

ALSEA SCHOOLS FAMILY OUTREACH

Program Update & Report to the Board of Directors

To: Members of the School Board & Superintendent

From: Alsea Schools Family Outreach Coordinator

Date: School Board Meeting Update

Dear Members of the School Board and Superintendent,

Thank you for your continued support of the Alsea Schools Family Outreach program. Your backing allows us to expand our reach, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure our students and families have access to the essential resources they need to thrive. I am pleased to present the following updates and new initiatives for the upcoming school year.

1. BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCE INITIATIVES & COMMUNITY GRATITUDE

- **Vina Moses Back to School Program:** On August 4th, we successfully hosted the program in the ACEs Community Room at the Alsea Public Library, directly connecting local families with essential school supplies.
- **Benton County Sheriff's Office:** A huge thank you to the Benton County Sheriff's Office for their generous donation of school supplies for our students in need.
- **Operation School Bell:** Next week, I will begin measuring students for Operation School Bell, a program of the Assistance League of Corvallis. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing partnership in providing new clothing and shoe vouchers to our students.

2. NEW LOCATION: "COMMON GROUND" & EXPANDED HOURS

Family Outreach has officially relocated from our small interior office in the main building to the portable building next to the playshed (formerly Ms. Moser's classroom). I have dubbed this new space "**Common Ground**." My vision is for this room to be warm, open, and welcoming to all—regardless of background or beliefs—because we all share the single purpose of raising up and educating our youth.

Key Operational Update: Vina's Closet

In the past, my working hours mirrored the student school day, making it nearly impossible to keep Vina's Closet open with consistency. I am extremely grateful that Stacy recognized these operational challenges and supported the necessary schedule adjustments. With my updated hours, **Vina's Closet will now be open every school day from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**, making direct assistance far more accessible for our families.

3. LAUNCHING THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Information packets and permission slips will go home in mid-September. The program will run every school day from **3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**, featuring daily structured enrichment themes:

Mindfulness Mondays

Emotional wellness, self-awareness, and relaxation techniques.

Outdoor Tuesdays

Outdoor exploration, physical activity, and nature-based learning.

Flavor & Rhythm Wed.

Hands-on culinary exploration, music, and rhythm activities.

Community Thursdays

Service projects and local community engagement initiatives.

** Donations of prepackaged snacks and crafting supplies are actively welcomed to support these daily activities.*

4. FOOD ASSISTANCE & FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

- **Backpack Lunch Program:** Launching **October 1st** to assist our most food-insecure children by providing weekend food packages.
- **Parent Meetups & Workshops:** I am working toward establishing weekly parent meetups to foster peer connection, alongside guest speakers and parenting education workshops. (These events may occasionally alter the after-school calendar).
- **Vina Moses Giving Tree (November):** In November, Common Ground will host a donation collection space for the Vina Moses Giving Tree, providing new toys and essential items for youth ages 0–18.

5. FUTURE VISION: MOBILE STUDENT APPAREL & PRODUCTION LAB

In the early planning stages, I am exploring a hands-on project for Common Ground: a compact **Mobile Student Apparel and Production Lab**. Designed for older students, this concept will give them practical experience in graphic design, production, customer service, and business management.

6. VOLUNTEERS & COMMUNITY DONATIONS

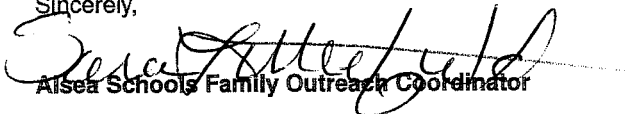
We are actively building our volunteer base to make these programs sustainable. I am thrilled to share that two parent volunteers have already stepped forward:

- One parent will be organizing and managing **Vina's Closet**.
- Another parent will be leading hands-on **science activities** during after-school enrichment.

Monetary Donations: Checks can be made payable to *Alsea Schools* with a memo specifying *Alsea Family Outreach, Afterschool Program, or Parent Meetups*.

Thank you again for your dedication to our students, families, and community. I look forward to an impactful and inspiring school year at Common Ground!

Sincerely,



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