



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Bottle Drop Fundraiser

Weaving Fala is now working with Bottle Drop of Oregon to aid in our fundraising efforts as we make strides towards greater self-sustainability. As a result, a designated can and bottle recycling is now finding a home in the Mugs Coffee House lobby. Your intentionality to place depositable cans and bottles into this bin is sincerely appreciated. The money we raise through bottle drop will go directly back to the community, funding *Kindred Charms*, where all profits go towards our free Level Up student programs.



Upcoming Holidays



- ★ **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**
- ★ **ELECTION DAY**
NOVEMBER 4TH
- ★ **VETERANS DAY**
NOVEMBER 11TH
- ★ **THANKSGIVING**
NOVEMBER 27

In Other News...

Weaving Fala is continuing our third year of running our free Level Up Programs for all grade levels and we would love for your students to join us! Visit Weavingfala.org and select the Programs drop down menu to learn more about the programs and to sign up! We also offer advocacy support to students and their families in the community. To reach out and learn more, contact support@weavingfala.org.

Excerpt of “To This Day” by Shane Koyczan

“We weren’t the only kids who grew up this way.

To this day, kids are still being called names. The classics were, “hey stupid”. “hey spaz”.

Seems like each school has an arsenal of names getting updated every year.

And if a kid breaks in a school and no one around chooses to hear... Do they make a sound?

Or are they just the background noise of a soundtrack stuck on repeat, when people say things like “kids can be cruel”?

Every school was a big top circus tent, and the pecking order went from acrobats to lion tamers- from clowns to carnies.

All of these were miles ahead of who we were- we were freaks. Lobster claw boys and bearded ladies. Oddities juggling depression and loneliness, playing solitaire, spin the bottle, trying to kiss the wounded parts of ourselves and heal.

But at night while the others slept, we kept walking the tightrope. It was practice- and yes, some of us fell.

But I want to tell them that all of this is just debris left over when we finally decide to smash all the things we thought we used to be.

And if you can’t see anything beautiful about yourself: get a better mirror. Look a little closer. Stare a little longer. Because there’s something inside you that made you keep trying despite everyone who told you to quit.

You built a cast around your broken heart and signed it yourself; you signed it, “they were wrong”.

Because maybe you didn’t belong to a group or a clique. Maybe they decided to pick you last for basketball or everything.

Maybe you used to bring bruises and broken teeth to show and tell but never told, because how can you hold your ground if everyone around you wants to bury you beneath it?

You have to believe that they were wrong. They have to be wrong.

Why else would we still be here?

We grew up learning to cheer on the underdog because we see ourselves in them. We stem from a root planted in the belief that we are not what we were called. We are not abandoned cars stalled out and sitting empty on a highway; and in some way we are- don’t worry, we only got out to walk and get gas.

We are graduating members from the class of “we made it”. Not the faded echoes of voices crying out “names will never hurt me”... Of course they did.

But our lives will only ever always continue to be a balancing act, that has less to do with pain, and more to do with beauty.”

WEAVING FALA SPONSORS

Weaving Fala is so thankful to our sponsors. With their support, we are able to confidently serve our community as a growing grass-roots organization. This month we are honored to highlight The Collins Foundation, Linn County Health Services and The Heatherington Foundation. Their partnership and sponsorship supports us to make confident strides towards fulfilling our mission for Lebanon.



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