

Report to the Board

Fort Vannoy Elementary School

Fall 2010

The first two months of the 2010-2011 school year have been crazy busy at Fort Vannoy.

In addition to all of the other “normal” activities to start the school year, we also worked with Aaron Ausland from the Ausland Group to write a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant (SRG). If awarded, the grant would provide \$1.5 million for work on Fort Vannoy School. Dan Huber-Kantola hand delivered the grant on Friday, October 15, 2010 to make the deadline. We should find out in January if we have been awarded the grant.

We held our annual Open House for parents on September 23, 2010. We had a very good turnout. Playground supervision was provided though Title One Parent Involvement funds during the evening so that parents could talk with teachers without interruption.

This fall Fort Vannoy went into full implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). We are calling our PBIS program PRIDE. The PRIDE Team (made up of the administrator, three teachers and two classified staff) met before the school year started to design lessons and plan monthly activities to reward students. The PRIDE Team attended the full day workshop in Ashland on October 4th. There are still “glitches” to work out with implementation, but the students have enjoyed the September Field Day and the October Fall Festival as PRIDE rewards.

The PRIDE events have been successful largely because of the involvement of the Fort Vannoy PTA. Our PTA is very active. Parents as well as staff helped with the Field Day activity. The PTA held a successful Jog-A-Thon on September 30, 2010. They were able to collect over \$11,000 to support the music program at Fort Vannoy.

The Fall Festival, which was held during the school day, was put on by the PTA for the students. The parents created fun booths for the children, donated candy for the booths and staffed the booths the day of the event. From Kindergarten to fifth grade, the students said that the Fall Festival was awesome!

We were only able to hold the Fall Festival during the day because the North Valley High School cheerleaders donated their time as a community service project. The younger students enjoyed seeing the high school students helping at the Festival.

Our SMART program is very strong this year with retired teacher Carol Strode coordinating the program. We have about 40 volunteer readers who come Tuesday, Thursday or both.

Our first grade classes from Kimber Guthrie’s and Josh Standley’s room went to the Fort Vannoy Farms corn maze and pumpkin patch on October 15, 2010. Many parents went along for the students’ first field trip. Everyone enjoyed the hay ride, pumpkin cannon and maze. Each student returned with a pumpkin; some almost too big to carry.

The last week of October was Red Ribbon Week: Awareness of being drug free for life. Everyone had fun wearing crazy socks (You’d be crazy to do drugs); PJ’s (Drugs destroy dreams); blue (drugs make you blue) as well as red for Red Ribbon Week and Team Spirit Shirts on Friday.