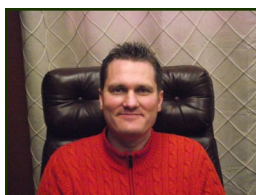


# The LOGOS Word

## Don't Get Caught in the Cedar Trees!



### Letter from the Principal

Several years ago, my brother and I went salmon fishing. We parked where we thought the river was located and started walking through the cedar swamp with all our fishing gear, nets, neoprene waders, salmon rods, fishing coats, etc. It should have been a 5 minute walk to the river. Twenty minutes later, I was overheated and frustrated - with no river in sight! I was furious with my brother for not knowing where the river was located. He kept telling me, "I can hear the river!" The net I was carrying on my back kept getting hung up in

the cedar trees and my 7mm neoprene waders made the 60 degree weather feel like 120. Eventually, we came to another road. We crossed it, (which was actually the one we should have parked on) and the river was a mere 50 yards into the swamp. I plunged my head into the cold water - totally relieved! In spite of the difficulty getting there, we caught a boatload of fish that day.

As I thought about this story, I realized that it is a good allegory of late-February for home-schoolers. We are "overheating" on math, frustrated with ourselves and our kids, and wondering if we perhaps "parked on the wrong road". The frustration is compounded because we are loaded with a lot of great curriculum and tools - which are now the

things getting "caught" in the "cedar trees" of life.

Be encouraged! It will be worth it all! Enjoy the trip and the excitement that reaching your goals will bring to you and your children. Before long, you will wish for the days of teaching your little one to read or helping your high-schooler get through Chemistry. :)

Finish strong. -Joe VonDoloski

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### CORRECTION!

Do to a "hanging chad," which has been removed, we are *not* the Jaguars but the LOGOS GLADIATORS!!

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## Box Tops For Education

Thanks to all the Logos families who have been bringing in their box-tops! So far this school year, we have earned \$122 for the school! Additionally, another \$70 was submitted in February! Please continue to bring in your box-tops as the spring deadline will

be here soon. Log on to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and register to support our school. You will be able to follow our school's progress and find great coupons and promotions for box-tops products. Keep collecting!

-Heidi VonDoloski



Go Fly A Kite

### OAKS SPRING TESTING

#### Testing Centers:

**Medford** – Logos Charter School, 400 Earhart St.

**Grants Pass** – River Valley Community Church, 420 Northeast 7th Street

**Northern Oregon** – Various locations arranged,

### READING – 3<sup>rd</sup> – HS

**Medford:** Mon.–Wed. 3/7–3/9

**Grants Pass:** Thu. 3/10

### WRITING\* – 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>

**Medford:** Mon.– Wed.4/11–4/13

**Grants Pass:** Mon. Tues.Thur. 4/11, 4/12, 4/14

\*Students work for an hour on M/T and Th if necessary.

### MATH – 3<sup>rd</sup> – HS

**Medford:** Mon.–Wed. 4/18–4/20

**Grants Pass:** Mon. 4/25

### SCIENCE/SOCIAL-STUDIES, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

**Medford:** Wed. 4/27

**Grants Pass:** Tue. 4/26

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## Attention all 10th through 12th graders!!! And their parents!!!

There is a prom in the works! We want to celebrate the upcoming spring with a gala event, featuring a wonderful evening of dancing and dining. But, we need your help! There will be one organizational meeting for as many students and parents as can attend to make the rest of the detailed decisions: narrowing down the choices of themes to be voted on by the participants, offering ideas on decorations, ticket-taking, entrée choices, submitting ideas for a DJ, etc. We will need a small artsy group to offer to decorate tables and walls the morning of the prom.  
**Meeting date: Friday, March 11, 3:30 pm, at Logos School.**

Here's what we have in place:  
**Logos First Annual Prom Night**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2011**  
**Open to all 10-12th graders who attend Logos & escorts**  
**Rosso's Trattoria, 31 S. Grape St., Medford, OR**  
**7:00pm to closing**  
**Dinner and dancing**  
**Formal wear**  
**Photographer on hand for posed photos**  
**Theme to be TBA**  
**\$30.00 per ticket**



Questions? Contact Corinne King  
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**The Logos Leadership Class** has sixteen students ranging from 4th to 10th grade. They are excited to announce the student's choice for school mascot – the "Gladiators"!! They are now focusing on creating a graphic representation of our new mascot and finding ways to inform the community that Gladiators are Great!



