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The Klamath Union High School Newsletter

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## A Letter from your Principal

The events surrounding school safety over the last two weeks have unnerved the sense of safety and security our students normally feel on campus. Whether it be in Florida or here at Klamath Union High School, students, families, and staff ask "Are we safe at school?"

Since the tragic mass shooting at Columbine in 1999, schools have made school safety and preparedness a priority. At KU, regular monthly evacuation drills occur each year. Staff and students practice procedures and responses to fire, earthquakes, and campus intruders by practicing lock down drills. Staff have received training in active shooter responding the last three years as the prevailing practice from law enforcement is to run away from danger first, then hide and take cover as an active response to a dangerous person (or shooter) on campus. This is good practice no matter where you may be if danger breaks out (i.e. theater, store, restaurant, church, etc.). Locked doors, camera surveillance, and alert staff and students are an important part of school safety that is in place.

It is a sad fact that we must prepare for these unexpected and tragic events, but it is the reality we have come to live with. There is no time for complacency in being aware and prepared for whatever could happen.

At KU we want to support all students who may be struggling with issues that put them at risk of stress and loss of control. These include bullying, relationship problems, family stress, and generally feeling disconnected or resentful toward others. Our school counselors, mental health staff from Klamath Basin Behavioral Health, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators are available and located on campus for the support and guidance of students. A School Resource Officer and additional law enforcement is assigned to our school and available at a moments notice if needed.

KU will support a group of students planning a school assembly on March 14 at 10:00 am in response to the recent national shooting tragedy. They are not calling for a student walk-out, but are wanting to be proactive and respectful in a positive manner. Students are leading the planning. Parents are invited to attend this assembly in Pel Court, too.

I am proud of KU students and staff and their responses around this recent tragic loss of lives. I am confident we will use this as an opportunity to learn from it to become an improved school and better people here at Klamath Union High School.

Sincerely,

*Tony Swan*, Principal



## What's New at KUHS

- Spring Break– March 26-30 NO SCHOOL
- All KU offices will be closed over Spring Break
- School Assembly–March 14th
- Student Movie Night– March 16th in Pel Court
- Give Back Day May 17th
- Congrats seniors for winning the Attendance competition!



## Construction Progress

Windows are going in on the new Monclair St side of the building, and the Aux Gym entrance vestibule is being used as an emergency egress. Third floor classrooms are approximately 95% complete. Hallway lighting is up, and functional, in the third floor hallways and the custodial cabinets and unisex bathrooms

on that floor are also being finished. Cabinetry is being installed in the new Culinary Arts room! The last gyp-crete pour is underway.. And the Media center will be received a layer Monday. The stair rails from the main floor to the third floor are in, and ready for the treads to be installed.



## From the Dean's Desk... with Ms. Yazzie

"You learn more from the failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character"-unknown

More than halfway through the school year already.. That is hard for me to believe!! I am enjoying the high school and the kids here so much. This quote struck me because I have had a lot of conversations with kids lately that are feeling like they will never be able to make high school work. They get behind in a class, or get sick and miss school, and some of them feel like giving up. I tell these kids that everyone fails at something. Nobody is a winner all the time, and the lessons that you learn from pulling yourself from the bottom are some of the most important lessons you will ever learn. It is so hard not to step in and try to save our kids. We never want to see them hurt or fail, but in the long run they will be better people for it.

Thank you for the chance to work with your wonderful children!

**FAILURES**  
are part of life.  
If you don't fail,  
you don't learn.  
If you don't learn  
you'll never change.

### Important Deadlines

Please track application and scholarship deadlines.

The **FAFSA** is required for the **Oregon Promise** grant—complete yours today!

More info is on our blog <http://kuhsounseling.blotspot.com>

### Senior Projects

It is imperative that seniors meet all deadlines for their senior project. Go to [www.gopels.com](http://www.gopels.com) for detailed information.

### Senior Announcement Orders

Herff Jones will be here on Monday March 12th, to deliver paid in full Graduation Announcement orders. Call 1-800-442-4696 with any questions. In addition: Extra tassels are available in the Bookkeeping office for \$9.



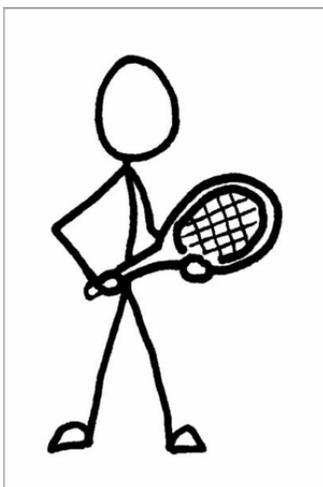


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[www.skylineoregonconference.org](http://www.skylineoregonconference.org)

**or just click  
'Athletics' on the  
KU webpage**

**GO PELS!**



## **Athletic News... with Mr. Mason**

Sat March 3rd the KU athletic department hosted the girls 4 th and 5 th grade Future Pelicans Basketball Tournament. Roosevelt took first, Mills second and pelican third. The Girls KU basketball team did a great job of running the tournament. Spring sports began their practices last Monday February 26 th The great winter weather we were having changed just in time for all our spring athlete's to feel right at home (cold and wet). Spring sports numbers look good for all sports Track has 101 participants, Baseball 36, Softball 36, Girls Tennis 18, Boys Tennis 10, and Golf 19. We will be looking at success in all spring sports.

Congratulations' to the following KU athletes for making it to state competition

### **Wrestling:**

Tyler Moore 195 weight class

Isaiah Franco 120 lb weight class

**Swimmers:** Boys relay team (Ryan Willrett, Jacob McGonigle, Ben Blake, and Matthew Gettman)

**Alternatives'** (Brady Montieth, Theron Grey, Brandon VanMeter)

Update on our tennis teams for spring:

Both men's and women's will be wearing new uniforms this season due to a great donation from Ken.

KU athletic Department is working hard at developing strong leaders in our athletes we will be sending nine girls to the 2018 Oregon Girls Sports Leadership Summit in Portland on March 10 th The summit will include workshops on Developing Winning Learners and Leaders. On April 5 th and 6 th KU will host three workshops by Positive Coaching Alliance. Two of the work shops will be for athlete's. 1: Making Teammates Better: Leadership and Positive Initiation. 2: Becoming a Triple Impact Competitor. One workshop will be for coaches. 1: Double Goal Coach, Coaching for Winning and Life Lessons.