

Something for EVERYONE! SPECIAL EDITION!

Cove School Newsletter—Activities

Cove School Activities: Something for Everyone

At the request of your Charter Council, this special edition newsletter has been published in order to highlight the many activities and extended learning opportunities that the school affords its students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Many additional activities for our students are organized by local organizations which Cove School supports with facilities and communication such as little league and 4H. Cove School encourages students of all ages to participate in their passion—find what activity excites you and be involved. Educational research has long concluded that participation in activities and sports is closely correlated with academic success and Cove School District recognizes activities for kids as supportive to the school mission. Whether sponsored by the school like basketball or sponsored by our friends like the Philly Trip, we hope every student finds and engages in the activities.

While Cove High School sponsors 13 sports and an additional six at the middle school, the school also sponsors OSAA activities of Band, Choir, and Speech. This does not include the clubs with FFA and FBLA which are among the most active organizations. With the start of a robotics team and drama club in addition to the assemblies, arts-related field trips, outdoor school for 6th grade, and extended learning opportunities; Cove Charter School truly should have something for every student's interest. When the school finds it may not be serving all interests of its students, clubs or activities are added in an effort to provide opportunity for that interest. This is precisely how drama, speech and debate, FBLA and robotics were started this past year. ~ Mr. Pettit



2nd Grade: Wallowa Lake — Preparing to hike the glacial moraine

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Extended Learning Activities

Robotics Club Prepares for Competition

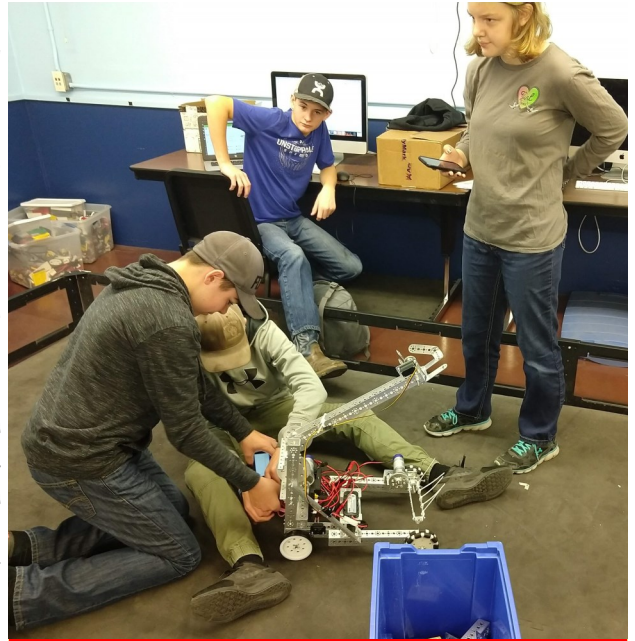
In one of my classes, we do a very brief overview of block programming and JavaScript. I noticed many of this year's eighth graders had an interest and did not participate in many of the traditional after-school programs, so I offered a few of them the chance at an after-school club doing First Tech Challenge. (www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc)

I applied for a grant through Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program in the Spring and was graciously awarded \$1900 to buy a robot, register a team and purchase all necessary equipment for the year. The administration also found time for us to do the club during school hours so that more students could participate. So twelve of us meet every school day at 12:35, and four of us that don't play in sports work after school for an hour Monday-Wednesday.

The students run the group for the most part. They have officers and start each class period with a meeting to decide what needs to be done and who needs to do it. They have been learning to draw in Fusion 360 and run the 3D printers so that they can create their own parts. They have built a robot that functions. They have learned how to write programs that allow them to control the robot with a video game controller. Mostly, however, they have learned how to become better problem solvers.

The group lovingly refers to themselves as The Nerd Herd, and I am very proud of them already. They will compete in Pendleton four times this year (November 13, December 4 and 18, and January 19.)