Students have also been working on activities to help them learn more about themselves so that they can identify their leadership strengths. These Gladiators are learning that changes can take a lot of time and require careful planning, and everyone can make positive contributions to this world. It's definitely a fun and busy group! **"Go Gladiators!"**



## Educational Specialists in the Spotlight



**Barbara Whalen, ES**, has been a teacher for 13 years. Mrs. Whalen was born and raised in the foothills of the Rockies in Avon, Montana. She supervises grades K-11 this year. Barbara received her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, her Master's in Science of Learning Differ-

ences, and an ESOL Endorsement (English for Speakers of Others Languages) from Southern Oregon University. Barbara taught at Grace Christian for 11 years and substitute taught in the Rogue Valley for one year. She has three sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter. Her husband, Terry, who now works for Books Are Fun, was a teacher for 28 years. They lived in

Spokane, WA, and the Dominican Republic before moving to Medford. Barbara enjoys a variety of hobbies including remodeling, reading, gardening, writing, sewing, scrapbooking, and rubber-stamping cards. Her goals are to improve her Spanish and take more mission trips.

*Our "Teachers" are much more than that! We call them Education Specialists (ES). They exist to help carry out the Mission and Vision of our school. Relationships and communication are the hallmarks of our ES's*

**Brianne Fanelli, ES**, teaches Logos students grades K-11 and also continues to substitute teach for the Medford School district. Brianne went to Simpson University in Redding, CA, where she received a B.A. in Psychology. She received her Master's in Elementary Education from Southern Oregon University. Previously, Brianne worked at Rogue Valley Medical Center in the Psychiatric Unit specializing in behavioral treatment, group therapy and intervention. She also worked for

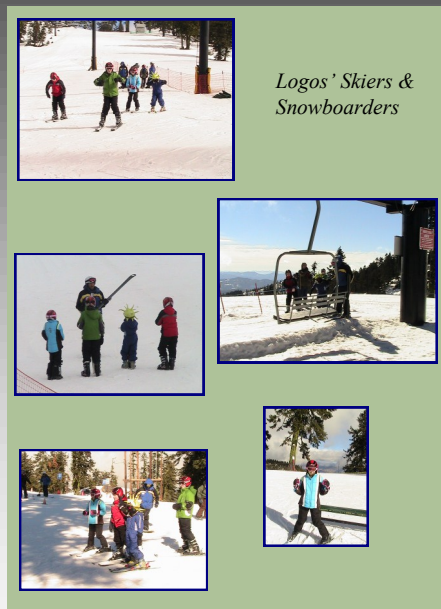
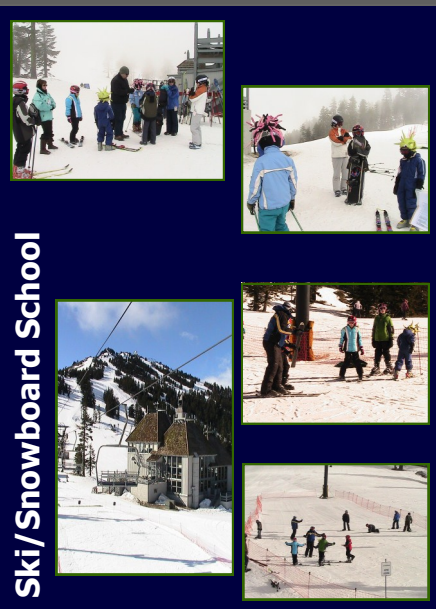
Pacific Institute of Research, funded by U of O, on a research project in Medford. Her husband Tony is a relationship banker with the Bank of the Cascades. The Fanelli's have 5 & 3 year old daughters and a son who is 8 months old. They reside in Medford. Brianne enjoys reading, biking and water color painting. "My goal is to make every moment count, make memories raising my children, and in some small way contribute to the lives of my students, and then retire and travel!" She

grew up in Southern Oregon and still sticks to her good old-fashioned, traditional roots.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

# Logos Snapshots—Mt. Ashland Program | Glass Forge Field Trip



# Field Trips—Dogs for the Deaf | Spring Break Performing Arts Camp



**DOGS FOR THE DEAF**  
**FIELD TRIP**  
**WED. MAR.16th**

Nestled in the beautiful Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon, Dogs for the Deaf is an interesting and uplifting place to visit. This is the headquarters of the largest and oldest Hearing Dog training center in the world.

We will learn how they got started, watch an informative video, and see how the dogs are trained in their special training apartments. After the tour, you may browse their gift shop with a parent and check out their line of Dogs for the Deaf merchandise. The tour begins promptly at 2:00 pm and lasts 45 minutes. Sign up via email: [fieldtrips@logoscharter.com](mailto:fieldtrips@logoscharter.com). Put "Dogs for the Deaf" in the subject line, and include the names and grades of each student attending in the body of the text.

