



Fleming News

*December
2009*

Quick Calendar

11/20	End of 1st Trimester
11/23-27	Thanksgiving Week—No School
11/30-12/11	Canned Food Drive
12/5	WA. DC Trip Rummage Sale & NVHS Bazaar
12/5	Band—Downtown Parade
12/10	6th Grade Band Concert
12/17	Holiday Lunch
12/17	After School Dance

Canned Food Drive

Fleming's annual canned food drive will run from November 30 to December 11. Please send in canned and/or boxed food items that will be given to families in need during the holiday. With the slow economy, even one item helps out someone in need. The class with the most donations will receive a surprise!

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Greg Tardieu—Principal

Heather Yount—Assistant
Principal

Jerry Keeling—Counselor

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Champion School!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our Magazine/Cookie Dough fundraiser was a great success. Our students did a great job helping bring in the funds that we needed to purchase our new computer lab. Our District's technology gurus are hard at work putting together all of the details for the creation of this new computer lab.

This is a really positive endeavor on the part of our Parent Teacher Organization. We will hopefully have our students typing 40 words per minute and using the MyAccess! online essay grading program more regularly. Our students will truly benefit from the additional computer lab space made possible by all those who participated in this fundraiser.

Thank you for all of your support,

Greg Tardieu
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As the first trimester draws to a close, the Fleming Rogues are as successful as ever. We have begun our first round of OAKS testing. We have been amazed at the individual progress and the growth that our students are experiencing. Our academic competitions are beginning today as our eighth grade students are defending the American Math Competition district title from last year. The Battle of the Books lists have been distributed and we have many students beginning to read these books getting ready to bring back the first place trophy to Fleming for the second year in a row. Other competitions such as Mock Trial, the Geography Bee and the District's Spelling Bee have all started to generate excitement as the school year progresses.

At the completion of our fall sports season, we had an exciting competition. Our girls' cross country team captured the first place title at the SOMSAC District meet. I would like to extend congratulations to Coach Stuckey and his girls' team for this outstanding victory.

The boys' basketball season is underway. The seventh grade team is led by Coach Keeling and the eighth grade team by Coach Terry Mathews. These two teams have already made amazing progress out on the court. The boys are working hard and representing Fleming in a positive way.

Finally, I would just like to thank all of our families for their support in academics, behavioral expectations, and athletics at Fleming. We are a strong learning community. Without a combined effort, our students would not be as successful as they are!

Thanks for all you do.

Heather Yount
Assistant Principal
Fleming Middle School

FLEMING

PTO

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, November 19 at 3:15 pm in the library. If you're interested in volunteering at any of our school dances, sporting events, etc., please call Wendy Davey at 890-3142 or Pam Kudlac at 476-8284.

Thank You A Bunch!

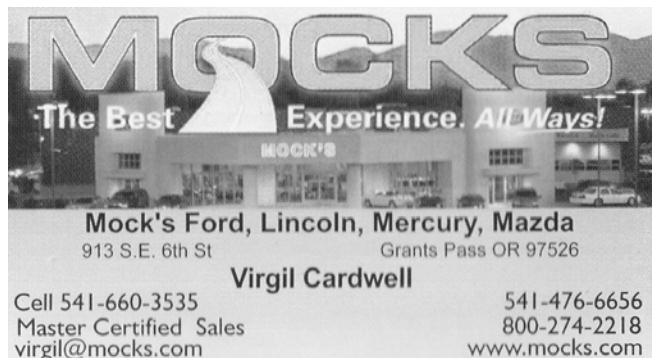
PTO Mission Statement:

To make a difference by serving the school through volunteering and fundraising!

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS

Oregon Law added new requirements for immunizations as of the 2008/2009 school year. All 7th graders who have not met the requirement need to have one additional vaccine or an appropriate medical or religious exemption by the 2009/2010 school year. Please check your child's records to be sure he/she has the following:

Tdap Vaccine – 1 dose

Tdap offers protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is given to adolescents and adults 10-64 years old. It is different from the DTaP, which is given to children younger than 7 years. Your student will need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine. If your student does not have the Tdap shot, contact your child's doctor or call the Josephine County Health Department (541) 474-5353 to make an appointment. It is important to get an early start on updating your child's immunization information. All updated information should be sent to Fleming Middle School. If you have any questions you can call (541) 476-8284 and talk to Maria at Fleming. Thank you for your attention to this.

