

### Harvest Festival and Fall Frolic 5k

The annual Fall Harvest Festival and Fall Frolic 5k took place on the same day this year, on October 26th at the Stein Boozier Barn. The event ran smoothly, and the weather cooperated once again! About 45 runners turned out for the 5k course through Memorial Park trails. The event also hosted horse and carriage rides by Chaffin Farms, Face Painting from Fancy Faces by Amy, pumpkin decorating, cider and cookies, a

story time from the Wilsonville Library and a photo station. The top 3 finishers of the 5k received a pumpkin pie and wooden finishers medal. This years sponsors were Therapeutic Associates of Wilsonville, and Renewal by Anderson. Attendees of the Harvest Fest brought toiletry items to donate to Wilsonville Community Sharing in lieu of an entry fee.







Twenty-two students and three chaperones from our Sister City of Kitakata, Japan came to visit Wilson-ville in October. The trip spanned 10 days and was part of an educational experience for middle school students in Kitakata. The students and chaperones (many of which had never been to America) spent time exploring the local area, learning in Wilsonville schools, and participating in Fall Holiday activities such as Halloween, and pumpkin carving. Trips included a day to the Columbia River Gorge with stops at the discovery center, Multnomah Falls, Crown Point, and the Fish Hatchery. Another day trip to the Oregon Coast included stops at Newport beach, and the Aquarium. The Wilsonville Sister City Association (WSCA) put together a wonderful itinerary, and the students said they loved every minute. Roughly 20 local Wilsonville Families opened their homes for the students to stay for the duration of their trip. Many students said that the homestay visits were











# October 2019 **Wilsonville Sister City Visit:**



## **Board Updates:**

**Parks & Rec. Board:** The Board met on October 10th to distribute the Community Opportunity Grant. The Board has also expressed interest in doing research about the possibility of hosting City run summer programs. **Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.:** The WCSI Fashion Show was postponed until spring due to low registration numbers. The Board is partnering with Community Center staff to offer a free Emergency Preparedness Program on Sat Jan 18th at 1:30 pm at the Community Center.

## **Parks Maintenance Updates:**

- Cleaned offensive graffiti from signs/benches/bathrooms/sidewalks etc...
- Cleaned vandalism from Town Center Park Bathroom
- Began seasonal leaf clean up
- Installed drainage at new dog park site
- Ordered new holiday lights for tree lighting
- Prepared barn for Harvest Festival
- Prepared 5k route for Fall Frolic 5k





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