

# Buzzin' Around Madrona



March 2010



## Safety Concerns

Dear Parents,

I just want to thank each of you who are following our drop off and pick up routine at Madrona. We are noticing that many of you are thinking about not only your child's safety, but the safety of other drivers and their children as well! We appreciate that everyone is working hard to make sure the lines move forward, and that each car has children ready to exit safely out of the car when it is their turn.

It is important that we all follow the driving laws as well as the school rules in order to make our parking lot a safe place to park in, drive through, and to pick up and drop off children. Please always make sure you have parked safely in the lot before leaving your car. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## 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.

*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.

## Important Parent Survey

During our conferences in March, we would like to ask all parents to take a short computer survey. It is posted on our Three Rivers School District website. You will find it at [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us) which can be accessed from home or at the school. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete this important survey.

## 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.

## No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.



# PTO Needs You!



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are desperate for willing parents who can help with our activities. **We will simply not be able to do the things that we have planned without some willing parents to partner with us.** We have a spring carnival coming in May. This particular activity takes many hands to make it a success. A lot of the time involved is in the afternoon or evening, and may even be as simple as making phone calls or putting up/taking down carnival booths, distributing candy, etc. We need folks who can assemble the games, put up wire for the booth sheeting, carry and set up tables. We also need some help running booths, and tearing everything down afterwards. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Chrystal Hyde at 761-5746.

Other fundraisers may need folks to put orders together for distribution, or count/keep track of money. Please help our PTO by supporting the fundraisers, and/or by donating your time to help with activities. Remember that every single penny raised by PTO goes directly into making the Madrona learning experience for your child better and more exciting! So get behind these efforts and help us raise the funds to provide important things for our students.

The PTO will be encouraging all students to participate in our annual coin drive. Each class will be collecting change in cans that will be in each class. The two classes with the top

amount of money turned in will each win a special treat. The money from the coin drive goes towards the computer lab. Last year we were able to purchase two new learning programs to use in the lab and take home CD's that students can check out like a library book. We really need to purchase new headphones for next year. This is an important fund raising event. Please help us out by collecting your loose change this month and sending it our way. The dates for the coin drive are March 1- 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope to be hearing lots of "KA-CHING" sounds in those cans! Start saving those coins now!

Albertson's is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Madrona's number (49000118317) to your regular Albertson's Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com) Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to sign up. This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up!

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!

**We are no longer collecting plastic bags to recycle.**

# March Calendar



- March 2** - Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 1-5** - Celebrate our Classified Personnel week
- March 1-18** - Coin Drive fundraiser
- March 4** - PTO meeting in library 2:20 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- March 5** - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- March 8** - No School - Clerical Day
- March 11** - Site Council Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- March 11** - Feeding Your Picky Child parent class 6:30-7:30 in the library
- March 12** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- March 12** - 2 hour late start
- March 15-18** - Book Fair in the library Students will go with their class, but it will also be open during conferences
- March 17** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (after school and evening)
- March 18** - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School - 7:00am - 7:00pm
- March 19** - No School
- March 22-26** - Spring Break, No School
- March 30** - Spelling Bee for grades 1-3
- March 31** - Spelling Bee for grades 4-5

# A Look at April



- April 5** - Spring Pictures for K-3
- April 6** - Spring Pictures for K, 4, 5
- April 8** - PTO Meeting 2:20pm in the library
- April 12** - Lockdown Drill - We practice emergency procedures
- April 12** - Battle of the Books for test level 1
- April 13** - Get America Singing 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip-Performing Arts Center GPHS
- April 14** - District Spelling Bee 5:00pm at the District Office
- April 15** - Battle of the Books for test level 2
- April 19** - Progress Reports go home
- April 22** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 29** - Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade program 6:30-7:30pm in the gym
- April 30** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- April 30** - 2 hour late start

# 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)

# Counseling Services



As most of you know, we have a counselor that is part of a program under SOASTC, and is working in our school in a number of ways. Her name is Michelle Gallas. She is providing some individual and group counseling services. She also works in our classrooms utilizing programs such as Second Step and Steps to Respect, to help train our students on how to handle various social situations in safe and socially acceptable ways. She plays games such as chess and checkers with students during lunch recess. Anytime there is a crisis she may be called in to help the students or staff involved. This is a valuable service that will hopefully impact all students in a positive manner. It is our hope that if we give students help in learning important social skills now, they will be less likely to struggle with issues that could impact their learning and their personal happiness later. Please feel free to call the school office if you want further information about our counseling services.

