

# Buzzin' Around Madrona

## May/June 2013



Dear Parents,

Our next PBIS event is being planned and it is going to be a wonderful day for kids! Our site council has been working on our event for Tuesday, June 4th. The theme of this event is a field day. Kids will participate and compete in some good, old fashioned fun. We will have events, like relays, (including a silly dress up version), skills games such as toss the ball into the hat, pin the stinger on the hornet, and artistic endeavors like sidewalk chalk art or painting. We look forward to putting on this great 1/2 day event and look forward to parents, kids and staff having a great time together.

How do kids get to participate in this last special PBIS event? They must maintain good school behavior. That means no more than one bus citation or referral this term. Two of either will prevent kids from attending. Kids who have more than 6 visits to ed lab for behavior will not be able to attend this event. Our students are well aware of our three big rules. Be safe, respectful and responsible. Please help them by encouraging them each day to do their best! We want as many students as possible to join in this special day of silly, old fashioned fun. Be looking for more information in the teacher's weekly newsletters.

As our year begins to draw to a close, I want to thank each of you for taking the time to read this message. Your child's education is so important and sometimes this is our only means of communicating a variety of important information to each of you!

### **Clothing reminders:**

As our weather warms up, please remind your child about appropriate school dress:

No spaghetti or bra straps or tank tops with low cut necks or under arms.

No backless or bare midriff tops. Belly buttons should not show. Pants also need to be cut high enough for modesty both in the front and back.

No flip flops or other strapless shoes. Shoes need to have a strap around the back of the foot as well as

across the top in order to protect feet. Closed toes are best for playground safety. Girls should also avoid wearing high heels. Those should be saved for special events only such as Moving On or a field trip to the theatre.

Students who have inappropriate shoes may not be allowed to participate in outside recesses or other P.E. type activities for their safety.

Shorts should be fingertip length or longer.

No see through fabrics or those with multiple holes unless another shirt is underneath for modesty.

No Clothes with large or gaping holes that expose skin.

### **Student Behavior**

Don't forget that student behavior tends to change in ways that aren't always positive as the weather warms and the end of the year nears. It is important that you follow up on any concerns voiced by the teacher, the bus driver, or the office. We want each child to make safe and appropriate choices while at school or on the bus right up to the end! We appreciate your efforts to help us with that issue. **Some students who have repeated or serious referrals will not be allowed to attend field trips or participate in other fun events.**

## **Lost and Found**

**Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name!**

If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria.

There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

## Jerome Prairie/Madrona Consolidation

Dear Parents,

As most of you know, due to declining enrollment and continued loss of funding for our district, the board voted on April 15<sup>th</sup> to close Jerome Prairie School. Many of you are probably wondering,... What does this mean to Madrona School? It means that next year we will become a larger school. Currently we have about 225 students. Next year there will be between 360 and 380 students here at Madrona. Madrona once housed over 400 students. At that time there were portable classrooms on the campus. Next year we will have three extra classrooms on our campus. Our district is working hard with us to provide those classrooms and have them ready for the opening of school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Joining our two schools, while very difficult for the Jerome Prairie families, will over time provide some advantages to all of our students. Many of you know that in the last several years we have had many blended classrooms. We are hoping that we will have only one or two blends in our school. Currently between Jerome Prairie and Madrona we have four blends. We will also have two computer labs. This will make access to learning and using technology more available to our K-2 students. We will also have two teaching positions, the kindergarten and our special needs teacher who will no longer be on an every other day schedule. They will be full time. This will also be the case with me. I will once more be a full time principal for Madrona Elementary only. With these three positions full time students, parents and staff will have full access and benefit from contact with these teachers and the principal. We will also have a full time Title One teacher for the first time in over nine years. This will allow us to provide more intervention opportunities for our students.

Some things we need to do as a school include, welcoming Jerome Prairie into our school community. You might wonder, How can I help? You can help by being available to partner with them as they begin to know about our school. During the last week of summer prior to school opening we will host a fun hour and a half activity for JP and Md families to visit our school and see what is new for students. It is tentatively set for August 29<sup>th</sup>. More info will come home regarding that. Our annual registration day will be on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Classroom teacher assignments will be given out at that time. Thanks to everyone for helping our neighbors and new families to be informed and welcomed!

### **May Calendar**

May 2 – **No school** Furlough Day  
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May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 9 – Kindergarten Roundup  
May 16 – Site Council @2pm  
May 17 – Madrona Carnival  
May 21 – Volunteer Tea @ 12:30 pm  
May 27 – **No school** Memorial Day  
May 28 – PTA Meeting in library @ 2:10 pm  
May 31 – Pride Day Assembly



### **June Calendar**

June 4 – PBIS Field Day  
June 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip  
June 6 – All school awards assembly  
June 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Moving on ceremony  
June 7 – Class Parties @ 1pm

## **Kindergarten Roundup**



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2011, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00pm. You will need to bring original Birth Certificates, immunization records, and your new Kindergarten student when you come. We will meet in the office to fill out enrollment forms, make copies of Birth Certificates and immunization records. Then you will visit the Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs. McKee, our Kindergarten teacher, to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners here.

## **Free Meals!**

You mean there really is such a thing as a free meal? At Madrona there is! Breakfast is **FREE** **every day** for **EVERY STUDENT!** We offer a selection of nutritious, healthy, hot meals, including milk, and fresh fruit. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

## Extra, Extra! Read all about it!

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona.

