

Buzzin' Around Madrona



April 2010



Dear Parents,

We are making good progress here at Madrona. I am proud to see the number of students who are making steady gains in their academics. Many students have passed their Oregon Statewide assessments, and those who have not are working hard to do so later in the year.

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interfere with their learning. We are nearing the end of the second trimester. We still have another trimester of the school year left to complete.

In order for these last weeks to have 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 the ability for all to have the opportunity to learn without disruption 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. Students who make poor choices at school will not be

allowed to attend special activities with other students. If a child 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 that make them unsafe to go to different places or if the incident involves very serious issues that require more stringent discipline.

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 541-476-6624.



Kindergarten Roundup



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2010, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 13th 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 here!

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.

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, fresh fruit or juice. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

Madrona School Song

We are encouraging our students to learn the Madrona School song. Ask them to sing it to you.

(Sung to the tune of "Junior Birdman")

Up and away Madrona Hornets
Up and away upside down
Up and away Madrona Hornets
Keep your stinger off the ground.

When you hear the school bell ringing
And you see the kids rush in
Then you know Madrona Hornets
Have turned their school work in.

M A D R O N A Madrona, Madrona, Yea!!!

Donations Needed

We are in need of some gently used girls pants, any size from 5-12. If you have any, please send or bring them to the office. We appreciate you all and your response to the needs of our school.

Artist in Residence



Last year, we had Laura Rich as our Artist in Residence. This year, she is returning on May 17-28 to work with grades 3-5. Next year she will work with grades K-3. We have purchased a set of drums for our school thanks to money from Josephine County's Cultural Coalition Oregon Cultural Grant. Laura is also going to be training some staff on the drums as well. We hope to have an assembly for kids to show their skills. Stay Tuned!

Other helpful Ways...

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 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 or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. 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 GROCERY BAGS FOR RECYCLING.

Notes required!



We cannot accept phone calls to change plans for your child. If something has changed and you need your child's regular routine to be altered, **you must send a note** with your child, fax one to our office at 541-471-2452, or bring one in personally. The only exception will be in the event of an emergency. Please understand that this is solely for the safety of your children, and not intended to be an inconvenience to you. Please also be aware that the bus drivers require a bus pass issued by the Madrona office anytime your child is going to ride the bus anywhere other than home or other pre-arranged place. **The only way that a bus pass can be issued for a child to ride the bus home with another student is by BOTH children having a note from their parents.** At no time is a child allowed to get off at an undesignated stop, or to ride a different bus without a pass issued by the office. Thank you for making those plans ahead of time and ensuring that your child has a note.



Stretching Your Food Dollars parent class is coming up on April 15 from 6:30-7:30pm in the library. The focus is to help parents plan meals and save money! Hope to see you there!

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.



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.

April Events



- April 2** - PBS Trashion Show 1:00pm in the Gym - parents are invited
- 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 4th grade field trip-Performing Arts Center GPHS
- April 14** - District Spelling Bee 5:00pm at the District Office
- April 15** - "Stretch Your Food Dollars" parent class 6:30-7:30pm in the library
- 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 & 1st grade program 6:30-7:30pm in the gym
- April 30** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- April 30** - 2 hour late start

A look at May



- May 1st - 14th** - OAKS testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
- May 3 - 7** - Teacher Appreciation week
- May 3** - Smokey the Bear here for 1st grade at 9:30am
- May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- May 6** - PTO Meeting 2:20pm in the library
- May 6** - "Feeding Your Picky Eater" Parent class 6:30pm-7:30pm in the library
- May 13** - Kindergarten Round-up 12:00-2:00pm
- May 10th-21st** - Dibels testing for all students
- May 17-29** - Artist in Residence here
- May 17th - 24th** - STAR testing for grades 2-5
- May 18** - Volunteer Tea 1:00pm in the library
- May 20** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- May 20** - Spring Carnival 5:00-7:00pm in the gym
- May 28** - 2 hour late start
- May 28** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- May 31** - Memorial Day - No School

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

Clothing Reminders



As our weather warms up, please remind your child about appropriate school dress:

No spaghetti straps or tank tops with low cut necks or under arms.

No backless or bare midriff tops. Belly buttons should not show. Pants also need to be cut high enough for modesty both in the front and back.