Events & Schedules

Toys For Tots

The Marine Corp. has given us a barrel to collect new, unwrapped toys for children in the community. Please drop off toys in our office and help make a child's Holiday a little happier.

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Activity Bus Schedule

Activity busses run on ALMOST every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year. There are some exceptions to this rule-so parents must check the Activity Bus schedule to insure that their student will have a late ride home.

December Activity bus days:

Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
1		3
8		10
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After School Dances

Fleming holds after school dances about once a month. We try to hold them on Thursdays but sometimes we have to move them due to other conflicting after school activities. The proceeds of these dances go toward spirit activities, PBS rewards and a variety of athletic needs. The entrance cost of \$4.00 has not changed in the past 10 years. There may be discounts to students who have "Gold Cards."

Riverside Salon
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Art "Growth"

Art is "sprouting" in room 13, the seventh grade hallway, and in the office! Various mediums have been introduced to each grade level to keep the excitement "budding." In addition, we have different styles and master artists emphasized this month such as Pointillism with Seurat, Impressionism with Renoir, Realism with da Vinci, and perspective with Giotto.

Sixth graders are currently working on using a vanishing point to create forms that appear to come out at the viewer, and they will be starting watercolors soon. Seventh graders are doing landscapes and animals using markers in the pointillist and impressionist styles. Our Fleming eighth grade artists are working on self portraits in pencil. All of the master artist portraits are an inspiration for this project.

After Christmas break we will be preparing for our annual Fleming Art Show in the Fleming Library, followed by our downtown Firehouse Gallery Art Exhibition in March. These events should be fun for all.

Fleming's Web Page

Yearbooks are going online. This year you may take photos at school activities and email them to our web page.

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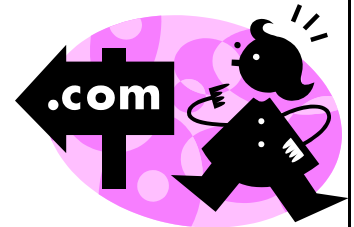
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(that's Fleming with two m's)

- Click on "Image Share."
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information.
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Have fun, and thanks for the help making our yearbook even better!



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Purchase your Yearbook Early

Fleming Yearbooks on sale NOW!

Get your FULL COLOR yearbook for only \$27 if you order by December 31st (\$32.00 after December 31st). Have your child's name imprinted on their yearbook cover for an additional \$5.00.

You can go to the Fleming Web Page at www.threerivers.k12.or.us select Fleming Middle School under the Schools Tab and click on the Yearbook Order link to order using a credit card (secure site) or go online to at www.JostensYearbooks.com

Middle Years

Working together for school success

Short Stops



Waiting patiently

Does your child expect everything to happen *now*? If a friend doesn't call back immediately or her teacher hasn't graded her project yet, encourage her to come up with possible explanations. Maybe her friend is at a movie or the teacher has 100 assignments to grade. Thinking reasonably can help her be patient.

History lesson

When you're out with your middle grader, read historic markers together. These roadside plaques tell what happened in a particular spot (a trail was discovered, a famous person was born). Suggest that your child visit your library to learn more about an event. *Tip:* Read markers around the country at www.historicmarkers.com.

After-school snacks

Your youngster can make healthy treats in a flash. Have him top apple slices with low-fat cream cheese and raisins or stuff a whole-wheat pita pocket with hummus and shredded carrots. For an on-the-go snack, he might make trail mix by filling a plastic bag with cashew nuts, pretzels, dried cherries, and cereal rings.

Worth quoting

"Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Joshua J. Marine

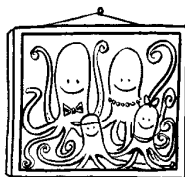
Just for fun

Teacher:

What family does the octopus belong to?

Student:

No family that I know!



Plugged in—safely

Whether at home, in the library, or at a friend's house, your child is likely to be online these days. Use these guidelines to be sure he stays safe in cyberspace.

