

Buzzin' Around Madrona

January 2013



Dear Parents,

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. That is mostly due to frequent bouts of colds, flu and sometimes illnesses like strep throat. We want to help you in any way we can. Remember it is important for you to decide if your child is in mild discomfort or is truly ill. Any child that is throwing-up, has an unexplained rash, diarrhea, or a temp above 100, should probably be kept home. All illnesses are excused with a phone call or note from you within 48 hours of the illness. The best defense against illness is to help your child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy diet and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Also, make sure your child washes his/her hands often. This helps remove harmful bacteria that can make you and your child sick. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance or health issues.

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, back packs, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed our lost and found in the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

Also, there is a lost and found rack in th e cafeteria that parents can check at any time.

January Calendar

- 7- First day of school after winter break
- 7-Feb 2 – PTA coin drive starts
- 10 – Site Council in library @2:10
- 15 – PTA Meeting in library @ 2:20
- 15 – Winter Program @ 6:00 p.m. in gym
- 21 – **No School** Martin Luther King Day
- 25 – Pride Day Assembly in gym @ 1:00 p.m.
- 31 – Progress Reports go home



Attendance

A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, Doctor's appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is not in school if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say "Hello" to activate the message.** **Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

Scholastic Book Fair 2013

Display is coming to our school February 1-7, 2013!

Order online beginning 1/27/13-2/16/13

Visit our website:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/madrona>

More Details To Come! LET'S READ!

February Calendar

- 4-22 – State Wide Testing
- 4-7 – Madrona Book Fair
- 6 – Evening Teacher Conferences
- 7 – **No School** Teacher Conferences
- 8 – **No School**
- 11-22 – Read-A-Thon
- 14 – Valentines Class Parties
- 18 – **No school** President's Day
- 19 – PTA Meeting in library @ 2:20
- 22 – Pride Day Assembly in gym @ 1:00 p.m.
- 28 – Site Council Meeting in Library @ 2:00
- March 1 – Dr. Seuss / PBIS Big Event



From the desk of the family advocate

Winter months can be hard on our Hornets! With our playground forming puddles, often students will need to change to dry clothing, and/or dry shoes. We are very happy to provide students with these supplies; however, it is important that we have these items returned to the school, so that we do not run out. If your child comes home with something we have "loaned" him/her, please make sure that the item is washed and returned to school promptly. This will help to keep our supply closet well stocked and available to all of our Hornets. We will happily accept your donated "gently used" clothing in sizes that would fit kindergarten through fifth grades. Thank you for all of your past donations, too! Thank you, Andrea

State Assessment Tests

Each year all third, fourth and fifth grade students are assessed in both reading and math achievement. At 5th grade science will also be assessed. These assessments are aligned with the state Standards for each grade level. These assessments are one of the indicators that a student has successfully learned the skills needed in that subject area. Our students will begin those assessments in February. Our students work hard along with our teaching staff to achieve those goals. You can support good learning success by making sure your child is doing their homework each week and that he or she is reading at home on a regular basis. Good attendance, reasonable bed times, eating a nutritious breakfast, and your interest in what is happening at school are all ways you can help your child to achieve his or her highest potential. Talk to your child each day about what they like in school, what is difficult and who they enjoy as their friends at school. Just showing interest reminds your child that you value them and their school experience! Last year most of our students showed gains towards meeting statewide learning goals. This year, we hope to improve student growth with your help! Thanks for being our partners in this amazing

Madrona's Take 'N Bake Pizzas!

Order your Pizza today for only \$10.95!!

Toppings include:



Red or Green Bell Peppers, Mushrooms, Olives, Onions, Pineapple, Ham, Pepperoni, Ground Beef, Pork Sausage, or you can get Plain Cheese

Please place your order by 9 am

Battle of the Books

Our students are busily reading books for the B.O.B. challenge! District Competitions will be held Sat. April 27th from 8:30-1:00 pm (location to be announced). Soon, permission slips will be sent home.

