2nd Battalion Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- 9/12 Early Release
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- 9/19 Promotion& Awards
- 10/10 No school (Inservice Day)

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of our new and returning cadets! We're excited to be starting our second year here at 2nd Battalion. The first week, the students were busy going through Basic Training (more on that below). For this first month, it will be extra important for your cadet to get plenty of sleep and eat good, healthy foods. They will probably be more active than usual! If they complain of aches and pains, eating bananas and drinking milk is very helpful to keep those potassium levels up.

Your cadet will come home every night with a planner. Please be sure to check it, sign it, and have he/she bring it back to school the next day. The planners are an important tool to help keep the cadets organized.

You should be receiving a login/password to our grading system, Synergy. This will allow you to view assignments, due dates, and grades for your student. You will also be able to email the teachers. The teachers will be updating Synergy weekly, so be sure to check it every week. It's a great way to keep informed of what your student is working on.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at (541) 246-1640.

What is Basic Training??

If you're not familiar with the military, then you're probably wondering what Basic Training is. For our cadets, it is an opportunity to learn all sorts of things about the military in general, as well as how our school specifically operates. They will be taught military history, terminology, and facts about the American flag. They will learn military bearing, which is how to walk, stand, march in formation, address the staff,

salute and be courteous and respectful. Ranks, insignia, military time/date, and chain of command will also be taught. They will go over teamwork and leadership in depth. They will also learn PYCO regulations and history. Basic Training is a great way to introduce the students to our school and get to know their company cohorts. Ask them about it!





No submissions from Alpha this month...more from them next month!





"New School" by Cadet Kuplent 8th Grade

When I first learned that I was going to a military school, I was against the idea. I didn't want anything to do with it. I didn't want to go through the process of making new friends - again.

Now that I have actually been here, I'm glad I went to a new school.

****Charlie's Contemplations****



No submissions from Charlie this month...more from them next month!

****Delta's Deliberations****



"Back to School" by Cadet Linch 7th Grade

Back to school has not been like any other school year, probably because it is a big change from public school to military school. At first, I didn't really enjoy the idea of it, but now that I have gotten used to it, it's not nearly as bad as I thought it would be. My biggest fears to coming to W.L.A. were getting yelled at all the time, and getting in a lot of trouble. Now that I have gotten

used to coming here, I have realized that you will only get in trouble if you are doing the wrong thing. Some of the things I am most excited about are the Ironman competition at the end of the year and the camp we will be attending also at the end of the year. I LOVE W.L.A. way better than public school because there is nobody better than you here. This school has also made me pay attention more, and be more respectful to everyone. This school has and will continue to make me achieve more things in life.

****Echo's Excerpts****

"Why I like My School" by Cadet Mageo 6th Grade

The best time of the day is to go to my school, Willamette Leadership Academy. This is one of the best schools I've ever been to! The teachers are really nice and I'm betting they love to teach! My teacher, CPT Tentinger, she's really nice! This school teaches you to be a leader and to make you strong.

The reason I came to this school is

because I like the U.S. Armed Forces and because I need to lose some pounds. This school teaches me exercise. It also helps me learn. And I'm thinking of joining the U.S. Armed Forces and serve my country well.

I try my best in this school and I do my hardest to succeed in this school. I've made lots of friends. We all wear uniforms and all follow orders, it's like we are in the Army or Marines, but we don't sleep in barracks or in a base. And I want to grow up strong and have a good life. This is my favorite school



Headquarters News

We will be collecting Box Tops again this year. Every month we will give away a prize to the student who brings in the most box tops.

We have run out of backpacks, but we have more on order. Hopefully they will be in soon.

Headquarters is open for students

before morning formation and during lunch. Any other time requires a permission slip from an Officer or First Sergeant.

School pictures will be taken on Sept 19th. Students must wear their Class A's (white dress shirt and black pants). Make sure boots are clean! We will send order forms home soon.



LTC Gerot/SGM Brainard News

The school year is off to a good start! Keep up the good work!





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New Students

We extend a warm welcome to all of our 6th graders, since they are all new to us! Also, a big welcome goes out to all of our new 7th and 8th graders. We're glad you're here and hope you have a successful year!

New Staff

This year we welcome LT Debra Artzer, our new middle school SPED manager, MSG Dan Cayton, our new Echo Company First Sergeant, and LT Steckler, our new Delta Company Commander and 7th/8th grade Math teacher.

****Remember that we are a peanut-free zone, so please don't send anything with peanuts in your child's lunch.
Almonds, cashews, and other tree nuts are fine. Also, no drinks with sugar are allowed, only sugar-free. We prefer water!****





A big thank you goes out to Sena Gould and the U of O for donating desks! We appreciate you!