Social networking

Sites like Facebook and MySpace are becoming more popular with middle graders. If your child has an account, have him add you to his list of friends. (*Note:* He must be 13 to join.) That way, you can see who his online friends are and keep an eye on his postings. Make sure his profile is private, and ask him to mark photos so that only friends (not "friends of friends") can view them.

Surfing

Does your youngster browse sites about sports, celebrities, or other topics? The seemingly endless amount of information online is appealing to middle graders, but it's not always appropriate. Help your child create a list of safe "favorites," including kid-friendly search engines like www.quinturakids.com or <http://kids.yahoo.com>. You can also set



parental controls that limit what your middle grader can view. (For instructions, type "parental controls" into a search engine.)

Instant messaging

Many middle schoolers love instant messaging—it's fast-paced and lets them talk to multiple pals at once. But "cyberbullies" also use IM, so your child should accept messages only from friends or relatives. If someone harasses him online, he should report it to the IM provider and block the person from his buddy list.

Note: If you have a computer at home, keep it where you can supervise your child. Check the sites he's on, and discuss what he's doing online. 🍷

Writing break

Writing for just five minutes a day can build your youngster's skills. Suggest that she:

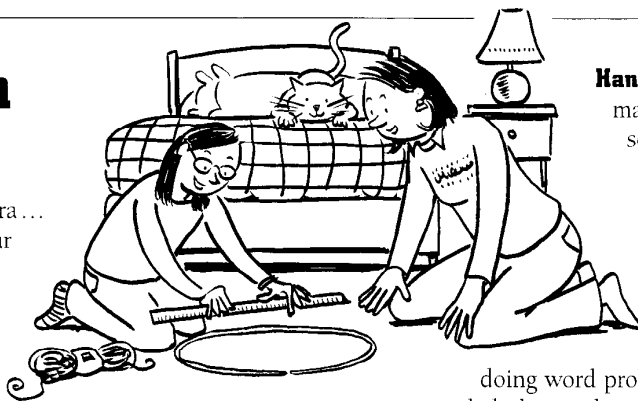
- Jot down song lyrics. Your middle grader may enjoy writing about what she thinks they mean or how they make her feel.
- Start a list of books she plans to read. She might include the title, the author's name, and a short description. When she finishes a book, she can add her opinion.
- Keep track of family news. Your child can record her softball stats or a younger sibling's progress in karate. She might use these reports to start a family newsletter to send to relatives. 🍷



Keys to math success

Basic math, pre-algebra, algebra... no matter what kind of math your middle grader is taking this year, these tips will help her succeed.

Mental math. Your child will solve math problems faster when she can do simple calculations in her head. Ask her to help you with everyday math. For instance, she can double a recipe to practice multiplying fractions ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup $\times 2 = 1\frac{1}{2}$ cups). Or she can tally numbers while you shop to see whether you're carrying enough cash to pay the total.



Hands-on practice. Using hands-on materials will help your middle schooler visualize—and learn—math concepts. If she's working on geometry problems involving diameter, radius, and circumference, she can form circles with string or yarn and use a ruler to make measurements. If she's

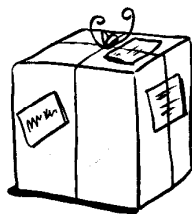
doing word problems, have her draw the story on paper to help her understand what the question is.

Math terms. Suggest that your child make a list of math vocabulary words. She can keep it handy at homework time and add to it as she learns new terms. Encourage her to define each word and give examples ("Integer: whole number, positive or negative, including zero. Examples: 1, -1, 0, 2, -2"). Writing down the terms will help her remember and understand them. 👍

Be a volunteer

Your child can help people in your neighborhood or around the world by serving as a volunteer. He'll learn that one person really can make a difference! Share these three ideas to get him started:

1. Send a care package to a soldier you know or ask friends and neighbors for a name. Your middle schooler can fill shoe boxes with travel-sized hygiene items and non-perishable snacks. Find suggestions at www.operationshobox.com.



2. Participate in a charity walk or run. Your youngster might choose a cause, like cancer or diabetes, that affects someone you know. Encourage him to raise pledge money by babysitting or shoveling side-walks. *Note:* Look for listings of events in the local newspaper.

3. Call a local elementary school to volunteer after school or at an evening activity. Your child could help set up for a science fair or play games with families at a math night. 👍

Q & A Time to unwind

Q My son likes school, but he seems stressed out from the work. How can I help him cope?

