

FLEMING NEWS

October
2011

Mark Your Calendar *Fall*



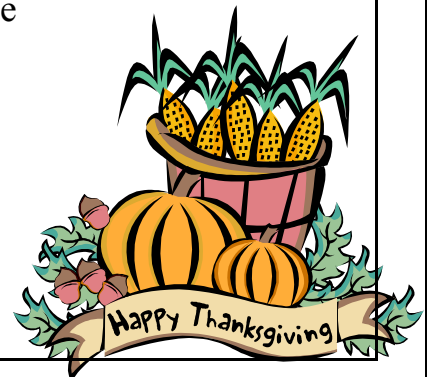
10/13	.....	Magazine Drive Kickoff
10/14	.....	No School
10/20	.....	Conferences—No School
10/21	.....	No School
10/25	.....	Picture Retake Day
11/6	.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/01	.....	PTO Meeting—3:15pm
11/11	.....	Veteran's Day—No School
11/16	.....	Site Council Meeting—3:15pm
11/21-11/25	...	Thanksgiving Vacation

Fleming Web Page

The faculty at Fleming have been working diligently to get their individual class web pages up to speed. The goal is to have every class have a calendar of upcoming assignments available for parents to check on what is happening in their student's classes. Parents at home and teachers at school working together to better communicate will ultimately benefit our students.

Check out Fleming's Web Page at:

[http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/
SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=128](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=128)



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John George - Principal

Mark Higgins - Assistant
Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I would like to say we are off to a great start to what will prove to be, an exciting year. We have definitely hit the ground running. Thanks to all of the parent and community volunteers that have assisted with our start up activities. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

In addition, I would like to thank all staff, teachers and classified. Their dedication on behalf of our children should be applauded. From late evenings, to early mornings and weekends our staff is going the extra mile for the students of Fleming Middle School. This hard work has resulted in an ever improving academic performance by our students.

To quote a colleague, "If we can be certain of anything in this changing world, it is that we will be facing many challenges this coming year." What an understatement! Our challenge as educators is to ensure academic achievement for all students under our guidance. Our challenge as parents is to work to

ensure that we reinforce and positively support our children's educational experience. The challenge to our students is to own their educational opportunities and make the most of them. The only way we will successfully face these challenges is to do so together. I encourage you to contact your student's teachers on a regular basis to check their academic progress. I encourage you to continually reinforce in your student the value of hard work, accountability, and respect. Lastly, I encourage all to become actively engaged in the education of our children. Be an active part of their success team. Take interest, exhibit a positive attitude, and above all remember that education is a process. Thank you and if you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to call my office. Communication is the key to success of our students.

John George
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fleming Family,

I hope this note finds you and your students off to a great start to this school year. As I write this letter I am watching the weather change from 90 degree September days into the gray, damp, cold of October. How quickly things can change.

Change is the common denominator for us again this year. Many changes in staff, class offerings and after school opportunities continue to challenge us all. I would like to start by thanking each of you for your commitment to your children regarding the daunting task not having activity buses providing transportation home later in the day. This has been especially challenging in the arena of Fleming athletics.

We have two volleyball teams that are continuing to show incredible growth and are made up of some of the finest young ladies walking our halls. I would like to thank Kathy Mathews and Maria Caruncho for coaching again this year and working tirelessly to grow not only competitive volleyball players, but more importantly, strong, confident young women. With half of the season in the books, I am looking forward to watching some outstanding competition in the weeks to come.

Cross Country is off and running...no pun intended! We have a new coach this year leading the Fleming charge. Andrew Powell (under the tutelage of Mr. Stuckey) is a former Fleming Rogue who has returned to lead the Fleming Cross Country team to their place atop our conference standings. This year we

have roughly ten student-athletes, from all three grade levels making up our team. Best of luck to all!

Football is underway with nearly 26 student-athletes on each of our two teams. Our seventh graders are playing on Tuesdays with the eighth grade team playing on Wednesdays. We have an entirely new coaching staff this year. Curtis Kissel, Mike Brosio, Brian Taylor, and Gary Padgett make up the 7th and 8th grade coaching staff. The teams look great, with some tough games already under their belts. The kids are improving with each and every game. If you have not yet had the opportunity to watch these outstanding young men in action, please stop by and see all of their hard work put to the test out on the field of competition.

