

The Crossroads Connection

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2

APRIL 1, 2019

Crossroads Bengals are Gearing Up for PROM!

The staff at Crossroads High School believes that every student deserves to go to prom.

Three years ago, teacher Tracy Orr decided that she would find a way to fully fund prom night for everyone.

May 17, 2019 will mark the 3rd Annual Crossroads Prom night, a **FREE EVENT** for every student.

In the past, we've provided a charter bus to the venue in Marysville. However, this year, prom is at a new venue: Lucille Gardens. Since it is only 8 miles down the Burn Rd, everyone will have to provide their own transportation.

Students are all photographed on their way into the dance in pairs or groups, according to their preferences. Those photos are printed and given to each couple or group, for free. The photographer also will do fun shots with props during the dance. Photos can be picked up at Crossroads in the weeks following the event.

A free buffet dinner and a variety of desserts will be provided at the venue. A DJ will be providing music for your dancing enjoyment.

So be sure to put this date on your calendar:

Friday May 17 6-10pm

Lucille Gardens
14431 Mora Dr. Arlington, WA 98223

Theme: Black and White
Cirque Du Soleil (circus theme)

Remember, if you want to bring a guest from another school, you must fill out a guest request form, and your guest must be under 21.

DONATIONS

Donations are still being accepted for the following items:

Monetary donations of any size

Dresses and shoes of all sizes

Men's dress clothes, suits, jackets, and shoes

Dessert donations would be gladly accepted.

PROM DOs & DON'Ts

DO assume you will be attending prom. Everyone goes.

DON'T worry if you don't have a date. Come with a group, or by yourself... We're all Family!

DO come hungry... there will be plenty of food for everyone

DON'T worry about the cost of a dress or a suit. The PROM Portable will be open starting the last week of April for you to "shop" for your outfit.

DON'T forget to get a guest pass if you will be bringing a guest.

DO plan on having the time of your life!



Bunny Fundraiser for Prom a Great Success

On Saturday, March 23 teachers, students and community members gathered at Crossroads for the 3rd Annual Bunny Fundraiser.

Activities included rock painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, selfies with live bunnies, and canvas painting classes.

Popcorn, water, t shirts, sweatshirts and chalkboards were also available for purchase.

The beautiful backdrops were created by the Leadership Class.

There were lots of littles to play with bunnies and run

around the commons. It looked like everyone was having a ball on a beautiful spring day.

Thanks to all of the support from the Crossroads Families and friends, we were able to raise over \$1000 for the 2019 prom.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

"Ghosed" Assembly	2
Bullying and Harassment	2
Dangerous Wildlife	2
Homelessness	3
Imp Dates for Seniors	3
Voices of Youth Event	3
VANS Contest	4

GRADUATION GEAR

Jostens is our provider of caps, gowns, and all things 2019

Order your grad gear, sweatshirts, t shirts, and announcements from Jostens directly by calling

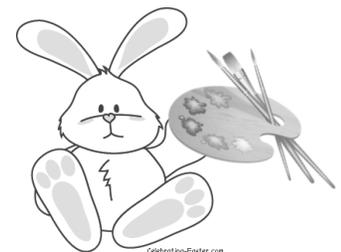
1-800-JOSTENS (567-8367)

To order or pay with cash in person, go to the showroom:

*1716 4th Street
Marysville WA 98270*

360-653-9102

*Hours:
M-F 2:30 - 5:30
Saturday 12-5pm*



Seattle Children's Theater Group Inspires Crossroads Students

Written by Jude Jackson

Crossroads High School welcomed the Seattle Children's Theatre with open arms as they performed "Ghosted", a story of four teens dealing with different issues throughout one school day. Each character represents a different person that so many students can connect with.

Andre, who feels like his life's too good to be depressed, who doesn't want to talk about his feels, who feels guilty for having them.

Kayla, Andre's girlfriend, who doesn't know how to help her boyfriend and is trying too hard to control and fix the situation when it's not her job.

Sid, a girl dealing with anxiety attacks,

and people think she's odd, or weird.

Liam, a boy with a mom who's an addict, who's depressed and expresses his pain through anger.

Ghosted tells a story of experiences, how talking to counselors and friends are good, and how to talk about the hard truths that students deal with. This play recognizes the students who rarely are seen or talked about. It gives kids someone to relate to, it tells them they're not alone.

After seeing this, it sparked a note in many students and we talked about how it's okay to feel this way, what are ways to help you feel better, and about mental illness in general.

If you or someone you know are dealing

with issues like this then help them reach out. Talk to a friend, a counselor, and teacher, or their parents. Opening up is not wrong, and there are so many resources. If you need help starting your mental health journey then talk to your doctor or school counselor. If you are in a crisis call the suicide hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741.



Granite Falls School District Information on Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment (HIB)

The Granite Falls School District is committed to maintaining a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees or others involved in school district programs or activities that is free from harassment, intimidation, and bullying. "Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying" means any image or message (written or electronically transmitted), verbal or physical act that is intended to harm or intimidate and has the effect to physically harm a student or damage a student's property, substantially interfere with a student's education or create an intimidating or threatening educational environment, or

substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying in any form are unacceptable and are against District policy and state and federal law. Students who engage in such activity on school grounds or off campus, and disrupts school operations or the learning environment, shall be subject to school disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution. Any student who believes he or she has been the target of HIB is strongly encouraged to report incidents verbally or in writing to a parent, guardian, staff member or trusted adult. The student, parent, or other adult, should

notify school officials as soon as possible and complete an incident report form—these forms to file a complaint are available on the District website or by calling 360.691.7717. The District's Section 504/ADA Coordinator is Sara Woolverton 205 NORTH ALDER AVE., GRANITE FALLS, WA 98252 at (360) 691-7717 or swoolverton@gfalls.wednet.edu. The District also offers an anonymous 24/7 tip line for students, parents or community members to report unsafe behaviors or information on HIB through safeSCHOOLS.