This club owes a big thank you to many. First, our administration is quick to offer any support we need. Second is the great people at ORTOP. The third is The Union RoboCats. They loaned us an expensive field mat. The Booster Club has awarded us a couple of grants that have helped us buy a 3D printer. Finally, we cannot forget those parents that help get the students to meetings and home. Thank you! ~Mr. Dressen



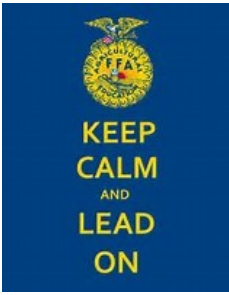
Carson Anderson, Brady Rasmussen, Elsie Hassinger and others prepare their robot



Wacey Fite and Tia Swalberg put their hands in a fistulated cow at the OSU Union Research Station

A Flair for the Dramatic

The Drama Department will be holding auditions for the spring play sometime in the winter (January/February). This will be the first Cove High School play being performed in many years. Rehearsals will take place after school, and the play will be performed sometime in April or May. Dr. Farrell is looking forward to building this extracurricular program alongside offering drama as an elective. The hope is to have two productions per year beginning in 2019-20 (a fall play and spring musical) as well as adding a drama club by 2020-21. Please stay tuned for more audition information in December! ~Dr. Farrell



Extended Learning Activities

Cove FFA



We kicked off October with an FFA trip to the Eastern Oregon FFA District Leadership Camp at Camp Elkanah. 15 of our students were able to attend leadership workshops, compete in the FFA rituals contest, and engage in team-building activities. Our next event was the Eastern Oregon District Soils Contest held in Union, OR.

For a month, our Ag 1 and Ag 2 classes learned about properties of soil and how to evaluate soils based on textures, colors, and inter-soil layers. We had a great turnout of students, and for the second year in a row our students won our district contest—outscored every other school from Union, Baker, and Wallowa Counties. We would like to send a huge thank you to Mike Riley for digging practice pits on our school farm, and to the Rovey Family who dug soil pits on their farm for the district contest. We couldn't have done it without you!



The soils judging group from the Cove FFA Chapter—winners of the blue (1st Place) banner

Animal Science Engages in "Hands In" lessons:

The Animal Science class has had many opportunities this fall to engage in "Hands In" learning opportunities through partnerships with local livestock producers. Concepts that are learned in class such as anatomy and physiology are brought to life when students are able to physically see and feel parts of the animals in person.

Thus far, we've been able to go on several field trips; one to the Oregon State University Research Station in Union where Cove alumni Kenny Fite works. Kenny manages research cattle at the station, and was gracious enough to show our students a "fistulated" cow, which means that the cow has a large hole cut into her rumen so that research scientists can test different types of feeds and how well those feeds digest.

Another field trip was a visit to Lazy H Cattle Company, owned and operated by another Cove Alumni, Darren Hansen. With the help of veterinarian Dr. Joshua Anderson and the rest of the Hansen Family, we worked cows through a squeeze chute in order to "preg check" or test to see if the cows were pregnant. Dr. Anderson showed our students advanced ultrasound technology, how to properly give shots, and how to check for pregnancy the manual way (yes, this means students actually reached in and felt the baby calves!). We also learned about the management schemes that Darren employs with his cows, and how he maximizes the use of his investments. ~ Mr. Kelly

Extended Learning Activities



Speech and Debate Debut

The Cove Speech and Debate Team brought home a couple wins and placed in several events in their first-ever competition in Tillamook. With 10 teams competing, Cove was led by Jack Deem earning first in Open (Varsity) Informative and second in JV Impromptu. Haiden Wiggins added a win in Open Serious Memorized while Sophia Pettit, Bill Pettit, and Skyler Perkins all turned in solid performances earning spots on the podium in their respective events. Cove was the sole "small school" at this meet. The competition level was a little light and this is exactly what the coaches wanted for the kids first outing. The team is planned to next attend a large and highly competitive meet at Pacific University in January. Students interested in joining Speech and Debate can let Coaches' Pettit, Hubbard, or Farrell know. The activity season is year-long culminating with Districts and State in April ~ Mr. Pettit



Dapper Guy, Luigi, Yoshi, a Nurse, a Cowboy, and a Banana
Cove Speech and Debate Team members competed in Oktoberfest in Tillamook last weekend-costumes were required!

