



# CRESTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**OUR VISION:** An inclusive community where personal excellence and academic growth meet.

**OUR MISSION:** Creston's mission is to build a learning community that maximizes each student's academic, social, and personal growth by fostering student belonging and self-worth while inspiring a love of learning and respect for all.

February 27, 2017

## Message from the Principal

Creston is eagerly anticipating our "With Our Dreams, We Touch the Sky!" Annual Fundraising Auction. This event provides you with the chance to bid on marvelous donations, enjoy delicious food, and spend a good time with our Creston community. The event is happening on **March 18, 2017 from 6PM-10PM at the**



5<sup>th</sup> grader Zach Bodayla( Left) and mom are all smiles at our Multicultural Book Club event.

**Melody Ballroom 615 SE Alder St.** We appreciate our PTA for hosting our auction each year. The proceeds raised from this event go towards providing additional resources for Creston's program. For more information, please contact Lisa Kensel, our Auction Coordinator

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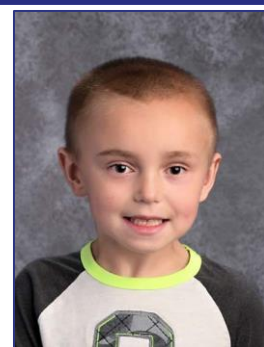
The month of February has been filled with exciting school events. For example, on February 13, we hosted another Multicultural Book club event. This month's featured book was "Ghost" by Raina Telgemeier. A special thanks goes out to Greta Bergren, Creston's reading specialist, for coordinating this remarkable experience for our community.

## OMSI Science Festival



On February 15, Creston's Talented and Gifted Program and SUN partnered together to bring OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) to our community. The festival included a collection of hands-on brainteasers that challenged our students to think both critically and creatively. Long-time

Creston partner Vernier Technology also joined the event and brought along an engaging technology station. We want to give a special thanks to Ms. Greene and Ms. Mulvihill for bringing this special event to Creston.



Our student writer for March:  
**Lincoln McAdam**  
1st Grade

### Beavers

They live with their mom for 2 years. Cont. on page 2

### Important Dates

- March 7- Pizzicato Fundraising Day
- March 8 - Spring Picture Day
- March 9- SUN Winter Term Ends
- March 10 - Middle School Dance
- March 14- PTA General Meeting, 6PM
- March 16- Burgerville Fundraising Night, 5-8PM
- March 17- "Chat with Conrad" Parent Coffee, 9AM
- March 17- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **March 18- Creston's Auction at 6PM**
- March 23- PTA STEM Night
- March 27-31 Spring Break





## Other News

### **Beavers by Lincoln McAdam cont. from page 1**

Little flaps come over their eyes, nose and ears.  
They use their tail to steer.  
They can cut trees down with their teeth.

### **Counselor's Corner by Laureen Held**

Portland Public School District is committed to Restorative Justice as a means for resolving conflict. This process allows students who have a conflict to sit down and calmly discuss their perspective and work toward resolution that is mutually agreeable. As a school counselor, I have the privilege of facilitating this process for students across all nine developmental levels within our building. The process is focused on restoration and healing. People are not required to walk away as best friends, but they do walk away with solutions and strategies that will help them in the future.

The questions we address throughout this process include:

- What happened?
- Who was affected/ impacted?
- What can be done to make things right?
- What will keep things right?
- How can others support you?

When students meet with me, we have a stuffed Eagle as a "talking piece". We've named him Eddie. The student sharing their experience and ideas holds Eddie. The student who is not holding Eddie has the difficult task of listening to understand the speaker. Throughout the process I ask clarifying questions and draw the speaker out so they are fully able to share their ideas and experience. Then the listener summarizes what they understand was said. We call this "checking it out". If the speaker feels misunderstood – they have the opportunity to clarify. Once the speaker feels understood – the students switch roles. Eddie goes into the hands

of the second student, and now that child speaks from their perspective.

My favorite part is the second half of the process, when students discuss what they can do to make things right. My philosophy is everybody makes mistakes. It's not a matter of IF we mess up – but what we do WHEN we mess up to make things better. Children make mistakes. Adults make mistakes. We as living beings make mistakes. It's what we do! The good news is not that we make mistakes. Rather, the good news is that we can learn from our mistakes. We can reflect on things we could have done differently. We can take responsibility for our bad behavior. We can take steps to restore relationships. We can move forward with strategies to support us in making better choices in the future.

Typically students leave my offices with smiles. They have experienced the opportunity to share, to be heard, to be valued. They leave with skills and ideas on how to move forward.

### **STARBASE PORTLAND ACADEMY is offering a Slot Care Engineering Club after school!**

The Club is a 5 week program I developed to take the students completely through the manufacturing process using the latest technology!

The students are using Computer Aided Design (C.A.D.) to engineer their own original car designs. The cars are all completely different .....if you can imagine it, you can create it with C.A.D.. The car bodies in our Creston Club are quite elaborate! Many features are taken into consideration when designing: scale, aerodynamics, weight, thickness, center of gravity, etc.. I can't wait to see the finished products! Soon the designs will be printed on a 3-D printer and the students will paint them. On the last day of Club, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the car bodies will be mounted onto chassis and we will test them



on a slot car track to see how they perform. All are welcome to come by during Club hours to check out the designs. I would love to meet all of you!

Jordan Brown

STARBASE 2.0 Club Instructor

Club Hours = Mon. and Wed. from 3:30 to 5:20

### Family STEM Night at Creston

Remember to mark your calendars for Creston's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Night on **March 23 at 5:30PM**. We will serve a delightful dinner and then the excitement really begins. Our PTA and has partnered with Creston teachers to host a variety of hands-on games and experiments for families to enjoy. Our goal is remind families and students we experience STEM each day our lives.

### Library News by Kali Cardenas

Creston Library is kicking off our in school OBOB Battles for 3rd-5th grade students! We have some really great competitors this year and some close games. The winners for the 6-8th grade team moving on to Oregon Regionals are *Team Grades 3-5*! Congratulations to Kai, Damian, Brillig and Ethan G.! Announcement of the winners of the Elementary 3rd-5th grade winners will be made soon! Go Creston OBOB! All teams did a great job, read wonderful stories and had fun! Thank you for the support from parents and parent volunteers who helped make Battle of the Books possible. OBOB Regionals for 6th-8th grade winners is March 11th at Walt Morey Middle School in Troutdale, Oregon. OBOB Regionals for 3rd-5th winners is on March 18th at Glencoe Elementary in Portland, Oregon. Go Creston OBOB!

### SUN News

The SUN extended-day program is bustling. We are continuing to focus on offering a variety of STEM activities. We also will be launching a youth-driven community art project this spring. The last day of the winter term of SUN extended-day program is **Thursday, March 9th**. There will be a showcase that evening and all community members are invited! It is from 5:30-6:30 pm in the auditorium. Come check out what the students have accomplished during after-school programming this term!

Registration for the spring term of extended-day programming is Monday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm in the library.





## PTA News

All PTA meetings are held in the library from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

### Eagle Ticket for 6th-8th Graders

Cut out this ticket to enter a drawing to win a prize.

How to win: Share this newsletter with your parent and have them sign below.

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(parent signature)

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(student signature)

### Please Mark Your Calendars for the Following Meetings Dates:

- March 14
- May 9

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