



# FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE



We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kirk Baumann, Principal

November 2014

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS





### NOVEMBER 2014



- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Daylight Savings end-FALL back 1 hour
- 4<sup>th</sup>- PTA Meeting-2:15 PM-Library
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 2nd gr. Canine Ambassador Program 12:30-1:30  
Jog-A-Thon- Limo Ride- 11:00 to 1:30  
Regular School Day-Evening Conferences 3PM-7 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup>- No School-All Day Conferences 7AM -7PM
- 7<sup>th</sup>- No School for Students
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Veteran's Day---Honor Our Vet's  No School
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Family Lunch (see attached flyer)   
Site Council Meeting-2:15 -SMART Room
- 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- District Closure Days
- 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Holiday-ENJOY 
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Kids Zone- 5:30-7:30 PM @ "The Club"



### A Look Ahead

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- School Resumes
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-  All School Music Program  
"An American Christmas"  
GPPAC at 7:00 pm 
- 5<sup>th</sup>- DUCK-BE AVER CHALLENGE Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup>- NVHS Country Christmas Bazaar- 9:00am to 4:00 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Family Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup>- last day of school before Christmas Holiday 
- January 5<sup>th</sup>- School Resumes 



From the Desk of... Dave Holden,



Kindergarten Teacher

Apart from that nightly bedtime story, what else can you do to make sure your child gets off to a good start, gains independence and enjoys reading? There are lots of simple things you can do at home to help. Take a look at these top tips and try out some of the ideas to see what works well in your home.

1. **Talk together**-Talking about words and pictures or anything at all is really important for building up a store of vocabulary and confidence-and it's fun too.
2. **Read together**-There is something very magical about sharing a book with a child. Just 5-10 minutes at bedtime, bath time or quiet time really does help to hook them in. It is important to build confidence by reading lots of different books at that same reading level and continue to re-read earlier books so that you aren't pushing up the difficulty of the books too quickly.
3. **Remember when** . . . Compare events in stories or information books with things you've done together, so your child starts to make connections between these things and their own experiences: "That's just like when we went Thorpe Park. Do you remember? Dad was scared . . ."
4. **Sing Together**- Even if it's not your forte, just sing. Nursery rhymes and songs for your youngest and chart-topping songs you hear on the radio for your older children all count-and grandparents can contribute some golden oldies too!

Have FUN!

Mr. Holden



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



Dear Fort Vannoy Community,

Our annual Food drive will be starting soon! If you would like to help out Fort Vannoy Families during the holidays, here's how. Please donate non-perishable food items for our Food Drive. We will begin accepting donation starting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through December 12<sup>th</sup>. The class that brings in the most food will win a POPCORN PARTY!

Remember, that the food that is donated will stay right here at Fort Vannoy to help out families in need. Our goal is to bring in enough nutritious food so that families will receive a box of breakfast, lunch and dinner items. If you would like to donate a turkey or a ham, please let me know and I will make arrangements to use our school freezer. Here are some suggestions for *non-perishable food* items:

**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit, muffin mix, pancake mix, cocoa mix, fruit bars, syrup.

**LUNCH:** Tuna, soup, raviolis, crackers, cookies, juice, mayonnaise, pickles, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, canned chicken, Tuna Helper, granola bars.

**DINNER:** Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, dinner roll mix, beef stew, chili, refried beans, corn bread mix, canned vegetables, pudding, rice, Hamburger Helper.

**Let's make this Food Drive a GREAT SUCCESS!**

Sincerely,

Theresa Ogden

Fort Vannoy Family Advocate



Want to know what's happening in your school district? Check out the NEW monthly Three Rivers School District newsletter--The Three Rivers Tiding-- at [threerivers.k12.or.us](http://threerivers.k12.or.us).

Find it under "Quick Links" then "District News."

For news at Fort Vannoy go to:

[threerivers.k12.or.us](http://threerivers.k12.or.us)

Go to Schools-click on-Fort Vannoy

## SCARECROWS

OVER THE RIVER AND THRU THE WOODS  
TO FORT VANNOY WE GO!

Come take a drive and see the colorful array of scarecrows on the fence line. The third, fourth, and fifth grade classes out did themselves this year with their creativity.



## BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

Things are going great in the cafeteria this year with lots of healthy food choices being made. Just a reminder—**BREAKFAST** and **LUNCH** are **FREE** to all students. Milk however, is still 50 cents if you wish your child to purchase one with their cold lunch.

## PTA NEWS

**Find us on Facebook!**

If you use Facebook, search for Fort Vannoy Parents Connect. This is a group of parents and friends of Fort Vannoy and useful information is often posted there.

### Why join PTA?

Your \$10 membership fee is tax deductible and allows you to help decide what activities PTA will focus on this year. Be involved in decision making at Fort Vannoy - only PTA members can vote at PTA meetings.

### Can I attend a meeting if I'm not a member?

Yes! Please! We would love to see you at a meeting. We would love to see you at every meeting! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:15—See you there!

### Can I volunteer if I'm not a member?

Of course! If you haven't had a chance to fill out the orange Volunteers Wanted sheet that came home with your student, please complete it and return it to the school. If you did not receive this form and would like to, please email [fortvannoypta@gmail.com](mailto:fortvannoypta@gmail.com) or call Sennie @ 541-471-9190. Volunteer opportunities of all sorts are available - volunteer at home, volunteer at the school, one hour a month, two hours a week... Tell us how you would like to be involved and we will do our best to help you find a spot!

### What if I have questions about or a great idea for PTA or Fort Vannoy?

Feel free to email [fortvannoypta@gmail.com](mailto:fortvannoypta@gmail.com) or call Sennie @ 541-471-9190 with your questions. We would love to help you feel connected and informed.



## How the Turkey Got Its Name & Fun Facts



There are a number of explanations for the origin of the name of Thanksgiving's favorite dinner guest. Some believe Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and believed the bird he discovered (the turkey) was a type of peacock. He therefore called it 'tuka,' which is 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian language.

Though the turkey is actually a type of pheasant, one can't blame the explorer for trying.

The Native American name for turkey is 'firkee'; some say this is how turkeys got their name. Simple facts, however, sometimes produce the best answers—when a turkey is scared, it makes a "turk, turk" noise.



At one time, the turkey and the bald eagle were each considered as the national symbol of America. Benjamin Franklin was one of those who argued passionately on behalf of the turkey. Franklin felt the turkey, although "vain and silly", was a better choice than the bald eagle, whom he felt was "a coward".



Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the Western Hemisphere.



Turkeys have great hearing, but no external ears. They can also see in color, and have excellent visual acuity and a wide field of vision (about 270 degrees), which makes sneaking up on them difficult. However, turkeys have a poor sense of smell (what's cooking?), but an excellent sense of taste.



Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys, however, can fly for short distances at speeds up to 55 miles per hour. They can also reach speeds of 25 miles per hour on the ground.



Turkeys sometimes spend the night in trees.



Turkeys can have heart attacks: turkeys in fields near the Air Force test areas over which the sound barrier was broken were known to drop dead from the shock of passing jets



The ballroom dance known as the Turkey Trot was named for the short, jerky steps a turkey makes.



The male turkey is called a tom, the female turkey is called a hen and baby turkeys are called poults.



A large group of turkeys is called a flock.



Minnesota raised 46 million turkeys in 2012.



Wild turkeys were almost wiped out in the early 1900's. Today there are wild turkeys in every state except Alaska.



The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds—about the size of a large dog.



Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.