We will be looking for parent volunteers this year to help quiz students during our lunch hours beginning the middle of February. If you can help, please call the office at (541)476-6624 and ask to speak with Brenda Haberman. Thank you.

An Invitation to Apply for Appointment to the Three Rivers School District Board of Education

The Three Rivers School District Board of Education invites all interested patrons to apply for a vacant Zone 2 position on the Board of Education. The Board will appoint the new member to fill an unexpired position with a term to run from February 11, 2013 to June 30, 2013. They may file to run for this position in the next May election. The new board member will be selected from the list of applicants.

To be eligible for appointment the candidate must:

- 1) Live in Zone 2 Precinct (the Hidden Valley attendance area which encompasses the Hamilton, Robertson, Jerome Prairie, New Hope and Slate Creek Precincts;
- 2) Lived in the district at least one-year immediately preceding the election;
- 3) Not an officer or employee of the School District; and
- 4) Be a qualified voter of the School District.

Applications are available at the District Office or online at www.threerivers.k12.or.us and must be received no later than Monday, February 4, 2013 by 4:00 PM. Please call 862-3111 Ext. 5217 if you need more information.

Three Rivers School District
Superintendent's Office
PO Box 160
Murphy, OR 97533

Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 541-862-3111

P.T.A. News

The Madrona P.T.A. has a lot going on! Fundraisers to benefit the many student activities and facility needs and programs around the Madrona campus have begun, and we thank each of you for your very helpful participation. Kids Believe product sale was good. Thank you to each and every one who helped to make this event happen. Special thanks go out to all of our volunteers who came and worked in our Santa Store.

Madrona students and families we have collected \$696.80 in Box Tops for Education since the beginning of the school year. Way to go Madrona Hornets! Please continue to collect and turn in your Box Tops for education, and Campbell's Soup labels. These two programs bring in money for our school. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

Also, Target Red card allows you to choose Madrona to donate 1% of your RED card purchases at Target. Sign up at Target.com. It's that simple.

School Security

I know each of you must be thinking about the security of our schools for your children. Each school faces their own unique building layout and problems that impact safety. This month I will be conducting a lockdown drill to practice how to be safe at school. This is not to scare children. It is to give them the tools to react in the best possible ways in a true emergency. The drills also give us information about what is not working or is unclear about our procedures. It helps us improve our procedures so we can be as safe as possible. We have lockdown drills every few months.

We take the responsibility of trying to keep our students safe seriously. We know you have fears for your child. We do, too. We are partners and will continue to work to make our school as safe as we can. Thanks for taking a few minutes in the future to encourage your child to trust the adults at school and to take all drills, earthquake, fire or lockdowns seriously. Those practices can save lives.

Hello Parents!



My name is Sally Schulte, and I enjoyed teaching your kids last Spring about nutrition and healthy eating habits. This program is funded by Oregon State University Extension and USDA SNAP Program. I will be returning to Madrona starting April 3rd for another five week session on nutrition, we will have fun!

In the meantime, you might want to check out FoodHero.org. With Food Hero, you will be able to budget for, plan, and create countless healthy, super tasty meals. Food Hero will become your family's "go to" site for everything food. Within the website there are healthy and tasty recipes, meal ideas, budgeting, shopping, and many more cooking tips and tools, plus ways to connect with other Food Heroes.

Some of the yummy recipes include: Apple Bars, Quick Lasagna, and Indonesian Stir Fry. Food Hero is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in English and Spanish. Here you can learn how to increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables in your family meals that everyone can enjoy. When you make healthy eating a family affair, everyone benefits.

Food Hero is an initiative of Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), which was developed by Oregon State University Extension Service.