Oregon Conservatory of Performing Arts

Spring Break Performing Arts Camp!

**March 21th - 25th**  
**8:30 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Ages 6-12**



Sacred Heart School Gym  
 431 Ivy Street, Medford

Register now online:  
<http://www.oregonconservatory.com/Spring>

## Washington, D.C. Tour Next Fall

### You Haven't Missed Out...Yet!!!

Logos is going on a history tour to Washington, DC, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, & Colonial Williamsburg next fall, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Students in the **8<sup>th</sup> grade & up next year** are invited to attend without a parent upon approval, **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with parent**. The tour is being coordinated through Educational Travel Services, Inc., in Port-

land, OR, and will be led by Logos staff Beverly Huard and chaperoned by Logos Director Joe VonDoloski. Mrs. Huard has led this tour in the past with homeschool students from Oregon through Educational Travel Services, Inc. References can be provided upon request. [B.huard@logoscharter.com](mailto:B.huard@logoscharter.com). Pick up a packet from your ES or at the School!

**Don't Miss Out...get registered!!!**

## Out of Town Events

**Homeschool Days at the Oregon Coast Aquarium**  
**Thursday Mar. 10 - Mar. 11**

<http://www.aquarium.org/edHomeSchoolDays.asp>

**The Moon and Sun—Wed. Mar.16**

**Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum**  
 8:30am-2pm. <http://evergreenmuseum.org>

**Apple Pie Day—Thur. Mar. 31-Salem Capitol**

Take a family field trip, learn about Oregon state government and protect your right to homeschool. Attend "Apple Pie Day" at the Oregon Capitol. Make an appointment with your legislators and tell them you appreciate the freedom to homeschool in Oregon. [butlers@oceanetwork.org](mailto:butlers@oceanetwork.org)



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**Doing the Ordinary  
Extraordinarily Well**



**MATH LAB TUTORING FREE TO LOGOS!**

**Math Lab: Mondays 3:30—5:00 PM**

**Grades: 3rd—12th**

**Bring your curriculum and questions**

**Logos Charter School**

**Karen Miller [k.miller@logoscharter.com](mailto:k.miller@logoscharter.com)**

**SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE!!!**

Many children and teens generously give their time, skills and knowledge to one-time events or on an ongoing basis to community and religious organizations across Southern Oregon. Perhaps you and your children have done projects with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, or your church. This valuable community service benefits many needs throughout the region.

Service-learning is similar to community service, but adds an academic learning component. Students learn about needs in their school or community and then participate in hands-on projects. K – college students across Oregon and the United States make cross-generational connections with nursing home residents, restore valuable water preserves, tutor struggling readers and much more. As an added bonus, students develop personal and career skills. **At Logos Charter School, our mission is to provide a *personalized learning* program which can include flexible learning in multiple environments. Service-learning successfully accomplishes this goal.** This spring, you will hear more about upcoming school wide projects and ideas for individual or family projects. If you are already volunteering in the community, share your experiences with your ES. Let's get involved!

Three school organized Service Learning projects for you to participate in:

*Teen Shelter—Volunteering & fund raising events to support their needs*

*May Day Art/Craft Project—Delivered to a local assisted living facility*

*Animal Care—Learning & working on a "Care Farm" facility*

Watch your email boxes & the April issue of the *Logos Word* for more details.

More ideas: <http://www.goodcharacter.com/SERVICE/primer-10.html> If you see something you'd like to do as a school, email: [b.huard@logoscharter.com](mailto:b.huard@logoscharter.com)

**Resources**

From the Desk of the Resource Librarian  
-April Sanders

**READ ACROSS AMERICA!**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:30** Craft #1...Making Dr. Seuss hats.

**11:00** Book Character Costume Contest! Prizes will be awarded! Judging is based on the costume and also each child's explanation of why they chose that character and book.

**11:30** Time to do some rEATing! Settle in for lunch

(please bring your own) and listen to some stories read aloud by Logos staff. Dessert will be provided...hope you like to eat bookworms!

**12:00** Craft #2....A 3-in-one! Making cat ears, tic-tac-toe games and door hangers.

Please sign up for a craft by emailing Mrs. Sanders at [a.sanders@logoscharter.com](mailto:a.sanders@logoscharter.com)

Or, you can sign up on one of the paper sheets in the main room at Logos. **Deadline for signups is Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us! Hope to see you there!**



**GOOGLE DOODLE- K-12 Registration closes March 2nd, Postmarked by March 16th <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/> GOOGLE Science Fair- online global science fair extended, Ages 13-18, project submission April 4th <http://www.google.com/events/>**