## Public Web Site

You can visit us on-line to get up to date information anytime you wish. Please visit us at [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

### **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 862-3111.

## Spring Carnival & Basket Auction

Dear Madrona Families,

Our Spring Carnival is May 17 from 5-8pm. There will be a lot of fun activities to enjoy. We will have a bounce house & slide, face painting, balloon man, silent auction and many more fun carnival games. Food will be available for purchase. Each Class has a basket theme. Please look at the list below to see what your class basket theme is. All donations for our silent basket auction are most appreciated. All funds raised go directly to our school. Thank you for your donation.

**Mrs. McKee & Mrs. Gutierrez** - Fun in the Sun Beach Basket

**Mrs. Brucher & Mrs. Fisher** - Family fun night

**Mrs. Simpson & Mrs. Law** - BBQ Basket

**Ms. Goodin & Mrs. Bruscher** - Spa Basket

**Mrs. Watson, Mr. Jones, & Mrs. Rocha** - Pet Basket

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](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

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.

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS FINALISTS!**

Participants have been working hard this year reading ten books assigned by Three Rivers School District for our Battle of the Books competition. They had to pass AR tests of 80% or better on at least 8 out of 10 books. They also gave up 2-3 recesses a week for one month to practice questions about the book's details, author and title. Students who met these requirements then went on to take a test given by Mrs. VanBrunt. This takes a lot of dedication and hard work. We compliment everyone who tried out for this competition. Those who got the highest test scores were chosen to represent our school.

Congratulations to the following Madrona representatives:

Group 1 - Madison Williams, Kloey Rich, Ashley Dearth

Group 2 - Jada Hurley, Joseph Gerson, Payden Tavelli, Tenley Williams

These teams went on to compete at our district competition April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our students worked hard and did a fine job representing our school. Although we did not place, each child got a certificate from the district for competing. Our sister school, Jerome Prairie, won both first place ribbons in each level which was a nice way for them to finish before their school is closed!

## **Teacher Appreciation!**



May 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> is teacher appreciation week. It is a great time to teach your child the value of thanking others. Consider having your child create a special piece of art, bring a flower, or write a letter for their teacher. Your child will enjoy expressing his or her appreciation in a personal way and our hard working teaching staff will feel supported and cared for. Your participation is valued.



Dear Parents,

You and other family members are cordially invited to have a BBQ lunch with your child(ren) on Tuesday, June 4th. **Lunches MUST be ordered and PAID for no later than Tuesday, May 21st.** The food must be ordered in advance for this special lunch, and only enough will be ordered for the amount of people signed up. **We will not be able to accept orders after the deadline as there will not be enough food.**

Lunch prices are \$3.25 for adults & \$2.45 for non-students or pre-school age children. This includes an entrée, a trip through the variety bar, vegetable, and a beverage. Milk by itself is \$.50.

A letter will be sent home with you child.

## **Important Library Notice!!**

Last day students may take an AR test will be on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last day students may check out a book will be on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Library books must be returned before 2:00 pm on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students with outstanding books/fines will be sent notices. Books not returned or paid for by the end of school will result in a "hold" of their report card.



# **Accelerated Reader Achievements**

## **March 2012**

**Brucher:** Abigail Acosta, Joseph Carpenter, Sierra Fimbres, Nathan Guthrie, Kai Obien, Austin Panks, Marina Silver, Rylie Terpening, Madison Williams

**Buscher:** Brandon Beck, Cody Bettencourt, Colten Davis, Isabella Francini, Jose Lopez, Sean Marrs

**Goodin:** Jada Hurley, Noah Riegel, Hunter Sharp, Allie Therson,

**Law:** Dylan Anderson, Brett Fitzgerald, Emma Paulson

**Simpson:** Alexis Aispuro, Calie Callaway, Emma Cooper, Tiana Doney, Hank Dumas, Tristin Hanson-Damota, Dimas Linares, Gabe Paulson, Zaria Sauer, Spencer Tatom

**(Strangis) Gutierrez:** Keizer Daily, Aries Jump, Wyatt Lilla-Bare, Malachi Loeliger, Hillary Madris, Hailey Mcloud, Savannah Monize, Regan Moran, Josh Rich, Blake Schreiber, Caine Tatom

We would like to give a Thank you to El Patron Restaurant for donating to our school. For every visit to El Patron with this coupon, they will donate 10% of the bill to our school. Every penny earned goes to our students. In April we received \$55 to use for improvements.

<b>El Patron Mexican Restaurant</b>	
Will Donate 10% of the total Bill to: <u>Madrona Elementary School</u>	
Please simply present this coupon at time of visit	
El Patron Restaurant 799 Rogue River Hwy Grants Pass, OR 97527 541-476-4544	Authorized by: <u>Emilio and Josefina Guerrero</u>

**Grants Pass Pop Warner Football**  
Sign-ups: @ Bear Hotel, 2101 NE Spalding Ave.

May 16, 2013 @ 6pm to 8pm

May 31, 2013 @ 6pm to 8pm

June 8, 2013 @ 5pm to 8pm

Registration Fee \$175.00

For more info visit

[WWW.GrantsPassPopWarner.com](http://WWW.GrantsPassPopWarner.com)



**Grants Pass Pop Warner Cheer**

Sign-ups: @Bear Hotel, 2101 NE Spalding Ave

May 16, 2013 @ 6pm to 8pm

May 31, 2013 @ 6pm to 8pm

June 8, 2013 @ 5pm to 8pm

Registration Fee \$100.00

For more info visit

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**Josephine Community Libraries  
Inc.**

Presents

***Summer Reading Program***

***June 18-July 27***

***at all four JCL branches***

***Dig into Reading***  
(ages newborn-12)

***Beneath The Surface***  
(ages 13 - 18)

Expand your child's world by having him or her dig into reading this summer—all part of the full lineup of free activities to educate and entertain your young reader or reader-to-be.

Weekly prizes, creative craft sessions, great books, storytelling sessions, reading bingo, and more.