Music: Choose your Genre: Pop, Concert, or Swing

The music department is off and rolling with good numbers in each ensemble. The choir has 25 voices with almost half of the group in the men's section. The group has performed three times this year, with another elementary concert scheduled this week. The band has 26 with good balance between the parts and class levels providing good leadership and great potential for this year at contests. The band represented great Leopard spirit in their first performance at the Homecoming Community Pep Assembly.

Each group works through three genres of music over the course of the year: Pop, Concert and Swing. I try to have the ensembles evaluated in each area on a regular basis. At Cove School, there are two formal concerts with lots of great traditions from Kindergarten through High School.

Each year there is a pep band contest at the District and State basketball tournaments. If we are able to attend, our band will be compared to other bands from similar schools in the area of pep band playing Pop Music. The Cove High School Band performs at most of the home basketball games in preparation for this event. We also are active members of Eastern Oregon Small School Music Association (E.O.S.S.M.A.) that hosts a collaborative project for both band and choir.

The local OMEA District VI hosts several events Northeast Oregon that Cove usually participates in, including the Honor Band and Choir coming up the first part of November at Milton-Freewater. A select few of the best from each school come together to produce an excellent concert. Other OMEA events include Solo and Ensemble in early March and District Large Group which is a OSAA League Contest sending the best on to the State Contest in the area of Concert Music.

Finally, my favorite, the genre of Swing. I find it very rewarding to take young people to Jazz Festivals. The judges and clinicians are very helpful and positive. The music is challenging but fun. There are four contest that are available in our area and I like to work a couple into the annual schedule. Clackamas Community College, Boise State University, Columbia Basin Community College, and University of Idaho all put on a great Jazz Festival.

At the end of the school year, it has been a positive experience, over the last decade, to take both groups to the Music in the Parks contest. We can choose to compete in either Concert or Swing, whichever ends up being our strongest area. We will compete against groups from all over the Northwest, often from several different states. And of course, spend the balance of the day at the amusement park.

I believe it is important to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Most of the events we attend are more about developing great musicians and learning to speak the language of music and less about the competition. But who's kidding who? It's always nice to be a winner! Go Leopards! ~ Mr. McBride

Extended Learning Activities

Second Grade Learns Outdoors

Second grade students took a field trip to Wallowa Lake to get an up close view of how living and non-living things support each other in a habitat. Ellen Morris Bishop, a geologist and photographer, met us at the north end of the lake and took us on a hike up the glacial moraine. Ellen is amazing and did a fabulous job teaching us about the variety of rocks in the area and how Wallowa Lake was formed. After visiting with Ellen we drove to the south end of the lake where we had a picnic and met with fish biologist, Jeff Yanke. Before heading over to the river to take a look at the spawning kokanee salmon Jeff gave us some background about the fish. After asking a few questions we headed over to the river to see the spawning salmon. Students got a first hand look at how non-living things support living things in this amazing lake/river habitat. ~ Mrs. Williams



Wallowa Lake: Second Grade learns "Life Lessons"

Primary Students Pick Pumpkins

In Kindergarten, we have been learning about the needs and preferences of living things! We got to investigate with Bess Bugs and pumpkin plants. Our Bess Bugs preferred wood for their food, water to drink, and to live in dirt and bark. They were fun to hold, and made a chirping sound. To take care of our pumpkin plants we had to give them sunlight, water them, keep them safe in our classroom, and show them lots of love. We recorded their growth in our science journals and when they got big enough, we took them home! We wanted to learn more about pumpkin plants and where the pumpkins come from, so, we took a field trip to the Pick n' Patch Pumpkin Patch to learn more! While we were there we all got to pick out our very own pumpkins to take home. We learned that pumpkins grow on vines across the ground, and just like the pumpkins we grew in our classroom, they required sunlight, water, a safe place to grow, and lots of love. While we were there we also climbed the tall straw stack, and explored the corn maze. It was a very fun and educational day! ~ Mrs. Wright



