

Greetings,

I want to invite all students from 4th grade to High School Seniors to consider entering the “If I were the Mayor” contest sponsored by the Oregon Mayor’s Association it’s one of our contest that we do in the state of Oregon to get children interested and understanding about what we do as elected official It is also a great way to get ideas for what we can do in the city and what things that you think are important, and needs that you see in West Linn.

As the Mayor I hope this contest will get our students more involved in local government. I have seen over the years that getting children to be interested in local issues and involved in our community they are likely to stay engaged in their community as adults. We've got the smartest most engaged students I think right here in West Linn.

This is another opportunity to keep our students interested, especially as we are all looking for ways to stay engaged and working. I think in Clackamas County and here in West Linn it's really cool to see kid’s begin to understand what government does and understand what local government can do for them to make their lives better from sidewalks, and parks, to the Library and clean water.

For our Primary age children grades 4-5 it will be a Poster Contest, for our Middle School students it is an essay, and for our high schoolers it is a Digital Media Presentations (e.g. Video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.). I look forward to seeing all of your presentations and learning from all of you.

A big thanks to our Parks and Recreation Department for helping me with the submissions and outreach. They can help answer your questions and help you with submissions. Please contact them at: ameis@westlinnoregon.gov

Please be safe out there.

Mayor Russ