

Buzzin' Around Madrona



February 2012



Dear Parents,

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. However, I'm happy to say our attendance has actually been improving thanks to everyone working hard to stay well! We want to help you in any way we can when your child is sick. Remember, it is important for you to decide if your child is in mild discomfort, or is truly ill. Any child that is throwing up, has an unexplained rash, diarrhea, or a temp above 100, should probably be kept home. All illnesses are excused with a phone call or note from you within 48 hours of the illness. The best defense against illness is to help your child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy diet, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Also, make sure your child washes his/her hands thoroughly and often. This helps remove harmful bacteria that can make you and your child sick. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance or health issues.

From the desk of the family advocate

We can really use little boy's clothing, especially pants in sizes 4 to 8. We like to keep a good supply of extra, clean clothing here at the school in case of accidents or wet playground equipment. Thank you, Andrea Rodgers.

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, backpacks, lunch containers, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed 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.

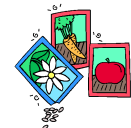
Attendance

A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, Doctor's appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our new Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is not in school if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say "Hello" to activate the message. Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

We are really proud of our students for striving to be at school every day. Thanks parents for helping your child get to school regularly and on time. School begins promptly at 7:40am.

Lunchtime Garden Program



Spring is on the way, and we will be planting our school garden beds with seeds and young plants again. One day a week, during lunch times, there will be an opportunity for students to help with the gardening. There will also be fun activities they will be able to participate in.

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.

Hoop Shoot



Our hoop shoot winners were as follows:

8-9 year old girls: Taya Mendoza

8-9 year old boys: Ian Hayes

10-11 year old girls: Jenelle Hurley

10-11 year old boys: Neill Dove

These winners participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot at Grants Pass High School. All local schools were invited to participate.

Jenelle Hurley took 2nd place for 10-11 year old girls! Way to go Janelle!

Neill Dove took 6th in 10-11 boys, Taya Mendoza took 5th in 8-9 girls, and Ian Hayes took 5th in 8-9 boys. Nice job to all of our students who participated.

NO Toys Allowed!



It has come to our attention that the bus drivers are allowing students to play electronic games on the bus. We have had several instances where these devices have "disappeared" from backpacks and we cannot take any responsibility or the time to investigate their disappearance. **Please remember that electronic games and toys are not allowed at school.**

BOOK FAIR

SAY ALOHA TO THE BOOK FAIR!

Thank you everyone for supporting our book fair! Our Hawaiian Luau theme day was a great success, and our online book fair will continue through Feb. 8th. I also want to thank our student and adult helpers! Without you, the book fair wouldn't be such a great success!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Haberman

PTA News

The Madrona PTO is busy like a bunch of BEES this season! Recently PTO officers were in contact with the State PTA representative to set the wheels into motion for the required changes to transform our Madrona PTO into a new, Madrona PTA. The new slate of officers for the Madrona PTA will be, President, Laurie Guerrero; Vice President, Aven Harper; Treasurer, Nava Gray; Co-Secretaries, Joelene Fimbres and Robin Burgess. Whether it's called PTO or PTA, they are a nice group of folks who would love to have you come alongside and work with them as we all work together to make Madrona the very best place for our kids to learn. Won't you join us? You can call President Laurie Guerrero at (541)450-8988 for more information. The kids have been amazingly busy, too!

This month we are eagerly looking forward to the Science Fair. All Madrona families are invited to view the Science Fair submissions and winners at an Open House and Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Tuesday, February 7th, with the dinner beginning at 5:00pm and the Open House beginning at 6:00pm. There is a small fee for the spaghetti dinner, \$4.00 for adults \$3.00 for kids. A PTA membership drive will be kicked off at this time, so this is a great time for families to show their support by checking out the new PTA booth both during and after the spaghetti dinner.

Our Family Fun Night, originally planned for January 28th, has sadly been cancelled due to poor parental volunteer numbers. We look forward to other fun events in the near future, and hope that parents and other family members will step forward to enable our Madrona kids to have safe and fun events that all can enjoy together. If you would like to volunteer for any PTO/PTA event or activity, please call President Laurie Guerrero at (541)450-8988 for more information. Thank you so much for being involved in our kids' lives. It means so much to all of them!

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. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Coin Drive

Our annual Coin Drive, benefitting the computer Lab at Madrona School, will begin on February 6th and run through February 24th. We hope to fund some great software for the children's learning, all through the donation of everyone's loose change. Please help! Every little bit counts!

SCIENCE FAIR

Alright Madrona Families, our science fair open house is on February 7, 2012 from 6-7 pm in the Madrona Gym. Come down and enjoy an evening of our student's individual and class room projects. The Grants Pass Astronomers Club will be here during our open house with telescopes for viewing of our night sky. They will also have posters to give away. This is free for all Madrona Families to enjoy. Also, this same evening there will be a PTO/PTA spaghetti feed and membership drive in the Madrona Café from 5-6 pm. The price for the spaghetti dinner is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids.

