

Buzzin' Around Madrona

May/June 2012

Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interfere with their learning. Even though we have begun the third trimester there are still about 10 weeks of school left. In order for these last weeks to have a strong educational impact, we need your help. Please remind your child that you have high expectations for their continued success in school. This is a good time to review the school and bus rules in the student handbook you received at the beginning of the year. Let your child(ren) know you expect him/her to follow the rules each day and do the very best he/she can at school and on the bus. Safety and learning are the main reasons for our rules.

Many fun activities also happen during the last few weeks. We truly want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy those activities. Please understand that we expect students to be accountable for the choices they make each day. We will not allow students who make poor choices at school, to attend special activities with other students. If a child is sent to the Ed. Lab more than 3 times in a month, receives a referral to the office or a bus citation that requires disciplinary action by Mrs. Van Brunt, it is possible that student may not be able to attend special activities. This could prevent a child from participating in field trips, parties, special recesses, movies, assemblies, and other school activities. Mrs. Van Brunt will note on the referral or send a letter to indicate if a child has lost a special privilege. Hopefully this will not happen very often, if at all. Mrs. Van Brunt would only choose to do this if a student has issues being disruptive to learning or that make him/her unsafe to go to different places. It is our desire to end the school year pleasantly and productively for each student at Madrona Elementary. Please reinforce these expectations with your child at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Van Brunt at 476-6624.

Safety Drills

As most of you know, we periodically practice different kinds of evacuations, etc. to make sure our students and staff will be safe in the event of an emergency. We have fire drills, earthquake drills and lockdown drills. Lock down drills are to make sure we can safely lock down our school and put the kids out of harm's way inside, in the event of someone harmful coming onto our campus. We do lock down drills about two times per year. We will be having another lockdown drill in either April or May. All drills have the potential to frighten children a bit. Please take a few minutes to explain to your child why it is important to learn how to be safe at a school and to calm their fears. It is never our intent to scare kids, but it is our intent to give them training so they can be as safe as possible at school in the event of an emergency. Thanks for your help with this issue.

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.

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

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 12th 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. Strickler, our Kindergarten teacher, to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners her.

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.

April's Breakfast

with the Principal winners are:

Aries Jump
Dimas Linares
Sophia Harper
Gavin Nielsen
Hailey Lloyd
Noah Riegel



Kloe Rich
Kyle Serino-Jordan
Madison Young
Ethan Moran
Sierra Combe
Andrew Kainer

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.

Spring Carnival Basket Auction

Dear Madrona Families,

Our Spring Carnival is May 17 from 5-8pm. 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. Kramer - Gardening or Chef Basket

Mrs. Strangis - Dinner Gift or Movie Night Basket

Mrs. Brucher - Gardening or Chef Basket

Mrs. Fisher - BBQ or Out Door Adventure Basket

Mrs. Simpson - BBQ or Out Door Adventure Basket

Ms. Goodin - Beach Weekend or Pet Pampering Basket

Mrs. Law - Dinner Gift or Movie Night Basket

Mrs. Buscher - Beach Weekend or Pet Pampering Basket

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Macklin- Ultimate Spa or Auto Detail 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 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!

A Look at May



May 3 - No school Conference Day

May 4 - No School Furlough Day

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 7 - Smokey the Bear for kinder & 1st grade and Brucher

May 7-11 - Teacher Appreciation week

May 8 - Kindergarten Round-up 12:00-2:00pm

May 8 - PBIS trading cards on sale

May 10 - PTA Meeting in Library @ 2:10

May 11 - Boys Maturation Film 5th grade only

May 17 - Madrona Carnival 5-8 pm

May 18 - No School Staff Development Day

May 22 - PBIS trading cards on sale

May 23 - Volunteer Tea @ 12:30 pm in library

May 24 - Site Council Mtg. Library @ 2:10

May 25 - Pride Day Assembly

May 28 - No School - Memorial Day

Planned June Events

June 5 - PBIS trading cards on sale

June 8 - 5th Grade Farewell Field Trip
8:30am - 5:15pm - Parents will need to provide transportation home

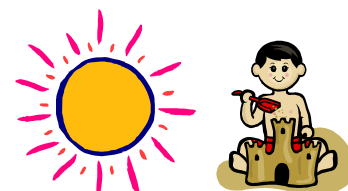
June 11 - School award assembly @ 10:00 am

