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EWA NEWS

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EWA is an innovative, public, tuition-free school for K-12 students

Our new school name will be '**Summit Learning Charter**' effective 7/1/15!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL . . .

On the May 1st, there will be approximately 31 days left of school for this year. How fast time flies!! Soon, summer break will be upon us with trips to the river and picnics in the park. My birthday in mid June always marks the end of the school year; and since moving to Oregon, the time to pick strawberries! But until then... students you have work to do :)

Students... there are just 6 weeks left of school for you to finish this year's curricula. It is time to focus and double down your effort. I am always thrilled to see the flurry of activity that spikes at the end of the year as courses get completed.

Learning coaches... give your student the encouragement they need and support their efforts by checking in with them often. Ask the tough questions, "How many lessons did you complete today?", "Did you finish that essay/ project/ course like we planned?", "Did your teacher return your phone call and what did they say?" It takes a full team to support a student through school, please give your students' advisor a call if you have questions.

We will have summer school available again this year. Please visit our website or speak with your school advisor to learn more.

Throughout the year, we have been prepping our community for a pretty big step... our name change. We announced the name in the last newsletter, **Summit Learning Charter**, (SLC). We feel that this name aligns with our strategical school development plan to align all of the educational services that we offer so that the charter school can best serve all our students with in a single comprehensive school.

Officially, the name change will take complete effect on **July 1, 2015**, but you should begin to see some reveals the during the remainder of the year as well.

I hope you like the name--the truth is, we are no longer just a web academy! We have been blending our approach to school with more face-to-face learning and enrichments, we grew a GED program, incorporated our Early College program, and watched our Elementary Options program flourish this year.

Next year, we will be able to offer career certificate classes to our students through Clackamas Community College so students can access true career pathways while they complete a high school diploma.

It is a most rewarding part of my week to chat with students and parents during Wednesday and Thursday enrichments. Special thanks to all of you for coming together so strong for the State Assessment. I am extremely proud of where our school is headed and how our learning community has come together this year, but ultimately, the success of our school is measured by you - each student and every learning coach and your belief that **Summit Learning Charter** can meet your educational needs. As your principal, I am committed to pushing this school forward and making it a place where all learners find **success**.

On a final note, **Summit Learning Charter** will begin accepting new student applications on May 1st for Fall 2015. The 'word of mouth' from happy and successful learners has always been our greatest form of advertising. Perhaps your friends would benefit from and enjoy our charter school; we would love to have them as part of our learning community too! So, please, share the news of our Elementary Options program, our Virtual Academy, the Early College and encourage others to join our *awesome* school!

Sean Gallagher, Principal
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PLANNING TO RE-ENROLL WITH US IN THE FALL?!!

Click on the re-enroll link below if you are a **returning** student next fall!

<http://form.jotformpro.com/form/31066166400949>

Each family is responsible for re-enrolling their student(s) to secure their spot for next fall.

To make sure all families are given the opportunity to re-enroll, we will also be sending out an email with this link.

Portland Walking Tour: Art, History, & Transit!

Space is limited so you must sign-up to reserve a spot!

**Tuesday, May 19th
10 am - 12 pm**

The tour begins by Pioneer Square at the Theater on the Square
701 SW 6th Ave at Yamhill
Cost: Students \$6, Adults \$12

TO SIGN-UP YOU MUST GO TO THIS LINK:



www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA8A62CA1FB6-portland

Here is a description of the tour from their website (www.portlandwalkingtours.com):

"Our field trips are designed for students from 3rd grade on up and focus on lessons and activities that will assist in achieving Oregon State Social Science standards while providing a fun and unforgettable experience. We emphasize guided discovery and actively encourage student participation and interaction.

The "Art, History, & Transit" tour is for elementary school-age groups. It is approximately 2 hours long and 1 mile in distance. It begins at Pioneer Courthouse Square and ends at the waterfront by the Salmon Street Springs. On the way, we will explore some basic themes:

- **Early Portland History:** Who founded Portland? Who lived here before Portland was a city? Who were the Pioneers? And what was the Oregon Trail?
- **Public Art:** What is art? What are some of the different types of public art you find downtown? What are some of the materials used?
- **Transportation:** How do people get around in a city? In addition to cars, what other options are there for people?"

