

Manzanita Messenger

Renee Hults, Principal

February 2016

Upcoming Events

Feb 4- Cookies & Canvas
Art Night 5:30-7 pm

Feb 4- 3rd grade Tree Plant

Feb. 5- No School- Clerical
Day

Feb. 8 – Report Cards
coming home

Feb. 15- No School
Presidents Day

Feb. 16- OMSI
Presentation 12:40

Feb. 17- Immunization
Exclusion

Feb. 17- Vision Screening
K,1,3,5

Feb. 17- Site Council

Feb. 19- DI Movie Night 5-
7pm

Feb. 22- 5th grade to Ray's



Thoughts from the Principal,

Dear Manzanita Families-

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the 2nd Semester of school. This year is truly flying by. Report cards for the first semester will be sent home with your child on February 8th. Please contact your students' teacher if you have any questions or want to know how you can further support their learning at home. I want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day.

One of our core learning areas is reading. Research states that reading proficiently at grade level by third grade is critical to a child's success in school. This is our goal at Manzanita. We however cannot do it alone. We need your support at home. Please help us reach this goal by reading with your child at home. 15 minutes a day can help us bridge the reading gap we are seeing in so many of our students. Each student has an individual reading goal in the area of fluency and accuracy. Reading with them daily will help them reach this goal. Talk with them about what they read to help build reading comprehension. If you want to know how you can support your student at home please contact their teacher. Your dedication to helping your child meet this goal is appreciated.

The remainder of the school year will go by quickly. There are many events and exciting things happening. Please attend PTA meetings to get involved in activities, events and fundraisers that support our music program. Be sure to check the newsletter, calendar, Facebook page, web page and reader board to stay informed. We will send out Synervoice messages with reminders as well. Please make sure your phone number and email address are up to date. One final bit of housekeeping, please help us keep all students safe at Manzanita by respecting the system in place for drop off and pick up of students. You can drop off and pick up with drive through service at curbside or you can park in the main parking lot and pick up at the reader board. Always remember to use the crosswalk with our amazing crossing guards. When you visit the school please check in at the office and get a visitors badge before venturing around campus. If you have any questions or need further clarification please contact the office at 541-479-6433.

Thanks again for your dedication to our AMAZING school.

Renee Hults

Morning Announcements

Starting on Friday, Feb. 11, we will be having Morning Announcements in the gym every Friday. This will be a time to meet as a community. Make sure you have had breakfast and are in the gym by 8:35.



Monday through Thursday will be our normal announcements over the intercom. Classes start at 7:40.

Immunizations



Immunization exclusion is on Wednesday, February 17. If your student is not up to date you should receive a letter from the Health Dept. If you think this is in error, please call the school and we will check on it. If your student is not in compliance they will not be able to attend.

REPORT CARDS

There is no school on Feb. 5 so teachers can do report cards. These will come home with your students the following week. Please check your students backpack or homework folder.

Family Advocate

February, the month to share love and friendship with all. The days are getting longer but not warmer, yet. The next food drive is Thursday March 10. You can always bring in food to the office to help keep the pantry full. In the clothes closet we can use boy's shoes size 1, 2, and 3 and Girls Shoes size 1 and 2, we can also use sweat pants for boys and girls size 6 to 18. We can always use belts also.

Thank you,

Janet Hudson/ Family Advocate.

PTA NEWS

Manzanita Carnival will be on Friday, June 3. If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser or would like to donate auction items, come to the PTA meeting and learn what's happening.

PTA is also looking for pictures to have in the yearbook. Please send them to your classroom teacher or contact PTA.

Wet Weather

Winter is here and with it comes the rain and cold temperatures. Please remind students, that equipment and the blacktop might be wet. We are not able to give everyone dry clothes. It is extremely uncomfortable to sit in class after playing on wet equipment and jumping in puddles.