One final thank you to all of the "behind the scenes" workers; Jerry Keeling for running the clock at our home football games, Rick Saeman for refereeing our home volleyball contests, Kym Woolsey, Pam Kudlac & Maria Caruncho for making all the arrangements, making sure we have busing, officials, schedules and the plethora of other tasks that have made Fleming athletics so successful, and to all of our parent volunteers. Without each of you, we would struggle to offer extra-curricular opportunities for the kids.

Thank you all!

Mark Higgins
Assistant Principal / Athletic Director

College Dreams Presents...

Strengthening Families

“FAMILY CAMP”

“Family Camp” is a nationally recognized class designed for families with children between the ages of 10 and 14. Families will learn skills that will help them manage the challenging years ahead—the TEEN years—including communication, drug and alcohol refusal skills, and household management! See below for details:

Beginning October 18th at 5:30pm

Who should attend?

Parents and their children, ages 10-14, who are looking to have fun and learn about each other.

What will we do?

Enjoy **FREE dinner together!** (provided by the facilitators) then youth and parents meet in separate groups for session one, joining back together as a group to end session two. Parents and children will learn techniques specific to what they will deal with during the teen years.

Can I bring my younger kids?

Yes, we will provide **FREE childcare** for you while you attend the classes!

Where is Camp held?

Strengthening Families will be held at South Middle School, 350 W Harbeck.

When is Family Camp?

Strengthening Families consists of seven sessions, one day per week for seven weeks beginning **October 18th** and ending **November 29th**. We will meet every **Tuesday** evening from **5:30 to 8:00pm**.

How much does the Camp cost?

Nothing! The Family Camp is free, Babysitting is free, and dinner is free and if you complete all 7 sessions **your family earns \$50!!!**

HURRY!
Space is Limited!

FREE DINNER!
You don't have to cook!



To register contact:

Jen Perry
at College Dreams

541-218-4539

jperry@collegedreams.org

FREE
Babysitting
Provided!

<p>ART NEWS</p>	<p>COLLEGE 101</p>
<p>Mrs. Hickey is looking for 25 small pumpkins for her 6th grade art class.</p>  <p>If you have extras or know someone who does, please contact the office.</p>	<p>The North Valley High School is presenting a “College 101” workshop for students and parents interested in college opportunities. The workshop will be on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at North Valley High School commons. For more information, please contact NVHS, 541-479-3388.</p>
<p>A Busy, Exciting Year Ahead</p>	<p>PARENT ASSIST</p>
<p>Art has taken off with wonderful kaleidoscope drawings by the seventh and eighth graders (Can you guess what the basis of each of these is?), and abstract animals within a realm of <u>line</u> by the sixth graders. The 7th/8th graders have now begun chalk art out in the quad for Open House.</p> <p>Reading is off to a great start with vowel combinations and fresh vocabulary and spelling words. We read a story about “stinkbugs” and are beginning one about “baseball”. Ask your child in my class why the smallest bug could not make a <u>stink</u> .</p> <p>As for PE, we begin each day with warm up exercises. After a busy week with PE lockers and uniforms, we played some dodge ball and are now learning football skills. Touch football games begin next week, and the girls are keeping right up with the boys! Go, team Hickey!</p>	<p>Parents now have the opportunity to follow their child’s grades, missing assignments, absences and tardies this year using ESIS Parent Assistant. You can access the program through our website at: http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=3894</p> <p>Account Request Forms are available in the office or on line. Please return the form to our office so that we can get your account setup.</p> 
<p align="center">ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS</p> <p>Oregon Law added new requirements for immunizations as of the 2010/2011 school year. All 7th graders who have not met the requirement need to have one additional vaccine or an appropriate medical or religious exemption. Please check your child’s records to be sure he/she has the following:</p> <p align="center">Tdap Vaccine – 1 dose</p> <p>Tdap offers protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is given to adolescents and adults 10-64 years old. It is different from the DTaP, which is given to children younger than 7 years. Your student will need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine. If your student does not have the Tdap shot, contact your child’s doctor or call the Josephine County Health Department (541) 474-5353 to make an appointment.</p> <p>It is important to get an early start on updating your child’s immunization information. All updated information should be sent to Fleming Middle School. If you have any questions you can call (541) 476-8284 and talk to Maria at Fleming.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this.</p>	



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICATIONS

When your child must take prescription and/or non-prescription medicine at school, please follow these steps.

