



October 2014

Principal Board Report: Madrona's Top Ten!

1. Madrona is having our first annual **TRUNK OR TREAT**, 30+ parent volunteers are decorating their cars and parking in our secured parking lot for our fun event on October 30th. Abbey's Pizza donated 400 bags for our special event.
2. We have implemented an **ADOPT-a-TEACHER** program. Each teacher has been "adopted" by a Madrona Family and will receive special gifts throughout the year, especially on his or her birthday.
3. Our **SMART Program** is underway; our volunteer readers are now coming three days a week vs. two days a week to better celebrate **READING**.
4. "Phil the Gardener" is still coming to Madrona on Wednesdays; the students love visiting our school's beautiful garden.
5. Mr. Rob Harrington, our fourth grade teacher, is going to be teaching an after school class for Science at Lincoln Savage. This is part of the 21st Century Grant, with a vision of strengthening the bridge between middle school and elementary.
6. October 6th wrapped up our **READING FOR EDUCATION** fund raiser; we raised roughly \$300.00 and these funds are used to enhance our computer lab needs.
7. Our teachers are truly embracing our new ELA curriculum; we are starting our professional development meeting on Fridays with shout-outs from each teacher on one success from the program, for example, favorite assessment tool, or online access items.
8. Discussions are beginning around what fund raisers we should have at Madrona; a **JOG-A-THON** is among an old favorite that everyone would like to have returned.
9. We just purchased a computer program titled "BrainPOP"; our current kindergartners represent the last class who will be taking **OAKS SCIENCE** as fifth graders... this program emphasizes Science Vocabulary and processes.
10. **OUR OPEN HOUSE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS**, 280 adults attended plus all of the children!!