



THE WEEKLY MEMO

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Mission Statement

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.

I Wish you a wonderful
Spring season,
May you enjoy the bright
Sun,
Warm air and beautiful
green grass.
Happy Spring day.

Thanks for all you do!

Kat
Executive Director

Weekly Memo Submission

Please send your PDF's, jpecs, and text to
Angie Salazar-
asalazar@socfc.org
By Wednesday @ 12 p.m.

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Meetings and Trainings

April 18 — Monday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meeting, Virtual
- 9:00-12:00 Education Support Check In Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 10:00-11:30 Ed Department Meeting, TEAMS
- 1:00-3:00 0-5 Site Managers Meeting, TEAMS

April 12 — Tuesday

- Policy Council Meeting— Time TBD, TEAMS
- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 9:00-10:30 Cohort 1-ED, Virtual
- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL
- 1:30-3:00 Policy Council, TEAMS

April 13 — Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30 Cohort 2— SM, Virtual
- 11:00-12:30 Department Directors Meeting, MO Blue Conf. Rm.
- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates, TEAMS
- 3:00-7:00 LISTO Prep, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

April 14 — Thursday

- 9:00-10:30 RS SM Cohort 3— SM, Virtual
- 9:00-10:00 MO Safety Mtg, TEAMS
- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Department Mtg, TEAMS
- 2:30-3:30 Health & PFCE Mtg, PFCE OFFICE
- 5:45-7:45 Board Meeting, TBD

April 15 — Friday

- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning
- 10:00-12:00 Cohort 4— HT, VIRTUAL

- 10:00-11:30 Education TLC
- 11:00-12:00 The Family Connection Finance Committee, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 1:00-2:30 CPR— Hands on Training, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

April 25 — Monday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meetings, VIRTUAL

- 10:00-11:30 ED Dept. Meeting, TEAMS

April 19 — Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Room
- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL
- 1:00-2:30 Management Team Meeting

April 20 — Wednesday

- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates
- 5:30-6:00 Parent Work Shop-Spanish

April 21 — Thursday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Dept. Meeting, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:00 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL

April 22 — Friday

- 8:00-12:00 Union Negotiations, Blue Building Conf. Rm./ Library
- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning

Donate to help Anay Alvarez in her Cancer battle

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-anay-alvarez-in-her-cancer-battle>



"Hi we are creating this GoFundMe on behalf of our beloved Anay Alvarez. Anay is a beautiful person, inside and out, and she is the strongest person we know. Sadly, she was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Stomach and Bone Marrow Cancer. We are extremely heartbroken for her, but we believe God will help her recover. She is an amazing wife and mother to two beautiful little girls. Her doctors have told her she is unable to return to work. Her husband is working as hard as he can but they would really benefit from any financial assistance that can be offered to Anay and her family. If you are able to donate, share, and pray for Anay we would be eternally grateful. Thank you and God bless you all!"





Pear Blossom Parade Photos



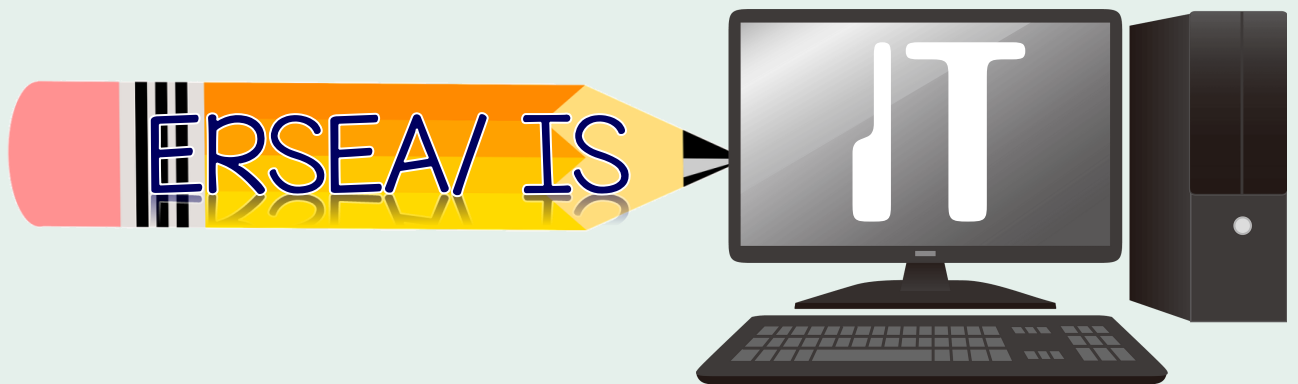


Pear Blossom Parade Photos



DEPARTMENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Take a look at who is in the
following Departments!





