

PIRATE'S PRESS



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JANUARY EVENTS:

- 13 No School
- 11 PTO Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School
- 19 Vision Screening
- 23 Site Council Meeting

Make a note: Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 1st (evening) and February 2nd.
Book Fair will be on February 1st.

Message from Lise VanBrunt, Principal

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable family time over our winter break. Thanks to everyone who attended our Winter Program "Snowed In". The kids had a great deal of fun learning their parts and being able to sing songs and recite the poems about a crazy winter season. We hoped you enjoyed it.

PBIS AWARDS FOR DECEMBER

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Travis Bushnell, Haylee Bayard, Jacinda Rush, Daniel Medina, Hailey Williams, Garrett Eells

CARING: Grace Butler, Mason Fisher, Melana McElheny, Rylee Brashears, Paige Lake, Kathryn Andrade

PTO NOTES:

Science Club Aides – need help on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Yearbook – please share your photos with Megan Beck.

PBIS NEWS

Our PBIS big event for the second trimester is a concert with a local artist, Scott Perry. Scott is an educator who is also a talented singer and writer. He has written songs supporting the concepts of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for schools. The program is in place to teach students how to manage their behavior appropriately at school so learning time can be maximized. Scott will be performing some of his PBIS songs and providing puppetry to support our anti-bullying instruction in school. The event will be both fun and informational for the students. Scott has provided free copies of his CD for each classroom and we will be playing his songs the whole month of February.

To earn this special event, children must avoid getting more than one referral or bus citation between Jan. 4th and March 8th.

Soon, we will begin having additional support for students who struggle with behavior by providing an Ed lab during lunch recesses. Students who have not demonstrated safe, respectful and responsible behavior choices may spend their lunch times eating and working in the Ed Lab. Students who spend more than six lunch times in the Ed lab in two months will also lose their PBIS event.

It is our hope that many children will earn this wonderful event. Please help your child work towards this earned achievement by reminding them to be safe, respectful and responsible on the bus, and at school every day.



SOUTHERN OREGON HIGH TECH CYBER TASK FORCE

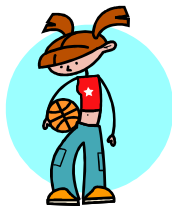
Southern Oregon High Tech Cyber Task Force is working hard to keep kids in Southern Oregon safe from harm on the internet. Their work is mentioned in the local papers almost weekly; arresting people who have committed crimes against children. Come learn what the Task Force and FBI have to say about these subtle High Tech Cyber Crimes. They will be in Grants Pass teaching a class that includes: chat rooms, social networking, online games, virtual worlds, parental involvement and internet sexual predators. The class is free. No children under 12 years of age. Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 6:30, at Grants Pass High School Commons. This community education event is brought to you by Grants Pass Council.

NATIVE STORIES

Thomas Doty, storyteller, will be at our school on January 24th, entertaining students with "Native Stories".

He performs stories in the traditions of the West including native myths from his homeland of southern Oregon and northern California. Stories are simply told with no sets or props. Instead, they come alive with movements, gestures, expressions, voices and words.

You may visit his website at www.DotyCoyote.com for more information.



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Grants Pass Elks Lodge 1584 holds an annual "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest. Students participate in their age group.

Last month, boys and girls competed to be their age group representative. They are as follows: Daniel Medina, Ellie Gutierrez, Matthew Rush and Treena Toth.

The contest is scheduled to be held at Grants Pass High School Gym on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Winners advance to a district contest (Medford), state, regional and then, national.

Good luck and have fun.

GET AMERICA SINGING AGAIN!

This campaign was launched in 1995 and was aimed to establish a common song repertoire and promote community singing.

Mr. Harrington's class and the fourth graders in Mrs. Richardson's class will begin practicing with the Rogue Valley Harmonizers on January 20th. They will attend and perform at a sing-a-long on April 24th at Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Jerome Prairie held the third annual National Geography Bee on January 5, 2012. Fifteen students from the 4th and 5th grades were tested over a variety of United States and world geography concepts. Kami Keith from Ms. Katz's 5th grade classroom was the school winner. Congratulations!!!

SCIENCE CLUB NEWS

Students have been exploring gravity and measurement by using foam insulating pipe, cardboard tubes, masking tape and marbles to build a variety of roller coasters. They created a variety of roller coasters that have loops, tunnels and jumps. Together with creating these roller coasters, students are making drawing of their roller coaster and writing explanations of how they work.

Another concept students are exploring is friction. They are using old CDs, plastic tubing and balloons to build hovercraft models. The hovercrafts were then taken into the gym and the children tried to figure out ways to make their hovercraft travel across the gym floor using friction.

Thank you to Mr. Harrington for staying after school hours to do Science Club and teaching students fun and interesting concepts.