OUTDOOR
LEARNING
The Extended Classroom



Above: 4th Grade out learning on a beautiful fall day

Left: Kindergarten students pose at the pumpkin patch

Cove High School 2018-19 Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Friday	11/30	Adrian	Cove	2:00	All Teams
Tuesday	12/04	Ione	Cove	2:30	All Teams
Fri-Sat	12/7-8	Union Lions Tournament	Union	TBA	Varsity Teams
Saturday	12/15	Arlington	Cove	2:00	JV Boys and Both V.
Thu-Sat	12/20-22	Union Christmas Tourn.	Union	TBA	Varsity
Thu-Sat	12/27-29	La Grande Optimist Tourn.	La Grande	TBA	Varsity
Saturday	01/05	Powder Valley	Cove	1:00	All Teams
Friday	01/11	Nixyaawii	Cove	3:00	All Teams
Friday	01/18	Imbler	Cove	3:00	All Teams
Saturday	01/19	Wallowa	Wallowa	1:00	All Teams
Friday	01/25	Pine Eagle	Pine Eagle	3:00	All Teams
Saturday	01/26	Powder Valley	North Powder	1:00	All Teams
Tuesday	01/29	Joseph	Cove	3:00	All Teams
Friday	02/01	Elgin	Elgin	3:00	All Teams
Saturday	02/02	Griswold	Cove	1:00	JV Boys and Both V.
Friday	02/08	Imbler	Imbler	3:00	All Teams
Saturday	02/09	Pine Eagle	Cove	1:00	All Teams
Fri-Sat	02/15-16	District Tournament	Baker	TBA	Varsity

Sports Offered By Cove Charter School

High School:

Football
Volleyball
Cross Country
Wrestling
Basketball
Track & Field
Golf
Baseball
Softball

Middle School:

Football
Volleyball
Basketball
Track & Field

Cove Charter School

OSAA Activities:

Band
Choir
Speech and Debate



As Of 10/17/18..... **Dates and times are subject to change as the season begins.



2018 Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule



GAMES IN COVE:

HS Basketball

Nov 30; Dec 4,15;

Jan 5,11,18,29; Feb 2,9

MS Boys Basketball:

Nov 2, 3, 9, 16

Dec 7,8

MS Girls Basketball:

January TBD

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
10/26	Friday	Pine Eagle	Halfway	10:00 am
10/27	Saturday	Joseph	Joseph	10:00 am
11/2	Friday	Enterprise	Cove	10:00 am
11/3	Saturday	Powder Valley	Cove	10:00 am
11/08	Thursday	Elgin	Elgin	5:00 pm
11/09	Friday	Imbler	Cove	1:00 pm
11/16	Friday	Echo	Cove	10:00 am
11/17	Saturday	Wallowa & Pine Eagle	Wallowa	10:00 am
11/30	Friday	Union	Union	10:00 am
12/01	Saturday	Imbler	Imbler	10:00 am
12/07	Friday	Cove Tournament	Cove	TBA
12/08	Saturday	Cove Tournament	Cove	TBA
2/22	Friday	Huntington Tourn.	Huntington	TBA
2/23	Saturday	Huntington Tourn.	Huntington	TBA

High School Principal's Podium—Activities

EXCELLENT



Cove Junior-Senior High School is very fortunate to have a wide variety of learning and extra-curricular opportunities available for students. Many of these opportunities begin during the school day with an excellent music and art program, agriculture and business courses, shop classes and new drama and speech classes.

Studies have shown that participation in sports, clubs and school activities outside of the school day is often very beneficial to students. Benefits of extracurricular activities might include improved grades as well as learning new skills including teamwork, social skills, critical thinking and time management. Participation in clubs, sports and activities also requires responsibility and a sense of commitment.

Many of our students have made commitments to one or more of these programs and are actively involved in school leadership, music and drama programs, athletics, FFA, FBLA or competitive speech and debate. We are currently finishing up fall sports and preparing for winter sports. Now is an excellent time to consider athletic opportunities for the winter season. Please call if you have questions regarding any of our clubs, sports or activities. ~ Mat Miles

2018-2019 Booster Club Membership Drive



The Mission of the Cove Leopards Booster Club is to provide supplemental financial support for Cove School District #15 activities.

