



# MANZANITA ELEMENTARY

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Dear Board Members,

I sincerely hope that this report finds you in good health, well rested, and ready for a new year! The Winter Vacation was very relaxing, although I missed seeing all of the students at school each day. We are glad everyone is back at school.

December was a fun & crazy-fast short month. As you know, there were 11 school days in November and 15 school days in December. The stress of the interrupted schedules and holiday breaks creates a challenge for students and staff in a variety of ways. I would like to thank the Manzanita teachers their hard work in making teaching adjustments to accommodate the crazy schedule and build student success.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our holiday lunch. This was a huge success serving 70 adult lunches on top of the 276 student lunches. I would like to thank Amy Berg for her organization of the lunch and bringing in extra volunteers to help out. I would also like to thank David Trout and Brian Anders for setting up the cafeteria and gym to accommodate the extra guests. A successful lunch service was a team event for sure.

On the evening of December 18<sup>th</sup> we held our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music program. The gym was packed full of Manzanita families. The students put on an amazing musical performance. We had a duet, piano solos, group choir singing, recorder performances were a few of the highlights. Thank you to Mr. Hegdahl for being our setting up a sound system and being the sound director/conductor. Thank you to Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Granger for videoing the performance.

Our PTA held the annual Dutch Bros gift card fundraiser in November & December. We earned \$2650 for our music program. Our music program is supported 100% through community sponsors and fund raising events.

Prior to the break we were able to send home 35 students with food packs from our food drive donations. As well as 16 additional back packs filled with hats, gloves, small toys and food donated by the local Rotary club. In total, 51 students went home with a food to help over the break.

As always, you are welcome to visit Manzanita anytime and see the amazing work we do daily. I would like to thank the entire Manzanita staff for their dedication to supporting the needs of our students. This staff is amazing and I am proud to be part of this team.

Thank you,

*Renee Hults*

Manzanita Elementary Principal