



MANZANITA ELEMENTARY

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To: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors

From: Jessica Durrant, Principal

Re: Trimester 1 Board Briefing

Date: November 5, 2009

As the first trimester draws to a close, I am amazed and in awe at the wonderful opportunities Manzanita students and staff have experienced thus far this school year. I am so proud of the accomplishments and energy that this list represents.

September –

- Book Fair sponsored by Manzanita PTO
- Field Trips to Crater Lake, Lost Creek
- Jog-A-Thon fundraiser students raised \$6529.00 for classroom technology and PBS
- Open House with BBQ Dinner and Strawberry Shortcake for all families
- Fall School Pictures
- Late Start Professional Development –
~Certified staff looked at AYP data from 2008-2009, identify areas of strength at Manzanita and areas for improvement
~Classified staff received Active Supervision training from Rob Bressi to support PBS expectations

October –

- Park Ranger from Oregon Caves visited our 4th grade classes
- 4th grade Field Trip to Oregon Caves, 2nd grades to Crater Rock Museum & Kindergarten & first grades to Whites Country Farm
- Manzanita Halloween Parade with classroom parties
- Late Start Professional Development – Certified Teachers learned additional ways to use their new technology to enhance learning and increase student engagement. K-2 teachers worked with Tim Mohr on differentiating math curriculum
- Perfect Attendance Recess
- Students who raised over \$175.00 for the Jog-a-thon rode in a tethered hot air balloon. Lunch was provided for a kindergarten class that brought in the most money, popcorn was provided for the class with the most laps for the jog-a-thon!
- Parent Lunch
- Peg Cowens, Math Coach for the district worked with several grade level teams on best practice for math instruction

November –

- Licensed staff development time spent exploring cooperative learning groups
- Ms. Steimer's class earned Spirit for bringing in the most recycling for P.T.A.
- Classified staff development time spent on active supervision, strategies to help students complete writing activities, computer skills
- Changes implemented to parking lot and student drop-off and pick-off procedure

I know 2nd Trimester will bring additional activities and happenings at Manzanita. You are always welcome to any of Manzanita's events and I look forward to seeing you soon!