\$15 Individual Membership

RECEIVE 1 CAR WINDOW DECALS
NAME FEATURED ON BOOSTER CLUB WEB PAGE

\$25 General

Family Membership

RECEIVE 1 CAR WINDOW DECALS
NAME FEATURED ON BOOSTER CLUB WEB PAGE

\$75 Individual Membership

1 ADULT ALL-SPORTS PASSES
(not including Endowment or Play-off games)
RECEIVE 1 CAR WINDOW DECALS
1 ADULT COVE LEOPARDS T-SHIRT
NAME FEATURED ON BOOSTER CLUB WEB PAGE

\$150 Family Membership

2 ADULT ALL-SPORTS PASSES
(not including Endowment or Play-off games)
RECEIVE 2 CAR WINDOW DECALS
2 ADULT COVE LEOPARDS T-SHIRT
NAME FEATURED ON BOOSTER CLUB WEB PAGE

Tear Off Here

YES, I would like to make a difference and join Cove Leopard Booster Club!

\$15 Individual Membership \$25 General Family Membership
 \$75 Individual "All-Sports Pass" Membership \$150 Family "All Sports Pass" Membership
 Additional donation toward special projects: \$ _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Email: _____



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Cove Booster Club
MAIL TO: PO BOX 24 Cove, OR 97824

YES, I would be interested in helping with Booster Club activities and functions
 Contact me at: _____

Fall 2018 Sports Spotlight



15:08.6



Tim Stevens

What is the significance of this time? If you don't follow cross country, you would not be able to answer that question. I had no idea about cross country times, runners, or rules a year ago. What I do know now is that Tim Stevens is one of the most elite high school athletes to ever run long distance in the state of Oregon. Tim ran the time of 15:08.6 for the 5,000 meters at the Kyle Burnside-Wild Horse Invitational on October 18, 2018. This was not only a personal best for Stevens, but it was a new course record. In the state of Oregon, only one high school athlete has ran the 5,000 meters faster than that time this year. After finishing 1st and 2nd at the district cross country meet last Friday, Tim and his teammate from Cove, Jack Silveira, will lead the Union/Cove cross country team into the state championship this weekend where they will try to repeat their state championship performance from last year.

Tim, a senior this year, has already won five individual state championship titles in cross country and track and field. He has been a member of two state championship cross country teams, is the current holder of four school records in the 800, 1,500, 3,000, and 5,000 meters. Sophie Pettit reported in "The Leopard" earlier this fall, "For those who know Stevens, they know that he is an extremely driven and committed athlete, and the results show. Apart from the Bob Firman Invitational, Stevens has won every race he has run in this season. At the Bob Firman Invitational, he raced in the "Boys Elite" category, racing against 165 of the best runners from Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho. Steven stated, "Three of the runners (in the elite category) were ranked in the top 25 in the nation. We raced in a close pack that included many competitive runners." Stevens placed 7th at this meet, running a personal best time at that time of 15:29.2 in the 5,000m." Since then, Stevens ran his fastest time of 15:08.6, which would have placed him second at this meet against the best in six western states.

Sophie also wrote, "Stevens puts in countless hours of work, stating his offseason average miles per week logged with teammate Jack Silveira was around 50. Although he does not put in this many hours a week during season, his training remains vigorous. A normal training week during season for Stevens and teammates will include a long day, two speed days, and a race day. As with any sport, there is a strategy to each competition. With cross country, it is not that simple. Each cross country course is different, meaning each race is different. When prompted to explain his thought process throughout a race, Stevens stated, "It's complicated. It depends on the situation, who is in the race, and what the conditions are." In a sport with so many variables, it makes Stevens' dominance in the sport just that much more impressive."

Stevens' high school teacher, Mrs. Lisa Murchison, said of him, "From time to time a student comes along who personifies all that you would hope for from a teen-ager. Tim is incredibly talented, extremely motivated and admirably humble in everything he does: academically, athletically and socially." Sophie wrote, "Stevens runs to use the gift he was granted and because he enjoys it."

