



# 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.

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## DON'T FORGET:

### TUITION HELP FROM SOHS!!



**SOHS will support ANY staff member who wants to**

**continue their education by helping with tuition costs. Financial aid must be applied for first. You aren't limited to RCC or SOU. This assistance is different from what the Union is offering.**

**And see page 3 for a great story about a parent getting a \$2000 education scholarship...how one of us helped her do it!**

## Meetings and Trainings

### February 1—Monday

- 10:00-11:30 ED Dept Mtg, TEAMS

### February 2—Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 PFCE Training Time, TEAMS
- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Mtg, Blue Conf Rm
- 1:00-2:00 PC Exec Cmte, TEAMS

### February 3—Wednesday

- Nothing Scheduled

### February 4—Thursday

- 9:00-12:00 PFCE Mtg, Blue Conf Rm

### February 5—Friday

- Teacher/FA Coordinate Family Conference Schedule
- 10:15-12:15 HS Center Mtgs
- 1:00-2:45 JAX & JOCO Safety Cmte, TEAMS

### February 8—Monday

- 10:00-11:30 ED Dept Mtg, TEAMS

### February 9—Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 PFCE Training Time, TEAMS
- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Mtg, Blue Conf Rm
- 1:00-3:00 Dept Managers, TEAMS

- 2:00-8:00 LISTO Education Kits, Admin

### February 10—Wednesday

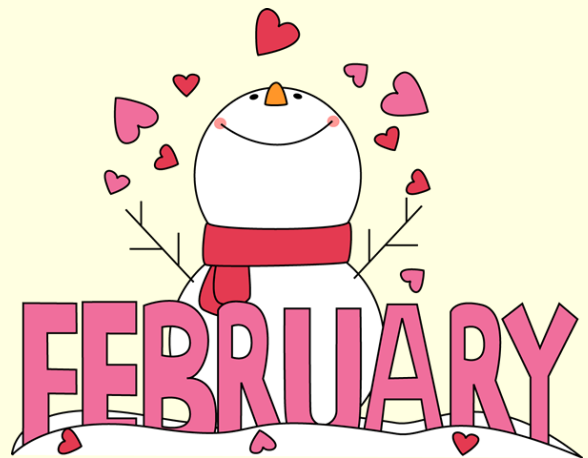
- 5:00-6:00 Board Exec Cmte, TBD

### February 11—Thursday

- 9:00-12:00 PFCE Mtg, Blue Conf Rm

### February 12—Friday

- 10:15-12:15 HS Center Mtgs



### Weekly Memo Submissions

Please send your PDFs, jpegs, and text to Nancy Helms or Ashley Clayton by Wednesdays @ 12 pm.

**Meet our  
new  
staff!**



**Kelley Smail, SAA-Health**



**Nelson Graciano, AA - WC/FTL**



# Do you have a dream for Higher Education?

Do you wonder how you will make that dream come true?

By Regina Beeler, FA, Orchard Hill



Above: Andrea, future nurse

Let's hear the story of Andrea, a Mom at Orchard Hill Head Start and how she is living her dream of higher education. She is a single mother with four children. She has been working full-time and going to school. She wants to be a nurse, and has dreamed of being one since the age of 5. She has finished all her pre-requisite to be accepted into the nursing program, and was accepted into the LPN program in November of 2020, with classes starting in January 2021. She knew she was going to need help paying for this schooling. As her Family Advocate, Andrea and I started talking about scholarships that might help pay for school. The first scholarship she applied for was the Soroptimist "Live Your Dream Awards." She applied for, and won, a \$2000 scholarship! She will be moving on to the Regional awards, and if she wins there, she will move on to the International awards which, if she won, could pay for all her school and some living expenses.

In Andrea's words she says, "Growing up I felt like I was never capable of anything but, here I am, proving to myself that, 'If you have a will, you have a way.'"

***You can do anything that you set your mind to — Andrea.***

Who are the Soroptimists? They are a global volunteer organization which provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. The *Live Your Dream Awards* program is a unique education award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The *Live Your Dream Awards* give women the resources they need to improve their education, skill and employment prospects. To learn how to apply, visit:

[Live Your Dream Awards | Scholarships for Women | Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.](#)

Talk to your Family Advocate to get help with many more scholarships.



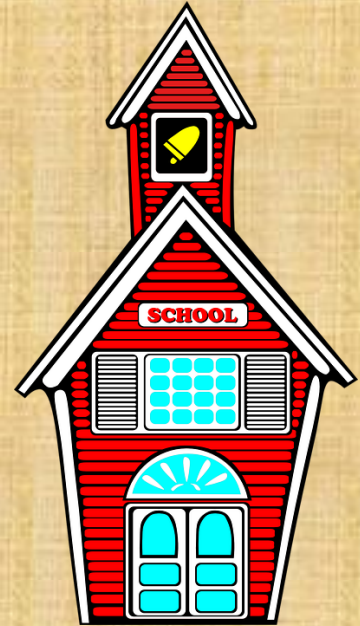
Right: Andrea with her four children. She looks proud of them, and we are *sure* they are proud of her too!





# BACK IN SCHOOL!

Isn't it wonderful to see kids back in our classrooms? Many thanks to Lynda Beamish-White, Site Manager, for these pictures from South Medford and Washington.



Above: Happy children pose with the staff at Washington AM—Marirose Edmond, Teacher Assistant; David Witt, Teacher; and Margo Wilks, Teacher Assistant.



Left and Above: Nicole Thomas, Head Teacher at South Medford DUR, works with the kids.

Not pictured: Jami Burk and Bryan Rotter.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin	Peckham	February	1
Jonnie	Cox	February	1
Ian	Hochstrasser	February	3
Heather	Kent	February	4
Andrea	Steelman	February	4
Leslie	Black	February	7
Jennifer	Mierkey	February	9
Sharon	Birdsong	February	12
Casey	Strand	February	12
Lourdes	Gutierrez	February	13
Melissa	Schultz	February	13
Monica	Cuchiara	February	14
Marie	Ellis	February	15
Jami	Burk	February	16
Casey	Wiltermood	February	16
Stacy	Hill	February	17
Sarah	Forga	February	18
Rogelio	Fernandez	February	20
Marina	Hughes	February	20
Stephen	Kruchoski	February	22
Kayla	Cunningham	February	22
Sandra	Beckman	February	24
Cory	Haney	February	26
Rachelle	Riley	February	27
Maria	Fernandez	February	28
Michael	Frye	February	28
Lisa	Wagner	February	28
Nancy	Enciso	February	28







**February Anniversaries!!**

May	Camarena	1	Year
Samantha	Boothe	1	Year
Jan	Mullen	1	Year
Amber	Gattis	1	Year
Kelly	Sigalove	1	Year
Jamie	Griffin	1	Year
Debra	Foley	1	Year
Rosemary	Clifton	1	Year
Amaris	Almaraz	1	Year
Camelia	Lopez	2	Years
Sarah	Emerson	2	Years
Casey	Strand	2	Years
Ian	Hochstrasser	2	Years
Christine	Wonsyld	3	Years
Jami	Burk	3	Years
Raquel	Rodriguez	3	Years
Monique	Rodgers	3	Years
James	Allen	3	Years
Kathryn	Evans	3	Years
Jennifer	Mangin	3	Years
Paula	Murphy	5	Years
Diana	Bordner	7	Years
Selene	Aitken	10	Years
Kimberly	Miller	11	Years
Christina	Mee	11	Years
Hilario	Graciano	15	Years
Marie	Ellis	22	Years
Connie	Ramos	25	Years