Reading is an Investment

...Sponsored by the Oregon State Treasurer's Office and the Oregon College Savings Plan. Students may enter individually or with their class as a project. Read books that help students learn about money and savings. For completion, awards are given, and a chance to win a \$500 college savings plan account. Winning schools also will receive a \$500 cash award for books!!

Need more info: visit www.ost.state.or.us or contact the Treasury office at 1-800-378-4329

Very Important Weather Information

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO 1270 AM 476-6608 or 476-5256
KLDL 98.3 FM 474-7292
KRWQ 99 FM 474-3026
KRRM 94.7 FM 479-6497
KBOY 95.7 FM 779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI Channel 5
KDRV Channel 12
KTVL Channel 10

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.



2012/2013 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS Straight Line Routes For: Madrona,

In the event of adverse weather conditions parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJO, KLDL, KBOY and TV Stations KOBI (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10) or the 3 Rivers School District Web Page for information on school bus schedules.

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations. When straight line routes are run the roads affected are listed below.

If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

| <u>ROUTE#</u> | <u>STREET NAME</u> |
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| B-07 | Missouri Flat, Kubli Road, Slagle Creek, Humbug (Right & Left Fork), Scott Drive |
| B-08 | Grays Creek, Copper Drive, Past Hidden Valley HS on Murphy Cree |
| B-09 | All roads will be traveled |
| B-10 | All roads will be traveled |
| B-11 | Moonbeam |
| B-12 | Weatherbee, Keen Road, Bull Creek, Turtle Lane, Cheney Creek Road |

64th Annual Be Kind to Animals Poster & Story Contest

Each year students in Oregon are invited to either create a poster or write a short story portraying a part of the Oregon Humane Society's mission. Winning posters and stories are displayed in the OHS Education Hall, on the OHS website and are featured in the OHS quarterly magazine. Posters and stories may also be used to promote events and shelter programs.

Deadline: entries must be received by Friday, March 22, 2013. Contact the OHS Education office at (503) 416-5034 to learn more or go to the website: <http://www.oregonhumane.org/services/contests.asp> to learn about the theme and contest rules.

AR Awards

For November

Ready Reader

Nicholas Atchley
Drake Chalker
Hank Dumas
Peyton Jones
Kai Obien
Seth Sheely

Super Reader continued

Kloey Rich
Noah Riegel
Zaria Sauer
Hunter Sharp
Spencer Tatom
Rylie Terpening
James Watson

Independent Reader

Logan Dove
Ethan Graeber
Ashleigh Marrs
Andres Mena
Vance Milburn
Annie Nelson
Rafe Perazzo

Advanced Reader

Breanna Boyle
Drew Clem
Gabe Dewey
Isavella Francini
Brynn Graham
Preston Jarvis
Madison William

Rising Reader

Abigail Acosta
Josh Basham
Sissy Fimbres
Tyler Houska

Star Reader

Jonny Burgess
Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Charlie Jarvis
Jacqueline Loeliger
Ricci Mendes
Maliah Obien
Breckon Todd

Super Reader

Ashton Basham
Emma Cooper
Connor Daily
Alexis Gomez
Isaac Hill
Liam Jolman
Sean Marrs

Classic Reader

Joseph Gerson
Jada Hurley
Tenley Williams

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club

Spring Season Registration is upon us!

January 8th – February 6th

Registration Fees:

U06/Kinder \$45

U07 – U10 \$70

U12 – U14 \$85



*Third child discount of \$35 each for U7-U14 within same household

All players must register online at

www.gpsoccer.org

Grants Pass National Little League

Sign ups are being held at

The Bear Hotel (except where noted below)

2101 NE Spalding Ave.

Grants Pass, OR 97526

January 5 & 12 9:00am-3:00pm

January 17, 5:00pm-8:00pm

January 23, 5:00am-8:00pm

February 2, 10:00am-2:00pm (Abby's on Williams Hwy)

February 6, 5:00pm-8:00pm



Registration dates are for both American and National Leagues. For more information call American League: 541-441-2788

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