Accelerated Reader Achievements January 2012

Independent Reader

Logan Rigel
Chris Manson
Riley Ortiz
Victor Bettencourt
Ashton Basham
Thomas Cook
Noah Riegel
Mason McCue
Zachary Scott

Super Reader

Maiah Combs
Kael Dymock
Katie Sholes
Isaac Hill
Autumn Gettys
Charlie Jarvis
Brynn Graham

Advanced Reader

Charlie Fraser-Lindsey
Brayden Morris
Katie Shaver
Austin Verner
Jose Lopez
Amiya Matson
Allen Verner

Star Reader

Christina Davies
Aubrielle Garcia
Jo Jo Hippler
D.J. DeCasas
Connor Harper
Derek Potts
Payden Tavelli
Erin Stewart

Classic Reader II

Tenley Williams

February Events

Jan. 30 – Feb 03 – Book Fair; Library
Feb. 1 – Evening Conferences regular school day
Feb. 2 – Conference Day-**No School** all students
Feb. 3 – **No School** all students
Feb. 6 – Feb. 24th – Coin Drive
Feb. 6 – Science Fair project due @ Madrona
Feb. 7 – PBIS Trading Cards on sale
Feb. 7 – Science Fair interviews @ Madrona
Feb. 7 – PTA Spaghetti Feed & Membership Drive in Madrona Café **5pm to 6 pm**
Feb. 7 – Science Fair Open House @ Madrona **6-7pm**
Feb. 9 – PTA Meeting @ **2:10** in Library
Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day parties
Feb. 14 – No Good News
Feb. 15 – Statewide exclusion day for students who are not up to date on their immunizations
Feb. 16 – RV OPERA Pinocchio all school invite
Feb. 20– President's Day – **No School**
Feb. 21 – PBIS Trading Cards on sale
Feb. 22 – Science Fair Judging @ District Office
Feb. 23 – Site Council Mtg. @ **2pm**
Feb. 24 – Science Fair Open House @ District Office
Feb. 24 – Pride Day Assembly @ **1:00pm**

March Events

March 6 – PBIS trading cards on sale
March 8 – PTA Meeting @2:10 Library
March 9 – End of 2nd Trimester
March 12 – No School – Clerical Day
March 13– Spring Pictures
March 15 – PBIS assembly with Scott Perry
March 20 – PBIS trading cards on sale
March 22 - Site Council Meeting @ 2pm Library
March 23 – Pride Day assembly
March 26–30 – Spring Break, No School

Renaissance Home Connect

Madrona uses a software program called Renaissance Place at school. This program has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect, which you and your child can access outside of school from any computer with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, you and your student to share information about your students' progress in Accelerated Reader. You can view Renaissance Home connect from any computer with an Internet connection using these browsers:

- Internet Explorer 6.02 or later
- Firefox 2.x or later
- Safari 2.0.3 or later

To Log in to Renaissance Home Connect:

Website:

<https://Hosted58.renlearn.com/293424/HomeConnect>

For the user name and password you will receive a letter that your student will bring home from their teacher.

If you'd like to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the directions. To be sure these emails reach your inbox add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book. If you have questions about Renaissance Home Connect, please call Madrona Elementary.

Donations

Madrona Families, if you have gently used books and games that could be donated to the PTO for use at our school during rainy day recesses. Our students will appreciate it.

Breakfast with the Principal!



How many of you would like a chance to eat breakfast with Mrs. Van Brunt? Well starting on January 23rd whenever you eat breakfast in the cafeteria or take a breakfast for later, you will be able to put your name in for a chance to eat breakfast up on the stage with none other than Mrs. Van Brunt!

When you come to school on time and get your morning breakfast all you have to do is put your name and room number on a ticket for the drawing. Place your ticket in the drawing box. Then once a month I will draw 12 students' names and announce who the winners are for that month! Those students will get to eat up on the stage with Mrs. Van Brunt.

How many times can you put your name in for the drawing? Every time you have breakfast at school! So each day when you are on time to school and get breakfast will be another chance for you to participate in the drawing!

Breakfast with the Principal Dates

February 21st

March 20th

April 24th

May 22nd



Community Corner

Grants Pass National Little League



All sign-ups are being held at
The Bear Hotel
2101 NE Spalding Ave.
Grants Pass, OR 97526

January 12, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm
January 18, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm
January 28, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm
February 15, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm
*February 4, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm @ Jim Sigel

Registration dates are for both American and National Leagues. For more information call
American League: Lauren Garmendia
541-787-5037
Or
National League: Stan Mustoe 541-226-8426

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club

Spring Season Registration is upon us!
January 10th – February 8th

Registration Fees:
U06/Kinder \$45
U07 – U10 \$70
U12 – U14 \$85



*Third child discount of \$35 each for U7-U14 within same household

All players must register online at
www.gpsoccer.org

VERY IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608 or 476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI	Channel 5
KDRV	Channel 12
KTVL	Channel 10

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.



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ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Straight Line Routes For:

Madrona Elementary School

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations.

When straight line routes are run, the roads affected are listed below. If you live on one of the roads that the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

ROUTE#	STREET NAME
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