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A Letter from the Principal, Charlene Herron

Hello KU-

The first of May marks the seven week countdown until the end of the 2016-17 school year. Some days seven weeks feels like an eternity, but most days I can't believe how fast this year has flown by!

It's always a privilege to witness the final push for seniors to wrap up their senior projects and complete the last quarter of their high school careers. Soon they'll be off to experience college or new job opportunities, travel, and discover whatever else adulthood has to offer them. A very exciting time!

Just like our senior class, I too enjoy looking ahead. It's always a pleasure to meet our **Future Pelicans**—next year's incoming freshmen, the younger 4th and 5th graders participating in after-school sports, or the elementary and Ponderosa musicians performing at the **All City Band Concert**. The progress that students make throughout their learning years is astounding.

May is also the time of year, when I reflect on KU's accomplishments: recognizing the consistently high performing students at **Academic Achievement Night** and the **National Honors Society** Induction ceremony, the dedication teachers show the students day-in and day-out, the strength and commitment our students show as leaders, as athletes, and as musicians. Lastly, I reflect on KU's accomplishment of enduring the challenges of our school building under construction, and believing the end result will make it all worth it!

KU is not alone in these accomplishments. Parents, families, volunteers, mentors, and other outside organizations—they all have a part in making the magic happen. In light of the year-long support we receive from Klamath Falls and the members of our community, we'll take time for school-wide volunteerism in our community during the annual **Give Back Day** on May 18. This year, the KU family will take on over 20 projects to spruce up, improve, and beautify our neighborhoods, local business, and overall community. It's an honor for KU to "give back" all that we've been given. It's a good time to be a Pelican.

Please read on and check out what's happening at KU. There's only a few more weeks until summer—GO PELS!

Warm Regards,

Charlene Herron, principal



Music is life.
That's why our
hearts have
beats.



What's New at KUHS

- KU recognizes students earning 3.25 GPA for three or more consecutive quarters at **Academic Achievement Night** – Wednesday May 3
- Construction Update **Community Forum** in the KU Cafeteria – Monday May 8
- **Teacher Appreciation Day**—Tuesday May 9
- **U of O Native American Recruitment** – Wednesday May 10
- School-wide **Give Back Day**—Thursday May 18
- Opening Night of **The Tempest** at Mills Auditorium—Thursday May 18. Showing May 18-21
- **National Honors Society Induction Ceremony** at KU Cafeteria—Wednesday May 24 at 6PM
- **Progress 4 Grades** posted; go to the SIS Portal to check student's grades, attendance and more—week of May 8
- **We Are KU & Class Elections**—Wednesday May 24 in Pel Court
- **KU Talent Show** –Thursday May 25 in Pel Court
- **Memorial Day School Closed**—Monday May 29
- **Music Events**
 - 5/1 All-City Band Festival @ Pel Court 7:00
 - 5/9 All-City Orchestra Festival @ Ponderosa 7:00
 - 5/10 KU: State Band Contest @ OSU
 - 5/12 Musical Theater Showcase Choir Fundraiser @ 9th Street Venue 7:00

Seniors' Section - Class of 2017

Important Senior Dates

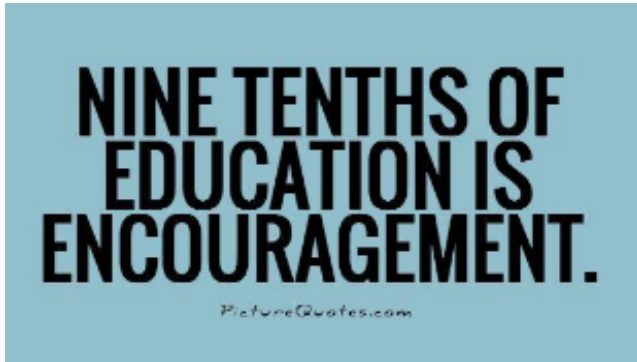
- 6/1 Graduation Sensation Parade
- 6/2 Last day for seniors
- 6/5 Senior Boards and Senior Awards Night
- 6/6 Graduation Walk at Elementary Schools
- 6/7 Baccalaureate
- 6/9 Graduation Practice (required), Senior BBQ, & Yearbook Signing
- 6/11 Graduation Ceremony at Modoc Field

If you have questions, please call Mrs. Headden at (541) 883-4710 x3106

**SOMEDAY YOU'RE
GOING TO LOOK
BACK ON ALL THE
PROGRESS YOU'VE
MADE & BE GLAD
YOU DIDN'T QUIT**

From the Dean's Desk... with Mr. Lemieux

In her "Developing Relationships with the Brain in Mind" workshop Carolyn Jones, LCSW related how children continually gather information about their value as persons through interactions with significant adults in their lives.



Parents and teachers serve as the mirror through which students see themselves, then judge—sometimes positively, sometimes harshly—what they see.

As adults, we have an important role to play. In our quest to help students...

- become able learners
- develop a capacity for warmth and intimacy
- learn appropriate behavior
- develop a sense of right and wrong
- make wise judgments, and
- feel good about themselves...

....we must:

- model self-control
- step in quickly when we hear hurtful language or see hurtful actions
- teach conflict resolution and
- give concrete feedback to children when we see or hear thoughtful problem-solving skills!