Many of you know the history of "The Cove Comet." This name was given to a young man from Cove whose achievements on the track over 60 years ago made him a legend around Eastern Oregon. Jim Puckett went on to run for the University of Oregon, and his three school records are still posted in the hall at Cove High School. His times in the 100, 200, and 400 meters set the bar for sprinting excellence which young athletes have dreamt about beating for six decades. Today, it is Tim himself who sets and raises the bar every time he competes in a distant event, not only for himself, but for all who follow in his footsteps. He hopes to continue running next year at the collegiate level, but no announcement has been made yet as to where this path will lead him. Tim may never have a flashy name like "The Comet," but Tim sets an example of excellence both in athletics and in life that others would be encouraged to follow. He exemplifies the best in everything that he does. More to come... ~ Mrs. McGilvray

Sports

Wrestling Nears New Season

We are excited this year for our wrestling program here at Cove. This is the seventh year that we have had a program combined with Union. We have grown each year. This year we anticipate the most wrestlers that we have ever had. Coach Shaw is the new wrestling coach and he is very excited for the year and for the success of the program. The Union wrestling club that combines with Cove is purchasing a new wrestling mat this year after saving for ten years. This will allow the high school to practice in a room that will better fit the team that is growing. This year we look forward to much success on and off the mat. Go Cove wrestling. ~ Mr. Blackburn

Cross Country Returns to State

District Cross Country was all it was built up to be... Cove boys team put on a show. No new PR's but what a statement was made! Tim & Jack got 1st & 2nd easily without having to expend much energy...good for the week leading into State. Union/Cove took five of the top seven slots and won the meet handily.

The girls put on a good show last weekend. Alisa returned to run strong but the very small team just missed out on making it to state with a third place district finish.

Junior High Football 2018



I have had the pleasure to lead the Junior High Football again this year. We had another year of impressive growth and encouraging performances. We "graduated" a significant number of 8th graders last year and the fate of the team this year was looking a little rocky at the beginning. However, our returners came back stronger, faster, and mentally ready to work. We also had a few athletes join us that brought a lot to the field and some 6-7th grade athletes that were fundamental to the team.

Despite having only 10 athletes padding up to play, we had some good success and grew a lot individually and as a team this year. I look forward to working with our returning (and hopefully some new additions as well) 6-7th graders next year and watching the 8th graders make their impact at the high school level next year. ~ Mr. Wiseman

High School Boys Basketball 2018-19

With Fall sports coming to an end we are now ready to transition into basketball season. Hopefully all of the bumps and bruises from football and volleyball are on the mend so we can all be 100% at the start of the season. I have high hopes for the boy's basketball team this season, we had a strong showing from the young players during summer league and feel confident they will help contribute to our team. The upper classmen have spent a few years on the court together now and should set their goals for the season accordingly. I think anything short of a run deep into the post season would be a disappointment to the team. We appreciate all the support from the staff, student body and community during our games. The best way to spend a Friday or Saturday night in Cove during the winter is at the gym supporting the LEOPARDS!! Looking forward to a great season!! ~ Coach Dunlap



Cove Individual Cross Country Medalists:
Jack Silveira, Alisa Fox, and Tim Stevens

Volleyball Sisterhood

Our GREAT PARENTS fixed breakfast for the girls' volleyball teams, grades 6 - 12 on Saturday, October 13, before the middle school teams played in a home tournament and the high school teams took on Powder Valley later in the afternoon.

The day was full of volleyball games, team support tie dyed tee shirt construction, and cheering for each other throughout the day. The Middle School and HS Junior Varsity teams played to tournament/match victories, while the High School Varsity team put on a clinic against Powder Valley's Varsity squad who are undefeated in match play and are ranked #1 in the state!

Great day to be a LEOPARD and to be together as "sisters" in the sport of volleyball!! ~ Coach Tally



Getting Involved ~ Candy McGilvray

Students in the leadership class at Cove High School were and still are looking forward to change as they plan fall and winter activities and as they look towards their futures here at Cove High School. Change requires a vision for a better tomorrow. These students are creating more opportunities for students to get involved in activities in hope of building stronger relationships and fond memories of the 2018-2019 school year. As a result of their efforts, the 2018 homecoming week was one to remember. One student wrote, "It was a really fun and emotional night. I will really miss homecoming week. I decided since it was my last year that I would go out and not care what people thought. It was way more fun than I had imagined. The pep assembly did exactly what it was supposed to do. I saw a lot of school spirit that wasn't there before. It was fun preparing for the assembly and seeing people's plans coming to life. All the classes worked hard and did a great job. I am so glad and happy that we were able to have a bonfire. Being with my class and taking pictures was pretty emotional. I want to thank all the students and staff for working so hard to make it a fun and successful night." Another student wrote, "One of the best days of my life."

