



Mountain Lion News

May - June 2025

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Blink and you'll miss it,
The way our children
stretch towards the sky,
Growing up
in the blink of an eye.

APRIL & MAY'S CHARACTER TRAITS ARE:



Kindergarten through 5th grade School Days, are:

Monday - Thursday

First Bell rings at 7:15am

End of day Bell rings at 2:25pm

Students may be dropped off as early as 7:00am

There is NO supervision prior to 7:00am

May 22nd Manzanita PTA
CARNIVAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 - BUGS R US/2ND GRADE
- May 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week!
- May 6TH - 1:15 CHARACTER ASSEMBLY/GYM
- May 7TH - SCIENCE NIGHT W/OMSI
- May 14 - PTA MEETING re: CARNIVAL NIGHT
- May 14 - TALENT SHOW TRYOUTS
- May 15 - KICK-OFF TO KINDERGARTEN
- May 20 - CROSSING BRIDGES/NELSON
- May 21 - 2ND GRADE TO PACIFICA
- May 21 - CROSSING BRIDGES/WOOLFOLK
- May 22 - PTA CARNIVAL NIGHT
- May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
- May 27 - OREGON CAVES/DIETZ & OVERTON
- May 28 - TALENT SHOW 1:00PM
- May 29 - 3RD GRADE TO WILDLIFE SAFARI
- May 29 - 5TH GRADE TO LAKE SELMAC
- June 2 - OREGON CAVES/BUELTE
- June 3 - SENIOR WALK
- June 5 - MANZANITA FIELD DAY!
- June 5 - 5TH GRADE JET BOAT EXCURSION
- JUNE 5 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



A note from our principal.... Dear Manzanita Families,

As we approach the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. It's hard to believe we're down to the final three weeks! Let's keep the momentum going and finish strong. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and meaningful connections—and I couldn't be prouder of the hard work and commitment shown by our entire school community. Manzanita is a great place to learn and grow!

As we head into the final weeks of school, please be sure to check your child's backpack and calendar regularly. These last few weeks are full of exciting activities, field trips, and special events you won't want to miss. If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign up for ParentSquare, as all important information and updates are sent through that platform.

Looking ahead to summer, I encourage everyone to finish the school year strong and celebrate the progress made. Learning doesn't have to stop when school lets out! Encourage your child to keep practicing their basic math facts—addition, subtraction, and even fractions—through real-life applications like cooking, shopping, or measuring during summer projects. Daily reading and journaling are also great ways to keep minds active and curious.

Most importantly, find joy in learning through fun. Whether it's a nature walk, a family game night, or writing a story about a summer adventure, learning is everywhere. Let's keep that love of discovery alive all summer long.

The last day of school is June 5th. Summer officially begins for students June 6th. On behalf of the staff we wish you a safe and fun filled summer break. Thank you again for an outstanding year. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall, Monday August 25th, refreshed and ready for new adventures.

Warmly,

Renee Nults

Proud Principal of Manzanita Mountain Lions



Summer Tips for Parents

Here are a few ways you can support your child's emotional well-being this summer:

KEEP A ROUTINE

Even a flexible schedule helps kids feel secure and balanced. Knowing 'what comes next' can ease a lot of worries and can give your kids an idea of what's changing in their world. Consider keeping a family calendar on the wall, or a weekly family meeting to talk about what's coming up.



ENCOURAGE LEARNING

Read together, play educational games, or visit the library to keep young minds active. Whenever possible, engage with your student without technology, giving your child a chance to learn with you and from you.



TALK ABOUT FEELINGS

Check in often. Summer can bring excitement, but also anxiety about change. Even 10 minutes per day of face to face conversation can keep your child feeling safe and decrease negative behaviors.



PROMOTE SOCIAL TIME

Playdates, camps, or family gatherings help children stay connected. Our children learn through play, and they need social outlets to keep growing.



Our Summer Meals Program is Coming!!!



**summer
meals
program**

Available for all children ages 1-18
June 12- Aug 14, 2025

For more information or to sign up, please visit <https://www.3rsd.org/departments/food-services/summer-meals>