Career Pathways and Learning at KU... with Ms. Cole

Liberal Arts Academy

An informational meeting about the KU/Oregon Tech Liberal Arts Academy will take place on May 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Oregon Institute of Technology in Dow Hall Rm E237. If your student has been in honors classes through high school and will be a senior next year, this is information you will want to have! Your student may be able to participate in the Liberal Arts Academy at Oregon Institute of Technology as an honors senior and earn up to 18 transferable credits!

Please join us on Thursday May 11th at OIT in Dow Hall room E237 at 6:00 pm. and meet with OIT's Grace Rusth who will give you an overview to the program and how it works for KU students at OIT their senior year. There will be pizza and drinks, so please mark your calendar and join us!

Completion Ceremony

A very special Klamath Union High School and Oregon Institute of Technology ceremony honoring seniors who are completing the KU/Oregon Tech Liberal Arts Academy this spring will take place in the College Union Auditorium at OIT on Friday, May 12th from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

If your student is completing the KU/Oregon Tech Liberal Arts Academy, please mark your calendar and don't miss this important ceremony, which will be attended by Oregon Institute of Technology faculty and leadership as well as Klamath Falls City Schools faculty and leadership. You may RSVP now to Grace Rusth at OIT by calling: 541-885-1844. We look forward to congratulating your student and you on this academic achievement!

KU/KCC Career Pathways

Is your student going to be a junior or senior in 2017-2018? Is he or she on track for graduation? If so, consider encouraging him or her to look into the KU/KCC Career Pathways program at KU.

Juniors and seniors who qualify can enter one of four career pathways offered on the campus of Klamath Community College during periods 6 & 7 daily. Students can enroll in Emergency Response Operations, Auto/Diesel Technology, Welding, or Computer Applications. Students who begin a pathway as a junior may be able to complete a one-year certificate by graduation and be on their way toward an Associates degree!

Questions? Please speak to your counselor or Valeria Menke at KU.



**Klamath Union High School
and
Academic Agreements**

Cordially invite you to attend a ceremony on

Friday, May 12, 2017

4:00—6:00 p.m.

**College Union Auditorium
Oregon Institute of Technology**

The evening will showcase the success of the Liberal Arts Academy students completing the Liberal Arts Academy, a joint venture between KU and OIT for high-achieving Klamath Union High School seniors.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony

*Your favor of a reply is requested by
Monday, May 8, 2017
Grace Rusth @ (541) 885-1844 or
Grace.rusth@oit.edu*

*Parking permits available by permit only—
Permits can be obtained at the kiosk adjacent
To Campus Dr.*

Inside Story Headline

Principal Herron, Superintendent Hillyer, and teacher, Marvin Dykstra were honored to attend the Klamath County United Way awards four volunteers for their dedication and service at KU.

Mrs. Holly Stork was nominated for volunteering and stepping in to take over the ASB class for Mr. Dykstra when he was out unexpectedly on medical leave for the first

few months of the school year. Mrs. Stork met with the class every morning at 7AM, coordinated



school events, and supported the class in their leadership building.

KU students Jane Peterson, Chelsea Hensley, and Khrystina Dawes were nominated for their time and effort organizing the Mr. Pelican fundraiser last month. Their efforts proved fruitful as the event was a huge success and enjoyed by hundreds!

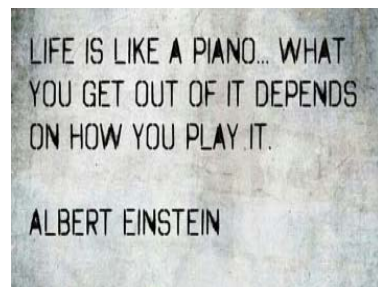
Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Don't give to get
Give to inspire others to give.



DECA in Anaheim

KU DECA's Hayden Dentinger placed in the top 10 in Automotive Services. Congratulations to the KU DECA Team for an outstanding showing at the International DECA Competition in Anaheim!



Athletic News... with Mr. Mason

All of our sport
schedules are
online at

www.skylineoregonconference.org

or just click
'Athletics' on the
KU webpage

GO PELS!

Our spring sports teams continue to work hard and perform well—KU is lucky to have such talented and dedicated athletes.

After strong performances at the Klamath Basin Invitational and Skyline Meet at Harbor Links, the KU

golf team finished first in the State Preview meet. The Pels fired a score of 319 and upset many top 4A teams including the defending state champs Crook County! The golf team competes at Bandon Dunes and Trysting Tree Golf Courses this month.

Both the boys and girls tennis teams compete in the district championships in Medford the week of May 8. Good luck to our KU tennis team!

The track team heads to Grants Pass for the district meet the week of May 8 and state finals are just around the corner the following week.

KU's Baseball and Softball teams finish out the season against Phoenix—two of the

games are at home for local fans to cheer them on in person

Future Pels Track season is going strong for Klamath Falls City Schools 4th & 5th graders. Their first meets are the week of May 8.

KU Coaches and Athletes are visiting Ponderosa M.S. on Wednesday May 17

Please check out our Athletics Calendar for more dates and times to cheer on our Pelicans!

www.gopels.com

**DON'T PRACTICE
UNTIL YOU GET IT
RIGHT. PRACTICE
UNTIL YOU CAN'T
GET IT WRONG.**



fact:

20% OF KIDS
LEARN TO
PLAY MUSIC.
70% OF ADULTS
WISH
THEY HAD.

**KLAMATH UNION
PELICANS**