Contact Mrs. Barry if you have any questions!
ebarry@summitlc.org or 503.422.9619

SAVE THE DATE

May 13	Elementary Science Fair
May 16	EWA/EEC Dance (6-12 gr)
May 19	Portland Walking Tour
May 20	Career Fair
May 25	Memorial Day (office closed)
Jun 3	Field Day
Jun 5	Senior's Last Day
Jun 12	Last Day/OMSI/Laptop return
Jun 16	EWA/EEC Graduation

Also, a PE class is held every Wednesday at River Mill Annex in Estacada AND every Monday at the Multnomah Arts Center in Portland! Check your Canvas announcement page or website calendar for addresses/times.

There are many study halls, enrichment opportunities (Art class/Lego Robotics Club), etc. planned for our students. Check our website calendar for more detailed information-it's updated daily!

ewa.estacadacharters.org

Please note: Some of the events listed above require advance registration/payment. Families are responsible for transportation.





The Parent Role in Online Education: The Importance and Necessity of the **LEARNING COACH**

Supporting your child in school is an on going and ever changing process. It varies greatly from year to year. What you do and your interaction with your child is very different in elementary, middle and high school.

In an online program, the parent role as the LEARNING COACH is critical to your child's success. **In many cases, the time when the parent needs to be the *most* involved is probably the exact time that the child wants the parent to be *less* involved! In middle and high school.**

In a traditional educational setting, timelines and pacing for assignments are determined by the teacher. The teacher creates a calendar, monitors progress and implements consequences for being late. The parent is also involved, but the primary monitoring comes from the teacher.

In an online or home based educational setting, the primary responsibility for creating a schedule and setting the pace for completion falls on the parent. As a school, we establish timelines in two ways. For middle school students the year is divided into halves, called semesters. The high school schedule divides the year into thirds, called trimesters. Additionally, our online curriculum has built-in timelines. Every day, when a student logs into their class they can see how many lessons they need to complete to be on track for that day.

Establish the practice of daily or weekly check in with your student at the beginning of their enrollment. It is important for a parent to check progress if not daily, than several times a week by either logging in with the student to their account or using the parent portal. This will keep you informed about your child's progress and alert you if your child appears to be struggling and needs additional assistance in a class. If it seems that your student is struggling, reach out to the specific teacher, your child's educational advisor or the counselor for assistance in problem-solving.

Does it matter if my student completes all of the classes on their schedule? YES! It is important for middle students to complete all of their classes as scheduled each semester. Not only does course completion in middle school prepare your child for high school classes, but it also creates a positive pattern of behavior that is necessary for success (and less stress!) in high school, where the demands are greater and the consequences for non-completion can be disastrous. In high school, not completing all of the classes scheduled in a trimester will cause the student to fall behind in earning the credits required to meet graduation requirements. Falling behind in earning credit can jeopardize graduating on time.

It is critical that as the learning coach of a high school student you are tracking your students credit progress. At the end of each trimester your child should have completed and earned a **minimum** of 2 credits (.5 credit in 4 classes). By earning 2 credits each trimester, the student will finish the year with 6 credits. Six credits a year are what a student needs to ensure on time graduation. At the end of the year, a transcript will be mailed to you. This is your record of the progress and credit earned for the year. Regular monitoring will help eliminate any surprises at the end of the year. If you have any questions about how to read the transcript, please call the Student Services Department and speak with the counselor or educational advisor.

Marybeth Conaway, M.ED.
SLC School Counselor
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Summit Community College High School (formerly Estacada Early College) will be offering a Career Readiness program for high school juniors and seniors starting Fall 2015. Students will attend Clackamas Community College and be enrolled in one of their career tech programs. If you are interested, please contact the Student Support Services Department (your advisor or the counselor, Ms. Conaway).



WANTED



4th Annual EWA School Dance
Saturday, May 16th
7:30-9:30 pm

River Mill Elementary Cafeteria, 850 N Broadway St., Estacada

Cost is \$2 - Bring ID (School or State)

EWA/EEC students grades 6-12

The dance theme is **COUNTRY** - prizes for best Cowboy/Cowgirl outfits!

To sign up and/or bring a guest contact Mr. Bernardini at dbernardini@summitlc.org or call 971-212-2240.

The Oregon Coast: Spring Break 2015

Students that attended the Spring Break Coastal Activities enjoyed learning at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Hatfield Marine Science Center, the Oregon Beach Cleanup, and a clamming lesson. For added fun, parent Dan Gotchall set up a projector for *The Goonies!* Former marine biologist, parent Andrew Voss, even squeezed in a lesson during lunch at the crab shack. *Thanks to everyone that participated.*



Mrs. Fullilove's boys participated with our school for the Oregon Beach Clean-up.



Above: Student Fatimah Hobaish finds clams with help from her younger sister.