June 11 - Moving on program for 5th grade @ Lincoln Savage M.S @ 6:30 pm

June 12 - 5th Grade "Moving On" ceremony
10:00 a.m. in the gym

June 12 - Class Parties 1:00 pm

June 12 - Last Day of School



Citizen's of the Month for March

Kramer:

Aidan Griess
Hailey McCloud

Simpson:

Jose Eslama-Hernandez
Ethan Moran

Strangis:

Kai Obien
Gavin Neilsen

Goodin:

Austin Verner
Madison Young

Brucher:

Madison Williams
Taya Mendoza

Law:

Hailey Pickering
Arthur Corbett

Fisher:

Sean Armendariz
Alex Yager

Buscher:

Andrew Kainer
Brianna Stark

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 - Jenelle Hurley, Glenn Rossi, Brianna Stark
Group 2 - Jada Hurley, Connor Harper, Payden Tavelli

These teams went on to compete at our district competition April 21st. Everyone showed their Madrona pride during the competition which was held at Fruitdale School.

Congratulations to our Group 1 who achieved 3rd place overall!

Way to go everyone! We are very proud of you!

Accelerated Reader Achievements

March 2012

Ready Reader

Jonathan Eslama-Hernandez
Ezy Gurwell
Andres Mena
Kloey Rich
Bailey Ricker
Owen Solomon
James Watson

Super Reader

Victor Bettencourt
Logan Rigel

Super Reader II

Jose Eslama-Hernandez
Caitlan Heath
Ethan Moran
Dylan Watanabe

Ready Reader II

Abigail Acosta
Ezy Gurwell

Advanced Reader

Jordan Alford
Brynn Graham
Charlie Jarvis
Katie Sholes

Ready Reader III

Kira Johnson

Independent Reader

Bowen Aaron-Burden
Sean Armendariz
Jaime Guerrero
Tyler Houska
Isaac Watanabe

Advanced Reader II

AudriAnna O'Connor

Advanced Reader III

Troy Johnson

Rising Reader

Elijah Baker
Noah Horban
Lexi Imel
Joel Lankford

Star Reader

Billy Barnes

Star Reader II

Connor Harper
Kelsey Kieling
Charlee Lilla-Bare

Rising Reader II

Logan Rigel

Classic Reader III

Glenn Rossi

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?

SUMMER BETTER THAN OTHERS!

SOU Pre-College Summer 2012 Programs are now open for summer registration. Call us at 541-552-6452 to get on the mailing list or visit our web site at www.sou.edu/youth

Come to Southern Oregon University this summer for an unforgettable, hands-on, educational experience. We are offering many exciting classes and residential camps. We will be sending brochures to schools soon.

SUMMER CLASSES for ages 6-16 has OVER 60 summer enrichment programs. They are offered as one week sessions from July 9 through August 23. Classes include **Mask it Yourself!**, **Wonderful Worlds of Clay**, **Culinary Creations from Around the World**, **Conservatory for Young Theatre Artists**, **Mousetrap Engineering**, **Quidditch!**, **Horsing Around**, **It's a Racquet! Tennis for Beginners**, **Ancient Scouts and Skills**, **Lego Robotics Unlimited** and many more.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

Residential camps are now taking applications.

ACADEMY 2012

A Camp for Talented and Highly Able Students

Session A: June 17-23, grades 5 and 6

Session B: June 24-30, grades 5 and 6

ACADEMY offers a week of stimulating academic classes, workshops, cultural experiences, social and recreational activities for talented and highly able students. Students live on the SOU campus, where they bring their love of learning, humor, and unique talents to a community where intelligence and creativity are valued and supported.

Fee: \$675 + \$25 application fee

SEA CAMP OF OREGON

A Camp at the Oregon Coast

August 19-22, ages 10-13

1:00 pm Sunday-6:00 pm Wednesday

Sea Camp of Oregon offers a unique learning experience at the beautiful coast of Charleston, OR. Participants explore tidepools, go crabbing, observe marine wildlife, hike, and get involved in many other activities. Fee: \$495

Teacher Appreciation!



May 7th -11th 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.

Grants Pass Pop Warner Football

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

May 8, 2012 @ 6pm to 8pm

May 31, 2012 @ 6pm to 8pm

June 9, 2012 @ 2pm to 5pm

Registration Fee \$175.00

For more info visit

WWW.GrantsPassPopWarner.com



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

May 8, 2012 @ 6pm to 8pm

May 31, 2012 @ 6pm to 8pm

June 9, 2012 @ 2pm to 5pm

Registration Fee \$100.00

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