A When children are stressed, they may feel they don't have time to relax. Taking time to unwind can relieve your son's stress and make the rest of his day more productive. For instance, he might listen to music before dinner or read at bedtime. Encourage him to spend an afternoon on a hobby, such as woodworking or baseball cards.

Also, be sure to share ways that you handle stress—perhaps by taking walks or chatting with friends. Finally, be alert for signs that the stress is too much for your son. If you notice major changes in his behavior, such as mood swings or difficulty eating or sleeping, call his doctor for advice. 👍



Parent to Parent Learning a foreign language

When my daughter started Spanish class, she was excited to speak a new language. But Allison's interest faded as the vocabulary list grew. I thought it might help if I tried learning some Spanish words along with her.

When we went grocery shopping, I asked her to help me read Spanish product labels. That way, we both picked up new words, like *arroz* for rice and *jugo* for juice. Then, I suggested that she label

items around the house by writing the Spanish words on sticky notes. She put *la nevera* on our refrigerator and *el espejo* on a mirror.

I'm making a point of using the words she has posted. For instance, when I'm baking I'll ask her to get the eggs from *la nevera*. Allison is excited to be "teaching" me—and I notice that she's doing better on her vocabulary quizzes! 👍



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Huge Indoor Yard Sale

**Benefiting the FMS STUDENTS going to
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Saturday, December 5, 2009

8:00am to 3:00pm

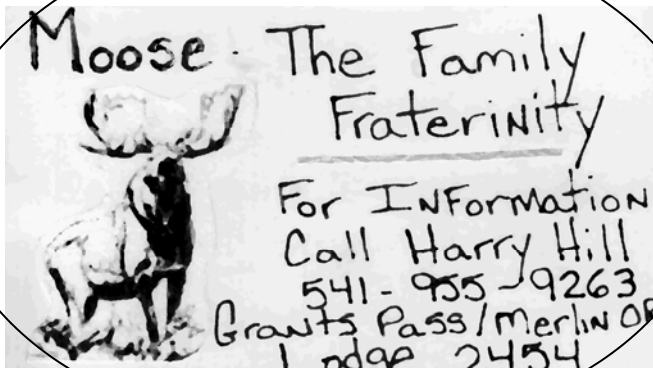
Fleming Middle School Gym

DONATIONS ACCEPTED



Contact Mr. Jelderks for more info.

Interested in helping sponsor the 2010 Washington DC Trip? Advertise in the Fleming Newsletter for only \$12.50 per month. Order forms available in the Fleming office or from students participating in the trip.



Sports Page

Fleming Basketball Schedule

Please note that all games are subject to change.

Wednesday, 12/02	@ Rogue River	4:00
Thursday, 12/03	@ Eagle Point	4:30
Monday, 12/07	White Mountain @ Home	4:00
Wednesday, 12/09	Hanby @ Home	4:00
Monday, 12/14	@ Lorna Byrne	4:00
Wednesday, 12/16	@ Lincoln Savage	4:00

7th Grade games will be played first on Mondays and Tuesdays, 8th Grade games will be played first on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Reminder: All spectators must "root" for their team or the opposing team in a *positive manner*. Negative comments about the opposing team and/or negative comments directed at the referees could be grounds for removal from any facility. Let's all remember that this is Middle School Sports and we are all just beginners doing our best.



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Pay To Play

The cost of playing in competitive sports in the Three Rivers School District for middle schoolers this year was reduced to \$75.00.

There is no family cap as in the past; However, make no mistake, no child will be turned away from extra-curricular activities due to the cost of playing. Fleming has many payment plans and individual fundraisers for helping pay these fees. See Heather Yount—Athletic Director for more payment arrangements.

What Does Your Fee Pay For?

We often get questions about what our fees pay for. In a nutshell, most of our fees pay for transportation and referees. A simple bus ride to Medford and back can cost upwards of \$300.00, depending on total trip time. Uniforms and equipment really don't get much of this money. Our after school dances and our PTO have taken on a large part of the cost of athletics. Truth be told, comparing a \$75.00 fee for extra curricular activities which last for up to two months is a real bargain compared to other sports offered around town.

