

Newsletter

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VERNONIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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The campaign for Vernonia's Schools

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Kenneth Cox served the Vernonia School District well as Superintendent for eight years, but as of July 1, 2014 he officially resigned to become the Superintendent in Minidoka County, Idaho. Our best wishes go out to Ken, Carol and the entire Cox family!

I would like to introduce myself, Aaron Miller, as the new Vernonia School District Superintendent, and the new Vernonia Education Foundation President. For the past nine years I have been the VSD Elementary Principal.

Recently we have held two very successful events. The Vernonia High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its first members on April 19th at Cedar Ridge, while the district formally dedicated the new building and honored our many volunteers, donors and partners on June 5. Thank you to those who were able to attend, and thanks to all of you for your continuing support of our on-going fundraising initiatives.

We still have a lot of work left to complete the funding of our incredible new facilities, and your continuing efforts will help us achieve our primary goal of raising funds for the benefit of students in Vernonia. I am very excited to take on these new roles in the district, and look forward to working with you all as we continue to make Vernonia the best it can be!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming VEF Board Meetings – School Library;
Thursdays - August 14 @ 4:30pm, September 11 @
7:30pm; and October 9 @ 4:30pm

Vernonia Friendship Jamboree – We hope to see you back in town for this annual event which will be held Friday-Sunday, August 1-3.

Old Timer's Picnic – The Old Timer's Alumni Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 17, from 9am-2pm @ Anderson Park. This is a great time to meet up with old friends!

Upcoming Events

V.E.F. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Vernonia School District and The Vernonia Education Association continue to work toward our goal of meeting the annual financial requirements of our construction debt. So far this spring, we have received the following donations:

- Family of E.T. & Norma Johnston - \$25K for shop
- OCF Fred W. Fields fund – \$25 K for debt reduction
- Vernonia Hands on Art Grant through the Miller Foundation - \$25K for sound equipment to be shared with VHOA and the Vernonia School District
- Stimson Lumber - \$37,500 for debt reduction

Thank you to these generous donors who are truly making a difference in the lives of Vernonia's children!

If you know of others who are willing and able to help with our fund raising efforts through planning and organizing events, making phone calls, or actually donating, please have them call Aaron Miller at 503-429-5891.

VEF Board of Directors

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VEF Members Needed

Are you interested in being part of the solution? The Vernonia Education Foundation is always looking for people to participate in VEF activities, or as a VEF Board Member to help with planning, fundraising and other projects that benefit the Vernonia School District. If you are interested, please contact Superintendent Aaron Miller at 503-429-5891.

Alumni Contact Numbers Needed

The VEF is constantly looking for alumni contact information to send out queries and informational materials regarding their efforts. There is a particularly strong need for contact information from our 1970's, 80's and 90's alumni. If you are, or know, an alumnus in one of these decades, please send that contact to the Vernonia School District via email, phone call or regular mail.

ALUMNI SPORTS INITIATIVE

Contributions to the Vernonia Alumni Sports Initiative continue to slowly accumulate. Thus far, 145 alumni have contributed over \$55,000 to this fund. In addition, another \$14,000 is available to use from the Gary Davis Memorial and the Class of 1973 "Give Back Bash" event. However, much more is needed for the development of athletic fields on the campus of the new Vernonia Schools.

The design work for the new fields has been completed, and now the process of moving dirt and planting grass actually begins! Thanks to a grant from the Oregon School Activities Association and matching funds from Evelyn Holce (Class of 42), the Vernonia Loggers will have a football practice field ready for this Fall.

Work on the new softball complex is underway, and our goal is to have this field ready and playable by March, 2015. In order for this to happen, more resources (in the form of cash contributions and volunteers) are badly needed now. If you would like to contribute financially, send your tax-deductible contribution to Vernonia Education Foundation, 1201 Texas Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.

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