Warmer Weather is coming! Beware of Dangerous Wildlife

It is always a good time to review safety tips with your children if they should encounter wildlife in the area:

- Stop, don't run. Pick up small children so they will not run. Stay calm and avoid direct eye contact.
- Never approach the animal but do not take your eyes off the animal or turn your back.
- If you cannot safely move away, try to appear larger than the animal. Do not crouch down or try to hide.
- If the animal displays aggressive behavior, shout, clap your hands, wave

your arms or throw rocks.

- If the animal attacks, fight back and try to stay on your feet, do NOT play dead, do NOT run and climb a tree.
- If a bear attack continues, as a last resort, protect yourself by curling into a ball or lying on your stomach and playing dead.

Please tell your child to be alert for any wildlife while waiting for the bus or walking home from bus stops or out in the backyard playing. It is always best to have children walk in pairs or as a

group, regardless of wildlife. It is also important to discourage students from walking or cutting through wooded areas to get to school or home for overall safety, not just due to the wildlife issue. Please review these safety tips with your children. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has developed information specific to dangerous wildlife and what to do, and not do, if you encounter wildlife. Report wildlife encounters to the Department of Fish and Wildlife during regular business hours call 425.775.1311 or after hours call 911.

Voices of Youth Event April 30

Voices of Youth offers inspiring, original insight and opinion from across the globe – by young people, for young people.

Countering disheartening headlines about today's young generation, the Voices of Youth community proves that young people ARE making a difference, each and every day.

So find your voice and change the world.

voicesofyouth.org

Please plan to come to the Crossroads HS Commons on April 30 at 6pm to hear the Voices of Youth Presentations.

Several brave young men and women will be sharing their experiences of homelessness, addiction, mental illness, bullying, domestic violence, and date rape.

These students are committed to sharing their life stories to let other youth know they are not alone. There's always someone who has been in your shoes,

and who is willing to listen and share.

Several community resources will also be available: Everett Clinic Behavioral Health, the Granite Falls Community Coalition, ALANON, and many more.

The program will also include a musical performance by our own Marco Diaz..

Snacks and coffee will be available as you meet and talk with the students and community members.

Information for Homeless Children and Youth

If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in transitional situations have the right to:

- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents

normally required for enrollment, such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.

Homeless, or displaced, students will be provided district services for which they are eligible. Parents or students should contact the Special Education, Civil Rights and Equity Department at 360.691.7717 for full information.

Important Dates for Seniors

MAY 9

Last night to sign up for a Night School Class

MAY 10

Make up Senior Project night

MAY 17

Prom! See details on page 1

MAY 23

Fines, community service and HS and Beyond Plan due, last day to order Cap and Gown

MAY 30

Night School Classes due, Scholarship Night at GFHS 7pm

JUNE 5: GRADUATION!

Sr. Breakfast at the Eagles 9am
Graduation Practice 10am
Be at Crossroads Gym at 5pm
Graduation Ceremony at Hi Jewel Stadium 6pm



Crossroads High School

205 N Alder Ave
Granite Falls WA 98252

Phone: 360-283-4407
Fax: 360-283-4307

Crossroads encourages a desire for life long learning in a safe and supportive environment that prepares and empowers students academically, socially and emotionally.



**Look for us on
Facebook**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT
CROSSROADS KINDNESS!**

Pick an act of kindness off the wall on the first floor.
Complete the act of kindness, and be sure to capture a picture of it!
Post it on social media with the hashtag #XRkindness

The mission of the Granite Falls School District is to inspire and facilitate a passion for life-long learning and the pursuit of excellence in every student, every day.

Substitutes Needed for ALL positions!

Did you know that a person with a college Bachelor's degree can be an emergency substitute teacher? Did you know that a person with a high school degree can be employed in a classified position?

Please call Human Resources at 360-283-4309 for more information.

Crossroads Students Enter VANS Custom Culture Contest

Have you heard?

Alex Ramos and Riley Bushong applied for Crossroads to be involved in the VANS custom shoes contest.

500 schools were selected, and Crossroads was one of them!

They've already shipped us 2 pairs of white VANS to be customized.

Vans Custom Culture was created to inspire and empower high school students to embrace their creativity through art and design and to bring attention to diminishing arts education budgets. Vans believes everyone should be empowered to express themselves creatively and should be given the tools to do so. Custom Cul-

ture is a national high school customization competition using blank Vans shoes to be customized around specific themes:

- Local Flavor and
- Off the Wall

Riley and Alex have been designing their entry for a couple weeks now. Their submission is due April 16.

After Vans receives all submissions by the deadline, the shoes are screened to ensure they meet the guidelines. Then, they have their first round of voting with their Footwear and Apparel judges who determine the Top 250. Then, Vans allows all 500 employees at their HQ vote for their favorite submissions. This vote determines the Top 50

Once VANS has narrowed down the top 50 entries, there will be a public vote to determine the 5 finalists.

The overall winner will receive a Grand Prize of

\$75,000 for their school's art program. The four runner up schools will receive \$10,000 each.

Alex and Riley will also have to work with a teacher to create and submit an Impact Document. This document outlines how your students, school and/or community will be impacted by winning the \$75,000 for the Crossroads art program.

So, if you see Alex Ramos or Riley Bushong around the halls of the school, give them big kudos and encouragement for doing something positive for our school, and our art program.

