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News and Updates - July 2016

70th Anniversary Reunion – Save the date!

Make your plans now to attend the 70th anniversary reunion being held on campus July 15th, 2017. Plans are well underway – and the day will include chapel, lunch, dinner and lots of time to visit with former classmates. We are looking forward to having former students, teachers, and board members that will span the full 70 years of Columbia Christian Schools. Many alumni have been sharing what they have been up to on our facebook page “Columbia Christian Schools.” We invite you to do the same! Spread the word to alumni you know!!!



Your favorite
Alum
pictured here!

Alumni Spotlight – who would you like to see?

There are thousands of Columbia Christian Schools’ alumni – and we don’t know what everyone has been up to since leaving our campus. Who would you like to see featured in the Alumni Spotlight? Would you like to share your story? Maybe you know of another alum whose story is encouraging. Please email Karen Shewmaker at kshewmaker@columbiachristian.com with your stories and suggestions!

Memorial Gifts

Columbia Christian Schools has recently received gifts in memory of:

Evelyn Engdahl
Marileen Irish
Jim Ulrich



Science classes provide service in exchange for learning opportunities:

As part of the CCS science curriculum, Mrs. Dawkins' earth science, biology and environmental science classes often venture outside the classroom. Her classes work with several local community organizations including the BES Clean Rivers Education Program, the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council (Slough School), the Portland Water Bureau, and Portland Parks and Recreation. The organizations present in-class demonstrations and "hands-on" labs followed by on and off-campus career and service-learning activities.

Each year the sophomore biology class volunteers at Whitaker Ponds in NE Portland. In the fall the class studies plant identification and pulls invasive species, in the winter they conduct water chemistry tests and plant native species, and in the spring they collect and identify macroinvertebrates as an indicator of water quality. As a thank you for all their hard work, in May the students get to canoe the Columbia slough in bimarans (two canoes strapped together to provide stability).

Throughout the 2015-2016 school year the high school environmental science class volunteered at Oaks Bottom Reservoir, Johnson Lake and Kelly Point Park. They removed invasive species, planted and mulched hundreds of native plants, camouflaged and placed snake cover boards, and conducted two surveys for endangered salamanders. After clearing blackberry bushes from the area during several previous trips, in April the class built a split rail fence at a scenic overlook in Kelly Point Park.



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