the McKenzie Trail and Sahalie Falls. The week will culminate in a party with food prepared by your guests.

If you are interested please email Morgan Christensen at christen_mo@4j.lane.edu for more information.

WISE Symposium

WISE Symposium 2014 has been rescheduled! All Churchill girls are invited to attend on Thursday, April 17th, check-in begins at 3:50 p.m. This is an afternoon of workshops in science and engineering taught by mostly female professionals in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Registration (and re-registration for those who had planned on attending the February Symposium) on Churchill's website begins Wednesday, April 2nd. There will be awesome workshops in cell dyeing, DNA, Forensics (CSI), catapults, and more! Plus prizes and food! Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) is a Churchill student group that supports women in non-traditional careers. No scientific background is required – just bring your curiosity, sense of humor, and appetite for knowledge!

Lane CC Placement Testing

You can take LCC placement tests at Churchill for reading comprehension, writing skills, and math Wednesday, February 26, beginning at 8 a.m. Seniors and juniors who are interested in attending Lane CC must have an "L" number prior to registration. Seating is limited, so sign up in the College & Career Center.

- Students can choose to take the Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills tests or the math test. It is HIGHLY suggested that students study for either test. See the Churchill website for study links under Students – Resource - Accuplacer. Students who are attending Lane CC in fall 2014 and who have successfully earned College Now Math credits do not need to take the math test.
- Another testing date will be scheduled after May 26, 2014.

Mr. Lancer

Mr. Lancer is a program to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. Ten senior boys are a part of this program along with 8 coordinators, this is a Kids Helping Kids program. There are multiple fundraisers put on through April. The pageant night is April 25th at 7 p.m. This is a night filled with comedy and heartwarming stories about Children's Miracle Network. All the money raised stays in our community!

Fundraiser for Ophelia's Place

Churchill students are sponsoring a 5k benefit for Ophelia's Place on April 19th. More information to come!

The West End Creative and Performing Arts Academy is proud to announce the opening of our musical

GYPSY

Friday February 21 at 7:30 pm

Gypsy is the classic American musical story of vaudeville, theatre, family, overbearing mothers, and children finding their way.

Featuring classic songs "Everything's Coming Up Roses", "Let Me Entertain You", and "All I Need is the Girl" this show is one not to miss.

Churchill theatre students Selena Gregory, Arianna LaMora, Carly Walker, Anthony Carter and Carson Conway lead a cast of 25 and are accompanied by a fabulous Churchill Pit Orchestra of 18. 8 younger actors from Kennedy Middle School and Cal Young Middle School are also featured.

For added fun, some Churchill Staff have agreed to perform cameos in each performance!

Tickets are \$10 reserved and \$5 for students and seniors. They will be available in the box office 1 hour before show time or may be ordered in advance using a Gypsy Order Form available in the office or the Churchill Choir room OR online at seatyourself.biz.

Additional performances are scheduled for Saturday February 22, Thursday and Friday the 27th and 28th at 7:30pm

Saturday March 1 and closing Thursday and Friday the 6th and 7th of March, also at 7:30.

There is a 2:00pm matinee Sunday the 23rd of February.

ACE Awards: Nominate a Churchill Staff Member

Nominate "A Champion in Education" Today !

Who always makes a difference in your child's school day? An inspiring teacher? An encouraging school secretary? A dedicated volunteer? A principal who leads by example? A bus driver who always takes the time to listen? Now is the time to recognize their contributions through the annual ACE (A Champion in Education) Awards!

To nominate a 4J employee or volunteer who demonstrates excellence in education, go to www.theaceawards.org . Every nominee will be honored at an elegant awards ceremony in April, and one person in each category will win a \$1,000 cash prize toward a project or program in their school. Nominations must be submitted by March 9 .

The ACE Awards are a collaborative effort of the Eugene and Springfield chambers of commerce and the Eugene, Bethel and Springfield school districts. The program is presented by Oregon Community Credit Union and supported by others from the local business community.

¡Nomine a alguien para ser uno de los "Campeones de la Educación" hoy mismo!

¿Quién marca la mayor diferencia en la escuela de su hijo? ¿Algún maestro que sabe cómo inspirar a sus alumnos? ¿Una secretaria que anima a los que están a su alrededor? ¿Un voluntario dedicado? ¿Tal vez un administrador que enseña dando ejemplo? ¿Un conductor de autobús que pone atención a todos? Ahora es el momento de reconocer sus contribuciones, a través de la Octavo Entrega Anual de los Premios ACE (Campeones de la Educación)

Para nominar a un miembro del personal de 4J o voluntario que demuestra excelencia en la educación, por favor visite www.theaceawards.org . Todos aquellos que sean nominados tendrán una elegante ceremonia en su honor en el mes de abril y una persona de cada categoría ganará un premio de \$1.000 en efectivo a destinarse a un proyecto o programa en su escuela. Las nominaciones se pueden entregar hasta el 9 de marzo.

Los Premios ACE se realizan por medio de un esfuerzo conjunto de las cámaras de comercio de Eugene y Springfield y los distritos escolares de Eugene, Bethel y Springfield. El programa lo presenta Oregon Community Credit Union y está respaldado por varios miembros de la comunidad comercial local.