Maintenance



Eric Russo-
Maintenance Supervisor
1 Year of Service

Steve Kruchosji-
Maintenance Tech II
14 Years of Service





Maintenance



Rogelio Fernandez-
Landscape/ Maintenance
Assistant
20 Years of Service



Sadiki Lawson-
Landscape/ Maintenance
Assistant
6 Years of Service



Maintenance



Casey Strand-
Landscape/ Maintenance
Assistant
3 Years of Service

ERSEA/ IS

“I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the amazing team of people who make up our ERSEA/Information Systems and Information Technology Team.”



Vicki Kelly, is our Enrollment Supervisor. This incredible women single handedly runs the selection for all our Head start, Early Head start and Preschool promise slots and ensures we meet all federal and state regulations.

“I have been with the agency for 28 years. I started out has a parent, then went to work has a Center Assistant, Teacher Assistant, Bus Driver, Head Teacher Assistant, Family Advocate Assistant. I did that for about 5 years before coming to the Enrollment Department . On a personal level I have 4 children and 13 grandchildren. Most of who have gone through Early Head Start and Head Start. It is a great and wonderful program and it why I love working here...”

ERSEA/ IS



Christina Lewis is our SAA for Josephine County and supports the Enrollment department by conducting application interviews with families.

" I've been with SOHS since 2018. I am the Service Area Assistant for JOCO you can find me running the front desk at Parkview. I've recently stepped into doing a little bit with the enrollment department and it's been fun, there's never a dull moment! I am married to my forever love. I have two amazing daughters seven years apart so there is never a dull moment in my household. In my spare time I enjoy reading books there is just something about getting lost in a world of make-believe that calms my soul, I also love spending time at the beach. Most importantly I can be found spending time with my loved ones. There is no given line of how much time we get so I am enjoying every minute of it. Sloths are amazing I love them. My favorite quote "It's okay to be a glowstick: Sometimes we have to break before we shine"

-Jayda Sellnerk

ERSEA/ IS

Stacey Daniszweski is our Community Outreach

Specialists - this was a brand new position this year that we are very excited about. Stacey brings her Family Advocacy skills to the enrollment department to support families who may not get the opportunity to participate in the program.

"I conduct interviews and support the enrollment process to get families into our program. Additionally, I support families with completing enrollment paperwork when they have been accepted into our program, I support families who are on the waitlist for our program by connecting them with community resources based on their needs, and I facilitate community outreach with other agencies. Finally, I am involved in recruitment opportunities for our program.



ERSEA/IS



Tessa Phenix is our ERSEA/Information Systems Coordinator - Tessa plays a critical dual role in providing support to the Enrollment team but also supporting all staff with our many programs including Shine, ASQ-Online, Playground and school messenger. Tessa also provides all the training for our illustrious Area Assistants.

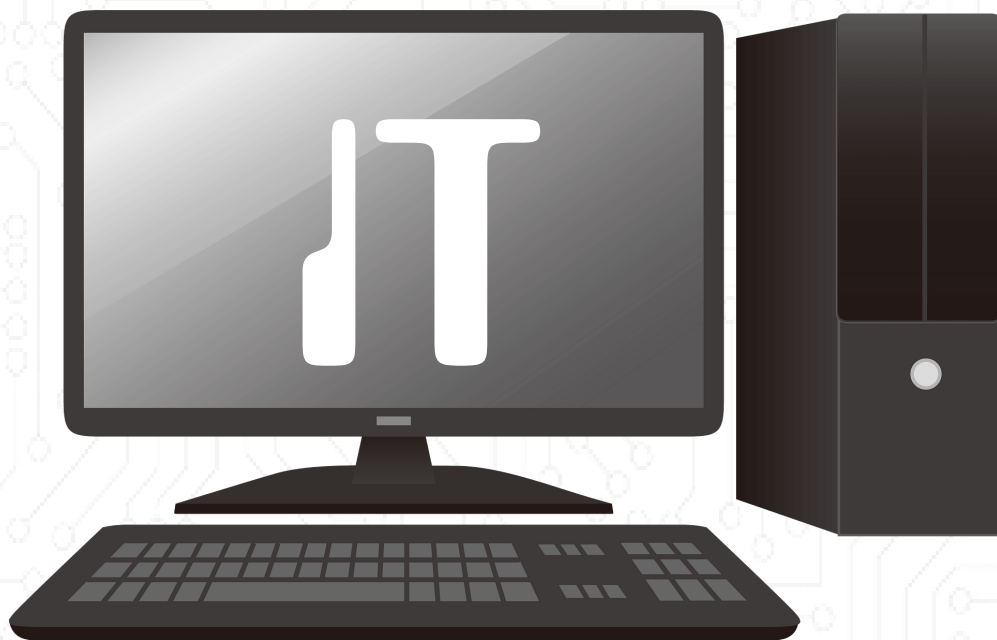
I've been with the agency since April of 2008 starting as an Area Assistant at the Ashland and Phoenix centers. I spent many years at the Eagle Point and White City centers. At some point I moved to the Main Office where I work as the Information Systems & ERSEA Coordinator.

