

Board Report  
Fort Vannoy School  
March 1, 2010

In January Fort Vannoy finished up school competitions for District Science Fair and for Hoop Shoot at GPHS. Several Fort Vannoy students participated in both events as representatives of our school.

We had our fourth Family Movie Night on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The movie was “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.” PTA parents sold snacks and the movie was well attended.

Student who earned PRIDE for the first part of the year also had a movie, popcorn and juice. That exciting event was Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. To earn PRIDE, students must have good attendance, put effort into their school work, and not have had a behavior or bus referral. The next PRIDE assembly will be scheduled following Second Tri-mester Conferences.

February didn't seem like a short month, because we packed so much into it. We had Science Fair, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) assemblies, Valentine's Day parties, and Bugs-R-Us assemblies. Some of the classes attended the play, “Miss Nelson is Missing” at GPPAC and the first grade students received American flags from the Lions Club.

Our PTA sponsored an Artist in Residence program with Cindy Kahoun in February. The students worked on watercolor with a Native American theme. The work will be displayed during Art Night on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Fort Vannoy gym. During Art Night families can also do a variety of arts and craft projects organized by the PTA.

PTA is now gearing up for their first BINGO Night. They have been inspired by Manzanita School and the Bingo, baskets and silent auction that has been so successful there for many years. Bingo Night is Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00.

We provided students Dental check ups and sealants from the WOW Van in January and February. Many families took advantage of the free service.

For staff the focus has been Math, student engagement structures and PBS. During February Mrs. Hill taught a math lesson using 100's board in all first through 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Students were given the chance to display number sense from simple one-two-three order at the younger grades, to Prime Numbers for the older students. Another round of lessons, plus an experience for the Kindergarten students is planned for the Spring.

Staff Development during the Late Start in January was the process of working toward group agreements as far as student expectations to establish PBS at Fort Vannoy.

Also in February, Kathie and Phil Biencourt attended the Cooperative Learning workshop in Las Vegas. We came back with many ideas to use with students and to share with staff.

Our February Staff Development for teachers and classroom assistants was presented by Peggy Cowens, Phil Biencourt and Kathie Hill. Peggy presented an introduction to number sense using student engagement structures. Phil and Kathie helped with the student engagement structures.

We are planning our next Math Staff Development with Mrs. Cowens, and Owen Peterson, Brenda Schmoll and Kathie Hill will be attending the PBS Training in Corvallis in March.