On Saturday evening, September 29th, over thirty students gathered in the high school to prepare posters and work on their lip sync competition. This night included eating, painting, dancing, hanging out with friends, and a little horseplay. As homecoming week started, the halls were filled with fake injuries, tourists, twins, and the class color war on Wednesday. Classes practiced with an increased determination as they prepared for homecoming competitions. On Wednesday night after practice, the Union/Cove cross-country teams, as well as the Cove football and volleyball teams, were treated to a hamburger feed put on by the Cove FBLA and Booster clubs. The pep assembly and bonfire followed with inspirational talks from coaches and players. That evening, Cove's amazing pep band created an atmosphere like no other. Under the direction of Mr. Ted McBride, they entertained the audience throughout the evening and, as always, added that extra special piece to this event. It was a treat to have Mr. Sheehy talk about his amazing cross country team who is led by Cove's record breaking senior, Tim Stevens. Tim is undoubtedly the most outstanding cross country runner ever to run the streets of Cove, Oregon. He has gained national attention as he competes in an activity that he loves to do. As reported in The Leopard by Sophie Pettit, "Stevens runs to use the gift he was granted and because he enjoys it."

During the assembly, classes competed in some traditional competitions, community members and younger students were included in several activities, the new drama classes provided entertainment with short skits, the teams cheered together at midcourt as a sign of unity, and at the end, the staff provided some fun entertainment. Playing musical bleachers involved participants from all ages and was truly an event to be remembered in the years to come. The evening concluded with the bonfire where seniors gave short speeches and students took time to visit, take pictures, and enjoy their time together.

The week ended with the middle school boys and girls playing in North Powder, the high school volleyball teams competing against Imbler, Enterprise, and Crane. The football team competing against Crane, the cross country running in the Crosby Invitational--Tim Stevens finishing first out of over two hundred runners and Jack Silveira finishing third—and a wonderful homecoming dance called, "A Night in Paris."

For those who were involved in these eight days of activities, we hope you built some fun memories. It is our hope that everyone gets involved in life. We want to encourage everyone, both young and old, to live their life to the fullest, to embrace each day with renewed hope, and to stop standing on life's sideline. We encourage students to get involved in high school this year. If the leadership teams are not providing activities that you are interested in, tell them, and help them to sponsor these events. They are looking for activities and want to see everyone involved. We encourage parents to get involved as well. Don't stay at home, your children will all be grown up and gone in short order. Enjoy them while you can, even on those days they are not enjoyable. Here are some quotes to leave you with:

*"Life is a game, play it;
Life is a challenge, meet it;
Life is an opportunity, capture it."*
--Unknown--

"The saddest summary of a life contains three descriptions: could have, might have, and should have."
-- Louis E. Boone--

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did."
--Mark Twain--

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Three Cove Athletes: NCAA Official Visits

It is not every year that a student-athlete from the Grande Ronde Valley is recruited for early signing as a "Division 1—Tier 1" recruit. Cove currently has three such athletes! In addition to Cove athletes hoping to compete at college, for these three seniors, it is both a stressful and rewarding time. NCAA allows no more than five official visits for an athletic prospect which stand apart from ordinary college visits in that the school pays travel and lodging related to the recruiting and it usually ends with a scholarship offer. Tim Stevens has visited and received offers from Idaho, Wyoming, and Portland and intends to study engineering. Sophia Pettit has visited Viterbo, Nebraska-Omaha, US Naval Academy, and Weber State with the intent to study education. Jack Silveira has visited the College of Idaho, Portland State, and Western Oregon and has not yet decided an area of study. All three are being recruited for track and field with Tim and Jack inclusive of Cross-Country. The NCAA early-signing period begins November 14 at which time any of these recruits may commit to a college by signing a NCAA National Letter of Intent. The Cove School Community is proud of their achievements and excited to see where they choose to take their talents next year.



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NCAA "Tier One" Athletic Recruits