

PIRATE'S PRESS



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Messages from the Principal:

Department of Education Rates Jerome Prairie Outstanding!

*The Oregon Department of Education has given Jerome Prairie a preliminary rating of “**Outstanding**” on our 2008-09 state report card. Only two other schools in the county received this high mark. To earn the rating of Outstanding you must excel on three different indexes: reading and math achievement (94.9), attendance (95.0), and the state assessment participation (100). We can all take great pride in being a part of this success. It takes a team effort of teachers, assistants, parent, and students working together to accomplish this. Thank you for all the support you give the school as we strive to provide the best learning environment we can for each child. As our motto states, “there’s no better place to learn!”*

Attendance and the Flu

A critical component to learning is being at school. The flu has really made its way through our school this month and overall attendance is way down, the worst in the district for October. Recently, our attendance is bouncing back with a drop in reported flu cases here at school. Please make every effort to have your child in school unless he/she is truly ill so that we can provide a quality education and get our attendance rate back on track. Our goal is to get back to a 92% attendance rating: this is the standard established by the state. Last year we were at 95%, so I am hopeful we will make it in spite of the flu. We appreciate your help with this!

Science Club

Thank you to the PTO for supporting the start of our science club. Mr. Harrington has had over 50 third, fourth and fifth grade students show up for the after school activities on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank you Mr. Harrington for planning the fun science projects. Many of these students will be preparing a project for the district Science Fair this year.

*Sincerely
Dave Fuller*



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Daylight Saving Ends
- 2-5 ScienceWorks – 3rd/4th/5th
- 3 Site Council Mtg. – 2:10 pm
- 4 PTO Mtg. – 2:10 pm
- 11 **Veterans Day – No School**
- 13 Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly @ 1:00 pm
Hearing Screening 8:00-11:00 am
K/1st/3rd - Referrals
- 18 **Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- 19 Clogston's Class – Field Trip
- 20 **2 hour Delayed Start**
- 23 Clerical Day – **No Classes**
- 24 Clerical Day – **No Classes**
- 25 Reduction Day-**No School**
- 26-27 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-No School**

STUDENT ABSENCES, TARDIES AND EXCUSES

Daily attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for a student to gain maximum benefits from his/her education experience.

Oregon school law supports the District Board's view, and restricts excused absences to illness of the student, student medical or dental appointments (confirmation of appointments may be required). Illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence at home, when the tenets of the student's religion require an absence for religious observance of a holiday or emergency situations that require the student's absence. All other absences must meet the approval of the school officials or be treated as unexcused absences. An absence that does not meet the criteria of an excused absence, but has been confirmed by the parent will be marked as a "verified" absence.

Absences will only be excused or verified if a phone call is received from the parent/guardian the day the student is absent or a note received in the school office not more than 3 days after the child returns to school. Getting your student to school on time is also very important. Not only does your

student miss the introduction to the day but coming in late interrupts the class and the education of the other students in the classroom. School starts at 7:40 AM. If your child arrives at school late he/she will need to come to the office to get a tardy slip. You need to know that a tardy slip will count against their perfect attendance.

JOG-A-THON RESULTS

We thank each of you students and parents/guardians, friends, business partners that helped to make our 17th annual Jog-A-Thon a success. We could not have done it without you and the hard work of our students.

The Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly is scheduled for Friday, November 13th at 1:00 PM. We invite you to join us in the gym as each child receives the prize they have earned.

Students (a boy and girl or more in case of ties) who earned a "Most Laps Ran" T-shirt from each grade are:

Kgtn: Sofia McNair – 17 laps
Max Sloan – 16 laps

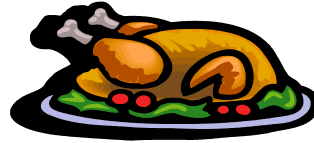
1st Grade: Desire Harp – 16 laps
Patrick Clayburn – 20 laps

2nd Grade: McKenzie Fisher – 14 laps
Halle O'Brien – 14 laps
Liliana Sloan – 14 laps
Soarin Clayburn – 20 laps

3rd Grade: Calli Pelkey – 19 laps
Rachel Polster – 19 laps
Dylan Rondeau – 23 laps

4th Grade: Haydn Morsa – 21 laps
Jonas Beachy – 24 laps

5th Grade: Annjallene Bentley – 19 laps
Rebecca McKinney – 19 laps
Megan Sheely – 19 laps
Mitchell Polster – 24 laps