No flip flops or other strapless shoes. Shoes need to have a strap around the back of the foot as well as across the top in order to protect feet. Closed toes are best for playground safety.

Students who have inappropriate shoes may not be allowed to participate in outside recesses or other P.E. type activities for their safety.

Shorts should be fingertip length or longer.

No see through fabrics or those with multiple holes unless another shirt is underneath for modesty.

If your child comes to school with inappropriate dress, a reminder letter will come home to help parents be aware of expectations. Please help your child make good, safe choices every day.

P.T.O. Information

We will be having our Spring PTO Carnival May 20th from 5:00-7:30pm. The PTO board has been busy planning games and activities for this special family event. It is one of our major fund raising activities as well, so we hope all of our families will plan on attending. Each grade level is providing a themed basket which will be sold in a silent auction that night. **We are in need of donations for the baskets. The themes are:**

Pet supplies/Toys
Chocolate & Coffee
Gardening
Candies/Spa/Personal Care
Auto/Tools
Stuff for My Favorite Guy
Movie Night
A Day at the Beach

Baskets sales can often bring in as much as \$1,000 for our school. We will also have a raffle with many exciting prizes to give away. Please plan on helping out by allowing your child to sell tickets. There will be many fun games for kids to play and food for sale as well. So plan ahead, we hope many of you will be helping man a booth, help set up or clean up afterward. This is a big school community evening and we needs lots of help and lots of folks attending to make it a success for our kids. Thanks parents for your support!



Lifeskill Winners for March "Flexibility"

Kindergarten:

Ella Brown
Drew Clem
Ashleigh Marrs
Calie Morton
Marissa Olivares
Benjamin Schultz
James Watson

1st Grade:

Noah Armour
Breanna Boyle
Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Michael Graeber
Brayden Hooker
Mason McCue
Selah Sandys
Skylar Swanson
Daisy Uvalles

2nd Grade:

Savanna Ablott
Riley Arnold
Brandon Beck
Luke Boronda
Chris Dillon
Lindsey Eells

3rd Grade:

Maiah Combs
Chrissy Davies
Tristan Gilmore
Tanner Gunn
Daniel Hulsey
Alex Kleiman
Garrett McGinnis
Katie Sholes

4th Grade:

Colton Heath
Alexandra May
Chris Pearson
Kaleb Phillips
Michelle Scott
Eric Torres

5th Grade:

Kelby Keeley
Jaci Seagoe
Elizabeth Soto
Trajan Hurd
Miranda Johnson
Arin Lowry

Math Masters for March

4th Grade:

Allie Griggs

5th Grade:

Carly Cubic

Accelerated Reader Achievements

Independent Reader

Destiny Espinoza
Daisy Uvalles
Madison Young

Super Reader

Ruby Madden
Brayden Morris

Super Reader 2

Michelle Larson
Joredyn Wolfe

Advanced Reader

Christina Davies
Ethan Hill
McKenzie Orton

Advanced Reader 2

Alex Canas

Star Reader 2

Kasey Copeland
Pasquelina Godfrey
Glenn Rossi

Community Corner

Cooking With Kids



OHMS FREE COMMUNITY
CLASSES
128 SW "I" STREET,
GRANTS PASS, OR 97526

Oregon Health Management Services
Is offering **free** cooking classes for all
community members! Many of the
classes offered are for kids, too. All that
they ask in return is to bring a donation
of a non-perishable food item for the
community food bank.

All cooking classes are hands-on,
include recipe packets, as well as
samples of each dish. Groceries are
donated by Grocery Outlet.

You may also visit our website at
www.ohmsoregon.com for more
information.

Space is limited, please call and reserve
your seat at (541) 471-4208.

Healthy Kids Day Carnival



On April 17th, the YMCA of Grants Pass
is sponsoring a "Healthy Kids Day
Carnival". There will be lots of fun
things to see and do including classes,
swimming, face painting, and other
activities, and it's all FREE! If you have
any questions, please call the YMCA at
474-0001.

Recreation Guides Available

There are many events & information
listed in the new spring 2010 Grants
Pass Recreation Guide. They are
available in the office. If you would like
one, have your student pick one up, or
come on in and see us!