Left: Parent Andrew Voss collected litter that floated all the way from Japan.



Acting Class

This is a 6-week class focusing on specific acting skills. It will cover working in an ensemble, character development, movement, and voice. There will be IN-CLASS assignments (no homework).

Performing in front of a group is a requirement for this class
Class Schedule: Wednesdays, April 29 - June 3rd. 10 am–11 am
Designed for grades 8-10
Choir Room at the River Mill Elementary School Annex in Estacada

Bring a Pencil/Pen and a FUN Attitude!

Parent Teacher: Laura Bruck



The Franz Bakery Field Trip was a total success! All of the students and parents enjoyed the tour of the working bakery. Each one of us were given cool hair nets to wear, and Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Allen-Wriggle decided to join one of the dads by wearing beard nets. Our guide led us around the factory and we were able to see how super soft dough is made, how the ovens quickly cook the buns, as well as the scary dough monster! All parents and students were able to sample one of their mini donuts, as well as take home a delicious cookie and bread.



Students in the picture: Kim and Ken Cox, Cameron Handcock, Eli and Sean Wilson, Alexander and Robert Herrera and Issac Marin.

Orchestracada's summer term will be offered Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning on June 30th. This term is NOT paid for by EWA, but the cost is only \$25.00 for a summer of musical learning. All levels and ages are welcome. Location TBA, so please contact Mrs. Butler at ebutler@summitlc.org for more information.



Want a fun learning activity for the whole family this spring? Volunteer at the Philip Foster Farm! We provide clothing and training for all ages of volunteers. Dress like a pioneer and teach others about pioneer life. Have some fun, make some friends, and enjoy history together. Ages 12 and up can volunteer without a parent. Most shifts are 9:00-1:00 weekdays, including training time. More information at <http://philipfosterfarm.com> or email Mrs. Butler at ebutler@summitlc.org.

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our **1st Annual Jr. Lego League** in March!

Students were excited to present their special library models--complete with a motorized elevator and wind turbine--under the *Spruce Goose* airplane at the Evergreen Museum. Congratulations on your learning and awards teams!



Above: Paul Grassl, Abigail Radford, Kaitlyn Gaskill, Alexander Herrera, and Charles Grassl formed The Lego Lions!

Left: Brothers Vajra and Dorje Dixon, and sisters Lilly and Hannah Kang formed The Lego Firebricks! (Ms. Fullilove is in the middle!)



This is a submission from one of our EWA students, Frank George, IV:

I wrote a poem specifically for the Slam called "A Life Beside the Sea". It is about a family who lived in a small cabin beside a nameless sea. Their son was one who could see the beauty of a world that few others ever saw. The poem speaks of the ocean and the life that they lived.

I believe that there is a world apart from our own. It is a world of color, vibrancy, dreams, and peace. Whenever I write a piece, I strive to show at least on person a glimpse at this world. At the Slam, I believe that I did do this for several people, which makes me very happy. Everyone

was very supportive of me and it was a successful night, to say the least. I took home the award for the "16 and Over" category, which was an intimidating category to be a part of for the first time.

A Life Beside the Sea by *Frank E. George IV*

Waves crash upon the shore,
A sunrise paints the sky.
With fiery hues of color,
It reveals all of creation.

Rocks rise up from the tide,
Illuminated as the sun crests the sea.
The sands have settled upon the beach,
And my heart, into a peaceful stillness,
That I do not fully understand.

The sea is so quiet, aglow with the light of life.
Trees grow beside a nearby cove,
Leaves of yellow and green,
A cloak to the rocks.

Morning comes and morning goes,
Salt hangs in the misty air.
Its strong and novel scent,
Fills the quiet cabin,

Beside the sea.
The sweet smell of bread,
Hangs in the cool air,
And sounds from the ocean echo,
Echo like a chorus of Sirensong.

The fire glows warmly,
Its flames lick the stone hearth,
And soft wool sits in a basket,
Beside a weathered wheel.

I sit in the cabin,
The sound of Mother in her garden,
And of Father's whistling
As he mends his nets.
My heart alights with contentment.

The peacefulness of life,
Gentle and soft like a still lake of glass, or,
As a melodious brook that sings in a stand,
of Aspen trees.

All is still here, as is my heart.
The days are forever,
Filled with laughter and joy.
The sea sings me to sleep.

The songs of the ocean,
The daily chores,
The blessing said at supper,
Are all a part of a life,
That is lived beside the sea.



