## Back to School Days

The smell of cedar from freshly sharpened pencils, the sound of brand new text books cracking open, and the sight of those yellow school buses. Yes folks, it's that time of year yet

again for children to return to school, or are just starting on their endeavors in Kindergarten.

Here at Kids Zone we enjoy watching our students start out their new school years and the excitement that they expel is captivating. This year Kids Zone will be taking part in a new program titled, "Science Technology Engineering

Art and Math", or STEAM. This new concept will allow for hands on lab work combining our science and computer tech classes.

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# H.E.L.P. Homeless Education and Literacy Program

A great program available in Lincoln County is H.E.L.P. This organization is available in all corners of the county to all who are eligible. Eligible students receive services to help them stay in school and succeed. A student and/or their family are considered homeless if they are living

in an emergency shelter, motel, cars, campground, rv park, with relatives (must be due to economic reasons), and couch surfing.

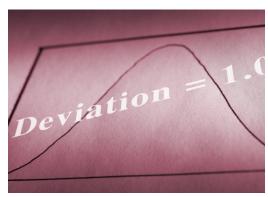
The program can help provide students with: school fees, free lunches, school supplies, school clothes, after school programs, tutoring, referrals to community resources, and help with transportation. Lincoln City: 4040 SE High School Drive (Taft Elementary). Newport: 351 SE Harney Street (Old Yaquina View School Building - Classroom F). Toledo: 600 SE Sturdevant Road (Toledo Elementary). Waldport: 2750 Crestline Drive (Crestview Heights School).

#### Kids Zone After School

The Kids Zone is one of the most unique after-school enrichment programs in the nation. We serve children from the Lincoln County School District in grades K-12. Our programs include free USDA meals for all participants (a full supper during the school year and snack + lunch during the summer).

The Kids Zone's classes and activities are taught and supervised by caring staff and adult volunteers. Kids Zone youth learn about important subjects such as reading, math, culture, conflict resolution and peace-making, environmental preservation, health and nutrition and more. Children also participate in arts and crafts projects, take music lessons, get help with homework, play games and sports. The Kids Zone often goes on learning-based field trips or takes part in community service projects.

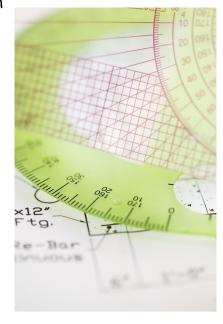
## Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM)



Kids Zone will soon be implementing a new education program called, "STEAM". The mission of the STEAM program is awaken federal policymakers on the role that this program plays in making the U.S. competitive with other countries while also trying to show who the nations future economy will prosper from such education. The purpose of this program is to foster and develop creativity. knowledge, and skills of science and technology into the brightest students from un-

derrepresented and disadvantaged groups. The STEAM education program incorporates the disciplines into authentic and relevant situations. The program has designing, constructing, and testing solutions to real scenarios and situations. Students gain critical thinking skills, learn collaboration, and how to communicate in diverse ways.

The reason Kids Zone is bringing forth this program to the coast in order to educate our students to be prepared to live in the digital age of the 21st century and to pass along this knowledge to their future generations. This focus on this new skills set has led to an increase in demand for future employees who can critically think, communicate through a vase array of technological media, and to work productively with other people.



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### "Surviving and Thriving" as a family challenged with PTSD- Steve Sparks

Steve Sparks, a board member with Kids Zone, will share his family's military post with WWII. Steve's father, a US Navy veteran, served in combat duty during all of WWII, including later deployment in the Korean War. This was a time during the 1950's & 60's when there was little or no understanding of the painful symptoms of PTSD or treatment strategies for warriors and the children and families affected in life after war. Steve's topic includes both military and 1st responder families who live and cope with PTSD. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in the discussion as time permits. Sep 21, 2013 4:00 PM Lincoln city Cultural Center.

## Special Programs with Lincoln County Schools

#### Talented And Gifted (TAG)

The LCSD Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) is designed to meet the educational needs of identified students in grades K-12. The program focuses on students who are capable of performing at advanced rates and levels. Our goal is to provide a strong academic foundation for gifted students so they will obtain high levels of academic excellence. The program supports the active partnership of teachers, parents, and students. http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/dept\_programs/special\_programs/talented\_gifted/index.php

<u>English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</u> The goal of the program is to assist English Language Learners as they develop English language skills, succeed academically, and overcome barriers that impede their academic success in a learning community that honors and values the cultural and linguistic heritage of every student. http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/dept\_programs/special\_programs/esol/index.php

#### Library Media Services

With the help of each of the school media assistants and other support personnel, we hope to accomplish these program goals: Promote and reinforce students' interest and ability in reading and media literacy. Assist students and staff in developing the full range of abilities needed to achieve information literacy. Facilitate uses of technology and other resources that support student achievement of standards and benchmarks. Build connections among school library media centers, public libraries, and other information sources. Provide a comprehensive, balanced collection of print and non-print media selected, cataloged, and organized according to standards set up by the LCSD and chosen with respect for the unique and individual learning needs and interests at each school location. Maintain effective communication with staff and students regarding services, collection & curriculum development and other issues such as copyright policy. Establish and maintain lines of communication with appropriate LCSD personnel. http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/dept\_programs/library.php

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#### Kids Zone Neighbors for Kids

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Mission Statement: Neighbors For Kids' mission is to provide youth in our region with educational enrichment, positive youth development, and recreational activities; all in a safe environment which focuses them toward healthy lifestyles and leads them to become responsible, contributing adults.

Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to helping kids reach their full potential.

We are always interested in new volunteers, so please click that tab, above, if you'd like to apply to become a volunteer—working with youth groups is a great way to spend your time!

Our Philosophy:

We understand that your child comes to us with unique experiences, interests and learning styles. Our goal is to truly know your child well and use this knowledge to guide, support and motivate him or her. We value parent involvement at every level and encourage you to partner with us to give your child the most powerful and joyous experience possible!

# A Fundraiser for Neighbors for Kids First Annual Fall Music Round-Up & Charity Auction

Come get your toes tapping and hands clapping to the refreshing and timeless music of the Western cowboy. The Hanson Family Singers presents a fun and lively performance of Western favorites and great instrumentation. If you can't resist the fiddle and delight in hearing old-fashioned yodeling, don't miss this opportunity to help Lincoln County youth and enjoy a great time!



Saturday, October 12, 2013 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Eden Hall, 6675 Gleneden Beach Loop

Tickets: \$10 per person in advance and \$12 at the door.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Neighbors For Kids is a 501(c)(3) public charity,

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