In addition to working for the agency, I was a parent of the program three times and a child of the program as well. I attended a Head Start on a reservation and have some great memories. It was a time when BBQs and cake were had. Totally different from today's Head Start, as far as food goes. The things I remember the most were toothbrushing and singing songs on the bus.

ERSEA/ IS



I am Kaycee Cottone, the IS/ERSEA Director. I have had the pleasure of working with this team and everyone here at Southern Oregon Head Start for 19 years. One of the greatest honors of my position is reporting to the Federal and State Government as well as other stakeholders the incredible work we do and the impact it has on the children and families in our community.



Chad Burcham is our Information Technology Manager. I have worked for Head Start since 2007. I manage the cell phones, center phones, printers, internet, PCs and all the different software we use day in and day out. If it has blinky lights, plugs into the wall or shoots out paper then odds are IT has a hand in it.

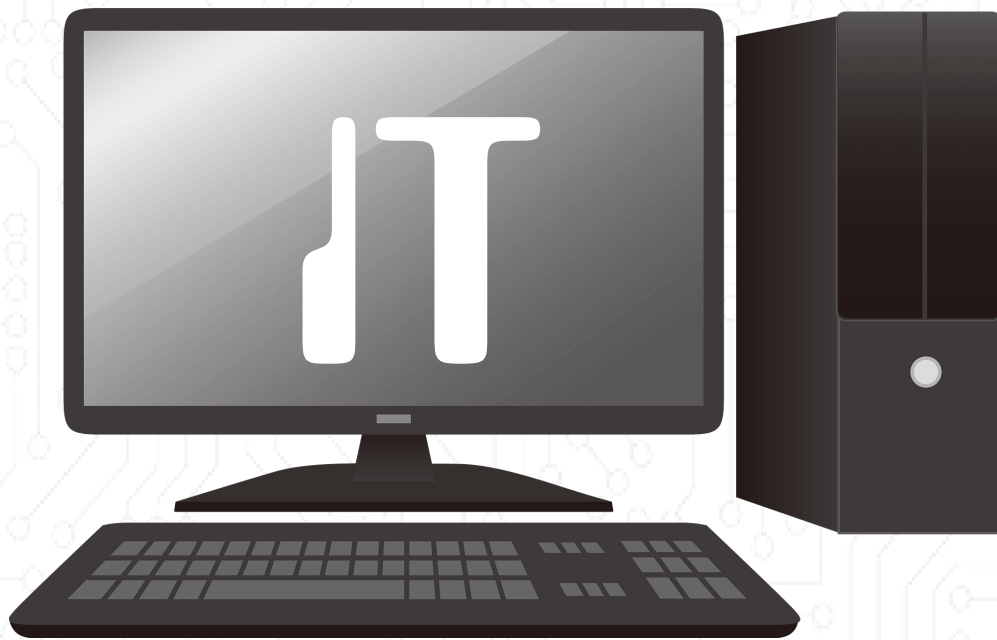
I was born and raised in the Rogue Valley. By two of the greatest parents a child could ever ask for. I am also a three-time head start parent. I love the outdoors, sports and building things. In the evenings and weekends, I weld and build truck equipment. I am currently restoring my 63 Chevy c10.

I am immensely grateful and proud of the work we do to serve our community! I strive to increase and expand my knowledge as I am constantly researching ways to support and serve you all better.

"Technology makes it possible for people to gain control over everything, except over technology."

- John Tudor





Glenn Briggs - is our guy in Jo Co that ensures all the cell phones center phones, printers, internet, PCs are working for staff. We are so grateful that whether it's a hardware thing or a software thing we have his expertise

Graduated college with an Associates of Science Degree in Computer Programming & Software and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Emerging Media & Digital Arts. May 15 will make my fourth year at Head Start.