## School Attendance

Thanks to all you parents who are faithful in getting your kids to school every day. It is an important message that children learn early in their lives that coming to school every day, on time, is critical to success. It will lead to success in their adult lives as well when they become part of the working world.

As always, I do support you in your decision to keep your child home when they are vomiting, have a severe headache, fever, sore throat, etc. I know that illnesses do hit, but encourage you to get your child back into school as soon as it is healthy for your child to do so. Thanks again for being prompt with notes or phone calls explaining the reason for your child's absence. That is a crucial step in helping us to keep kids in school and knowing why they are gone. Although some of you are excellent at notifying the teacher, it is also helpful if you would notify the office if your child has been absent. That way we don't spend your precious time calling you to find out that information. The teachers do not always have the time to talk to our office staff about absences. Thanks so much for your support of learning at Madrona!

## Site Council

Our site council met in February. They finalized our school parent involvement plan and discussed the Family PBS event.

# Spelling Bee

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition in April. Each teacher will select two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students will participate in a challenging spelling test on March 30<sup>th</sup> for 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grades and March 31<sup>st</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Mrs. Van Brunt will give the test. Students who were selected by the teacher may be given some practice materials to help them prepare ahead of time. The top speller in each group will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the district office.

## *Carey's Chocolate Sales*



Our Cary's Chocolate fundraiser was a success! We sold a total of 288 boxes of chocolate. That equals at least 288 really happy chocolate lovers, and \$1400.00 in our PTO fund! Yeah! You go Madrona Hornets!

The students who sold the most boxes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive Oregon Books gift certificates. They were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Anika Walker-Plater 26 boxes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hannah Bennett 16 boxes**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maliah Obien 15 boxes**

The top selling class overall is Mrs. Strickler's Monday/Wednesday kindergarten class. They will receive a party of their choice.

Students, who sold 6 or more boxes, received an extra recess with Mrs. Van Brunt, and their choice of several "Madrona Logo" items such as mouse pads, water bottles, etc. They were:

**Anika Walker-Plater**  
**Hannah Bennett**  
**Taya Mendoza**  
**Connor Daily**  
**Selah Sandys**  
**Chase Chalker**  
**Michael Graeber**  
**Maliah Obien**  
**Hailee Fraser-Lindsey**  
**Jada Hurley**  
**Joredyn Wolfe**  
**Megan Mathiasen**  
**Jonny Burgess**  
**Tanner Noble**  
**Kalee Staten**  
**Daniel Hulsey**  
**Charlie Fraser-Lindsey**  
**Taylor Ivy**  
**Jenelle Hurley**  
**Duane Spicer**  
**Max Davis**  
**McKenzie Orton**  
**Brianna Stark**  
**Allie Griggs**  
**Cody Milburn**  
**Kitty Strong**  
**Dylan Hulsey**  
**Reed Sandys**  
**Mason Keene**

# Madrona Science Fair Winners!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Caleb Prince

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Elizabeth Therson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Jamie Strong

**Honorable Mention** - Gabe McLaughlin

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Tyler Johnson  
Ashley Pearson  
Caleb Prince

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Ashley Pearson

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Caleb Prince  
Bailey McGinnis

**Honorable Mention** - Jordan Riccatone  
Dorian Clem  
Hailey Pettijohn  
Aleah Torres  
Jaci Seagoe

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jenelle Hurley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Eva Bernard  
Grace Satterfield

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Kelsey Kieling

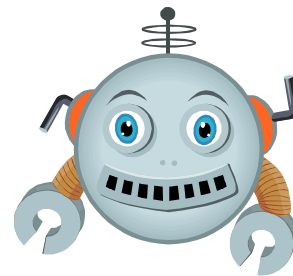
**Honorable Mention** - Robert Pettijohn  
Garrett McGinnis

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jenelle Hurley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Kelsey Kieling

These are the results of the school judging of all projects that were submitted by students. These projects went on to the district level. Those results are posted on the following page.



# District Science Fair Winners!

The results are in for the District Science Fair Winners! All students who entered a project were given a participation ribbon. Two different judges judged each project and then the two scores were tallied and averaged to determine the ribbon students received. The points for ribbons were as follows:

Gold=72-90; Silver=66-71; Bronze=67-65; Participation=56 and below. Additionally, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention award were given within each science category in which students entered their projects.

Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you for all your hard work, creativity, and for representing our school in a way that makes us proud. Yeah, Madrona Hornets!

**Alexandra May - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Pooch Smooch"  
Bronze Award

**Jenelle Hurley - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
"Air Quality"  
Bronze Award

**Kelsey Kieling - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
"Do Horses Prefer Apples or Carrots?"  
Bronze Award

**Chase Chalker - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**  
"Organic Batteries"  
Participation Award

**Madeline Terpening - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**  
"Worm Race"  
Participation Award

## Individual Projects:

**Brittany Haberman - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Palms or Fingers?"  
Silver Award  
**Place: Honorable Mention**

**Erika Simpson - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"The Fastest Flame"  
Silver Award

**Elizabeth Therson - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Fish Bait"  
Silver Award

**Caleb Prince - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Clean Cloth"  
Bronze Award

**Jamie Strong - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Sticky Business"  
Bronze Award

## Joint & Group Projects:

**Eva Bernard & Grace Satterfield - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
"What Is My Hamsters Favorite Food?"  
Gold Award  
**Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Robert Pettijohn & Garrett McGinnis- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
"Rusty Metals"  
Bronze Award

**Tanner Bingham & Jasmine Pinkerton- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"Insulating Water"  
Bronze Award

**Elizabeth Soto & Ikia Grady - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
"The Flight of the Helicopters"  
Participation Award

**Good job Madrona Hornets! You always make us proud!**



# Lifeskill Winners for February

## "Integrity"

### Kinderqarten:

Marissa Beck  
Isabella Boronda  
Hank Dumas  
Troy Johnson  
Kylee Kelsey  
Alan Moon  
Kloey Rich  
Katie Shaw  
Anika Walker-Plater

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Natasha Combe  
Connor Hyde  
McKenna Lawson  
Sebastian Mason  
Selah Sandys  
Madeline Terpening  
Allie Therson  
Austin Verner

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Billy Barnes  
Sierra Combe  
Rosa Duenas  
Riley Ortiz

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Caitlan Heath  
Kelsey Kieling  
Michelle Larson  
Brayden Morris  
Jacob Riegel  
Brianna Stark  
Robert Swanson  
Cody Traughber

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Mary Backes  
Tanner Bingham  
Julie Bradley  
Anthony Brelinski  
Kasey Copeland  
Dalia Linares  
Jasmine Pinkerton  
Erika Simpson

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Emily Adams  
Elijah Graeber  
Victoria Hauser  
Bailey McGinnis  
Gabe McLaughlin  
Hailey Pettijohn  
Caleb Prince  
Elizabeth Therson

## Math Masters for February

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

McKenna Lawson  
Charlee Lilla-Bare

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Joseph Gerson

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Glenn Rossi  
Brianna Stark

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Nich Spangle

# Accelerated Reader Achievements for February 2010

## **Independent Reader**

Lilly Brelinski  
Calen Clem  
Maiah Combs  
Garrett Eells  
Elijah Graeber  
Victoria Hauser  
Dylan Hulsey  
Maliah Obien  
Kaleb Philips  
Selah Sandys  
Christopher Therson  
Ashley Zuanich

## **Super Reader**

Damin Decker  
Jada Hurley  
Garrett McGinnis  
Brycen Stevens

## **Super Reader 2**

Kitiara Strong

## **Advanced Reader**

Neill Dove  
Cameron Hooker  
Robert Pettijohn  
Eric Torres  
Laissi Traughber

## **Advanced Reader 2**

Hope Gettys  
Allie Griggs  
Brooklyn Hurd  
Grace Satterfield

## **Advanced Reader 3**

Jennifer Mason  
Jazzmin Morton

## **Advanced Reader 4**

Angelica Quevedo

## **Star Reader**

Kasey Copeland  
Brittany Murphy

## **Honors**

August Gannett  
Ruben Martinez  
Jasmine Pinkerton

## **Honors II**

Elijah Hayes

# Community Corner

## Youth Football



Sign ups for flag football leagues are coming up on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club located at 203 SE 9<sup>th</sup> St. Grants Pass. The cost is \$60. If your student is interested, have them pick up a flyer in the office.

Fall tackle sign ups will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be looking for flyers with more information about tackle football.

## Volleyball



Volleyball sign ups will be also held on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club located at 203 SE 9<sup>th</sup> St. Grants Pass. The cost is \$60. If your student is interested, have them pick up a flyer in the office.