Candy Sales

Your student athlete may be coming home soon with one box of 50 chocolate bars. Please help us reinforce the importance of keeping these bars in a cool place and to please support our efforts to sell them quickly so we can focus on more important things like improving our athletic abilities. If you have any questions about this fundraiser please contact our athletic secretary, Pam Kudlac.

LUNCH MENU

WEEK ONE

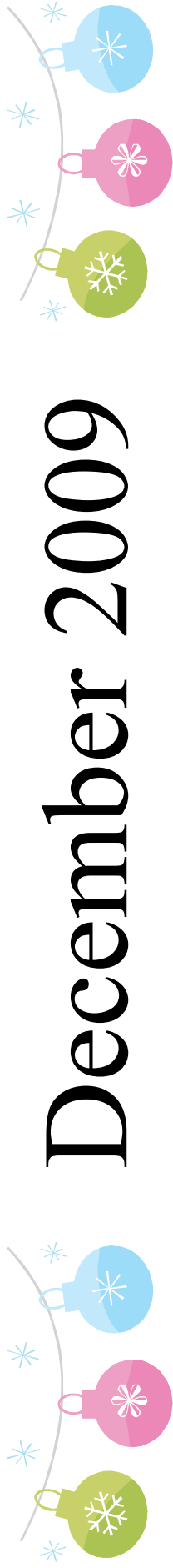
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
1. Teriyaki Beef Rice Bowl	Big Taco	Pasta w/ Alfredo Sauce	Chicken Nuggets	Rib-B-Q Sandwich
2. Corn Dog	Super Nachos	Quesadilla	Weiner Wrap	Fishwich
3. Chicken Burger	Spicy Chicken	Hamburger	Spicy Chicken	Chicken Burger
4. Hamburger	Cheese Burger	Chicken Burger	Cheese Burger	Hamburger
5. Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza	Italian Griller	Cheese Pizza	Pepperoni Pizza
6. Cheese Pizza	Taco Pizza	Hawaiian Pizza	Cheese Pizza	
7. Vegetarian Pizza	Sausage/Pepperoni		Combination Pizza	All Meat Pizza
8. <u>Grab-N-Go Sands</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Sands</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Sands</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Sands</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Sands</u>
Turkey/Cheese	Turkey/Cheese	Turkey/Cheese	Turkey/Cheese	Turkey/Cheese
Classic	Italian	Ham/Cheese	Italian	Spicy Chicken Wrap
Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie
9. <u>Grab-N-Go Salads</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Salads</u>	<u>Grab- N-Go Salads</u>	<u>Grab-N-Go Salads</u>	<u>Grab- N-Go Salads</u>
Garden or	Garden or	Garden or	Garden or	Garden or
Mandarin Chicken	Anti Pasta	Chef	Garden Chicken	Anti Pasta

LUNCH MENU

WEEK TWO

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
1. Sweet/Sour Chicken Rice Bowl	Bean and Cheese Burrito	Pasta w/Marinara or meat sauce	Chicken Strips	Rib-B-Q Sandwich
2. Hot Dog	Super Nachos	Quesadilla	Weiner Wrap	Fishwich
3. Chicken Burger	Spicy Chicken	Hamburger	Spicy Chicken	Chicken Burger
4. Hamburger	Cheese Burger	Chicken Burger	Cheese Burger	Hamburger
5. Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza	Italian Griller	Cheese Pizza	Pepperoni Pizza
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Mandarin Chicken	Anti Pasta	Chef	Garden Chicken	Anti Pasta

Offered with Energy Download Entrée Selections are a variety of side items including fresh vegetables, fresh or canned fruit and your choice of 1% milk or non-fat chocolate milk. Each reimbursement meal must include a choice of entrée and side item.



December 2009

AB = Activity Bus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 ← AB	1 C AB	2 Basketball @ Rogue River	3 Basket Ball @Eagle Point AB	4	5 Band—Downtown Parade
6	7 Basketball @Home	8 AB	9 Basketball @Home	10 AB 6th gr. Band Concert	11	12
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13	14 Basketball @Lorna Byrne	15 AB	16 Basketball @Lincoln Savage	17 After School Dance-Holiday Lunch	18	19
20	21	22 AB	23	24	25	26
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