Don't forget to sign up for the next Art Class!
Email Mrs. Alderman to sign up at jalderman@estacadacharters.org

Thursdays at River Mill Annex, Estacada

***A BIG thank you to the
parents/students that helped
with the EWA Staff
Appreciation Lunch last
March!
So wonderful of you to do!***

Make a Difference in Mexico: Yucatan Adventure!

Summit Learning Charter students are invited to travel to Mexico during Spring Break of 2017! The purpose of the tour is to learn about the culture and history, practice Spanish, explore tropical nature-- including wildlife such as colorful fish and monkeys-- and visit Mayan archeological sites. We will also choose a local charity to support. Group travel and fundraising make this opportunity affordable! Students 16 and older may travel with teacher chaperones, and students between 8-15 must have an accompanying adult. Family and friends are welcome to sign up. **There is a discounted \$15 enrollment fee through 5/30 (normally \$100), so sign up early!** [Please view the full details of the adventure here.](#)



Your High School Leadership Class Presents

Our 1st Annual Career Fair

Wednesday, May 20th from 10:00am-Noon
River Mill Elementary Gym
(850 N Broadway St, Estacada, OR)

Come join over 20 other local professionals in the community at this year's 1st Annual Career Fair!

Student, parents, and siblings of all ages are welcome to attend! No need to sign up! Students will have the opportunity to chat with each professional using the interview scavenger hunt provided.

At the end of the event students can turn in the interview assignment for a chance to win BIG gift card prizes!

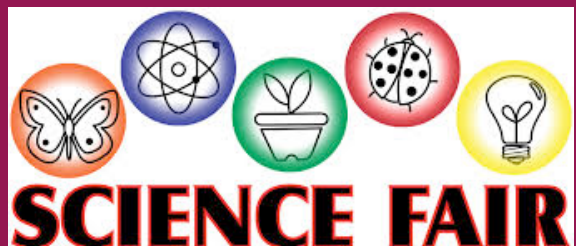
If you have any questions or know of anyone that would like to be a participant in the fair please contact Kim Cairns at 503-349-0647 or kcairns@summitlc.org

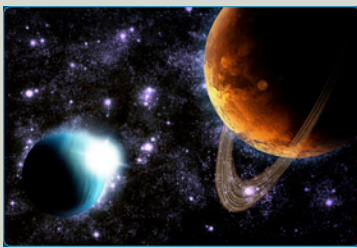
Elementary Science Fair

May 13th - River Mill Annex

10 am - 12 pm

Contact your elementary teacher for more information!





Let's celebrate the end of the school year at OMSI!

Friday, June 12th - 10 am - 2 pm

Estacada Web Academy will provide each EWA student with an OMSI admission ticket (good for June 12th only). This is for ALL EWA students, but if you have a laptop checked out, you **MUST** have it checked in at our table in front of OMSI (or before) to be eligible for an OMSI ticket. **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by Monday, May 11th.** Click on this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a8ab23a75-omsilaptop1>

Each family group must have a designated chaperone over 18 yrs of age (preferably a parent). We will give out **ONE** chaperone ticket to each family. The students are required to walk through OMSI with their chaperone at all times. We will provide names tags for all chaperones and students.

Siblings are welcome to join us but their tickets **must be purchased separately** at OMSI ticket office (adults - \$13, child - \$9.50). *We need them to sign up on this form if they wish to be included for lunch.*

Our staff will be present at the front of OMSI to receive the laptops and give out the OMSI tickets from 10 am – 2 pm. OMSI is open until 5:30 pm. *Families are welcome to stay past 2 pm, but the chaperones must be with the students.*

Pizza will be provided for our entire group. If you have special dietary needs, please bring a lunch.

Parking is provided but you must give your parking spot number and license plate number to our staff at check in.

If you're unable to return your EWA laptop at OMSI on 6/12/15, the laptop must be returned to our EWA office no later than June 19th. Call for office hours.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to our May
Students of the Month!

These students are nominated by our EWA staff. Your SOM gift cards will be mailed out soon!

EOP: Alex Haynes and Sam Hibbert
Science: Christopher Anguiano
PE: Ethan Cissan
Language Arts: Sidney Ford
P&P: Tracy George
GED: Megan Fritz



Congratulations to the students who participated in this year's secondary Science Fair!

Trillion Cooper, Adin Bartlett (first place winner), Ashley McNeil, Hunter Gotchall, and Joel Forrar.



Don't forget to check out Mr. Klos' blog!!

Please subscribe and leave comments on the blog as you feel inspired to. He looks forward to hearing from you. To access the blog, go to: <http://jklos.edublogs.org>

Next Board Meeting . . .

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

5:30 pm

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