JOG-A-THON continued

Those earning a limo ride to McDonald's for bringing in \$100.00 or more are

Kgtn: Dominique Klahold

1st Grade: Noel Sandeen, Tanner York

2nd Grade: Brenna Bare, Emma Kimball, Kristina Leshner, Paige Lake, Natalia Pate, Seth Williamson, Humphrey Curtis, Matthew Rush

3rd Grade: Kathryn Andrade, David Countiss, John Heins, Kami Keith, Calli Pelkey, Megan Porter, Mikayla Van Boven

4th Grade: Hunter Kennedy, Lorynn Schaefer, Gigi Strangis, Emma Thomas, Walker York, Haydn Morsa, Bobbie Rideout, Tyler Von Radics, Joel Williamson

5th Grade: Chad Countiss, Alyssa Kennedy, Megan Sheely, Jordan Teague, Ashton Welch

Congratulations to all of you! We didn't make our goal this year but you did an **awesome** job.

JACKETS & COATS AVAILABLE

We have some gently used coats and jackets available for our Jerome Prairie families. They are located in the gym and would like to find a good home to go to. Please if you need a warm coat or jacket for your child/children, come in and pick out one that's just right for them, they are free; they just need a new home. It's starting to get cold and we don't want any child to go without a warm jacket or coat.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Jerome Prairie School will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 18th in the school cafeteria. We invite all parents to join their student/students for lunch. All we ask is that you make reservation by November 17th so that our cooks will know how many to prepare for. Reservations just need to be made for parent, grandparents and siblings that are planning on attending. More information regarding times will be coming home in the near future

Menu:

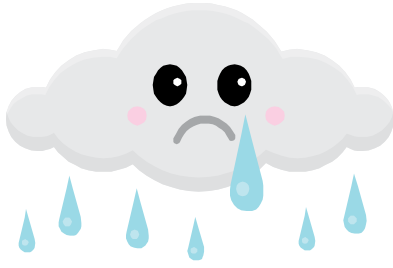
Turkey with gravy and mashed potatoes
Apple Muffin
Fruit Salad with whipped topping
Corn
Rolls

It promises to be a great lunch and we are looking forward to having you join us.

SCIENCE WORKS

As part of their Inquiry Outreach Program, ScienceWorks will be coming to Jerome Prairie in November. They will be here November 2nd through the 5th. All third, fourth and fifth grade students will be studying "Magnetic Personalities." The students will investigate magnetic fields and strength of different magnets through a hands-on experience. We know this will spark the interest of many students.





INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of adverse weather conditions, please tune into Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJO, KLRD, or KBOY. Television Stations KOBİ (Channel 5), KDRV (Channel 12), or KTVL (Channel 10) or the Three Rivers School District Web page for information on school closures and bus schedules.

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 ran. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations. **Remember** that Jerome Prairie is in the Hidden Valley Area.

When straight-line routes are run, the affected roads are listed below.

If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel you may bring your child to the nearest intersection or the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

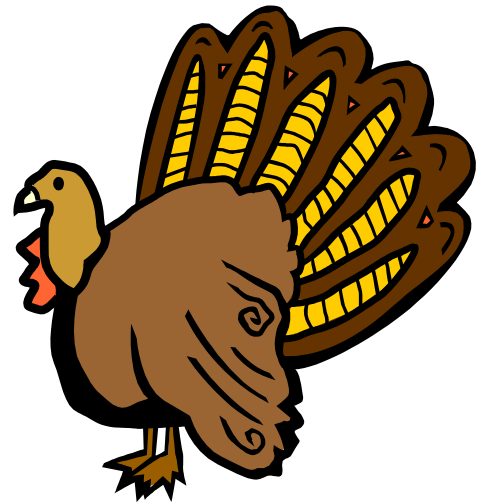
<u>Route</u>	<u>Street Name</u>
B13	All roads will be traveled
B14	Midway(south of Jerome Prairie Rd.), Sleepy Hollow Loop, Carrollwood Dr., Neill Rd.

B15	All Roads will be traveled
B16	Riverbanks Rd., Marcy Loop, Dutcher Creek, Dutchy Way, Limpy Creek.
B17	Slate Creek Rd., Round Prairie, Minnow Lane, Firview

OPTIONS:

1. School may be delayed by two hours
2. School may be closed for the entire day.
3. We may operate on a limited bus route as described above.

There may be times that because of weather the school will have to close early in order to get the children home safely. We will make every attempt to notify parents or the emergency number that is on your child's registration form. **Please keep the phone number and emergency contacts up to date.** Your student needs to know what to do and where to go in case of this sort happens. Children need to be aware of what is expected of them if the need arises.



Happy Thanksgiving