- **The parent/guardian must bring the medicine in person to the office and fill out a medication administration form. Additionally, the parent/guardian must pick up the container when the child has completed the course of medication.**
- **Medicine must be in its original container.**
- **The parent/guardian must fill out the appropriate form with instructions/permission for the school to administer the medication.**
- **The parent/guardian must inform the school in writing of any changes in medication instructions.**

*At no time may a student be in possession of either prescription or non-prescription medications while at school. All medications must be administered through the office. The only exception to this policy are students who must have inhalers or other medications with them because of life-threatening conditions. The office **MUST** be notified if your child is in this category. There are forms in the office for you to complete if your child requires medication at school.*



Boys and girls ages 10 -18 are invited to learn more about Rogue Valley Young Marines at an information meeting being held on Saturday October 15th at 1:30 PM at the old Merlin School – 345 Merlin Road in Merlin. If interested bring a parent or guardian with you to the information meeting.

Young Marines run the Toys For Tots giveaway in December, earn scholarships for college, learn First Aid & CPR, earn Hunter Safety certification, plant trees near Water Gap Road, march in local parades, do Community Service projects, conduct Red Ribbon Week classes in local schools, and attend summer camps throughout Oregon and the USA.

**Don't miss all the fun...Join the Rogue Valley Young Marines.
Call 541 471-1944 for more information.**

Note from your Family Advocate,

My name is Jolie Kern, and I am Fleming's family advocate. As family advocate, I can assist students whose families are unable to provide what is needed for them to be successful in school. I can often help with school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, glasses, haircuts and much more. I can also help by providing academic support to students in homeless situations or living situations that are less than adequate.

The federal government defines "homeless" as:

Living in a home with no heat or running water

Staying with friends or relatives due to economic hardship or loss of housing

Fleeing a domestic violence situation

Living in camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations

Sleeping in a public or private place not intended for living in. (cars and garages)

Living in substandard housing, parks or abandoned houses

If you are in need of my assistance please fill out the "request for advocate contact" attached. If your child is in need of specific supplies or services please write your request on the form and I will do what I can to accommodate.

Thanks,

Jolie Kern

Fleming Family Advocate

Request For Family Advocate Assistance

Student name: _____

Parent name: _____

Phone number _____

Assistance requested _____

Please return to the office and advocate will contact you as soon as possible.

PTO NEWS

Welcome back to school !

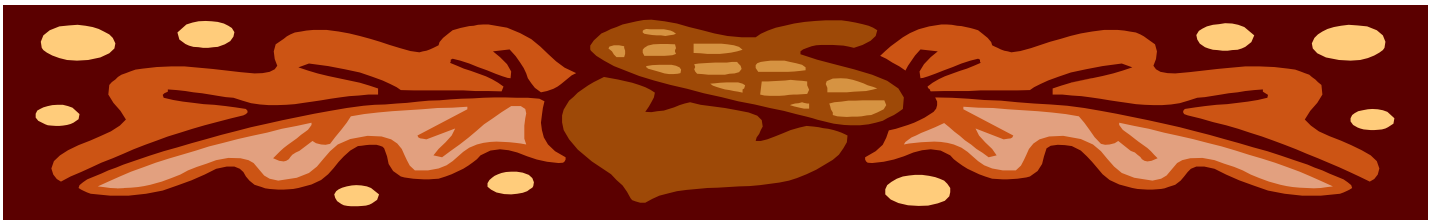
Cookie dough is coming up. Kick off will be October 13th.

**The PTO is currently looking for a Vice president.
If anyone is interested please call Nadyah at 541-479-8193.**

**The next two PTO meetings are, October 4th at 3:15pm in the library, and
November 1st at 3:15pm in the library.**

**You do not have to be a PTO member to come to the meetings, but you do
need to be a member to vote.**

Hope to see you there.



Attention Parents

Ever wish you were a fly on the wall before school and at lunch, checking out what your child is up to and getting a feel for Fleming on a student level?

The PTO is excited to announce that we have found a way for parents to have more of a presence on campus while raising funds for the library and increasing school spirit. Every Friday we will be hosting Spirit Fridays, either before school or at lunch. During that time, we will be selling various items, raffle tickets or playing games with the students. This is a perfect opportunity to be “in the loop” of what is happening at school.

If you would like to get on the schedule for either a Friday morning from 8-8:30AM Or during 1st and 2nd lunch, please contact Mary Jane Taylor at 541-956-6960 or at bamjtay@charter.net to let her know which Friday you would like to come interact with the kids.

Looking forward to fun, connection and funds for the library!