

PIRATE'S PRESS



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 7 Hearing Screening
- 12 Veteran's Day – No School
- 14 PTA Meeting @ 2:10 PM
- 15 Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 19 thru 23 Furlough days and Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- 26 Site Council Meeting @ 2:10

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

Our school year is off to a great start! We have 191 students attending Jerome Prairie. Many parents took the time to meet with teachers recently to get information about how their child is doing. We hope you will use that information to support your child's personal learning journey.

Make sure you support getting homework done regularly and that reading happens in your home often. The primary years are so important in establishing good reading skills. Being able to read is one of the most accurate indicators of future success in any field. Students that struggle to read, tend to struggle in all areas of learning. As students become solid readers, about third grade, the focus shifts from learning to read to reading to learn. So, please set aside a few minutes each day to read to your child or to listen to them read. You will be giving them a gift of your time and of learning!

We are midway through the first trimester. November 30th ends the first trimester. We will be mailing home the first trimester reports cards in December. Look for them.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 3 Clerical Day – No School
- 10 PBIS Big Event – Bus R US Man here!
- 19 Winter Program – 6:00 PM
- 21 Class parties in the afternoon
- 24 thru January 4 – Winter Break – No School
- Return to School – January 7, 2012

Message from Principal cont'd.

The BUG Man is coming! He will be doing three special assemblies for K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th grade students. The kids are really looking forward to his arrival. Students who have earned this wonderful PBIS event through 1 or less referral or bus citation or no more than six trips to the Ed lab for behavior will get to go!

Science Club has started. Fourth and Fifth grade students have the opportunity to enroll in our Science Club. Mr. Harrington works with students after school. Fourth graders work after school on Tuesdays and Fifth graders on Thursdays. Many fun, hands-on, experiments are done that teach kids about the scientific process. After the winter break, the students will begin to focus on making their own science project. With effort and many hours of fun, they produce a project that can go to the District Science Fair. Last year, we had nine students participate at the District Fair. We are hoping for more! Enrollment is \$30.00 and, if needed, help with the fee is available. Please ask.

Sincerely,

Lise Van Brunt, Principal



FAVORITES

Sneak Preview, a free Grants Pass area publication, lists Cecelia McKee, kindergarten teacher as one of the three favorite teachers in the county for 2012. Mike Delay is honored as the favorite janitor for 2012.

Congratulations and great job!

STUDENT AWARDS – PBIS Assembly

Students recognized during our PBIS Assembly during September are as follows:

Demonstrating “Being Safe”

Lovell - Tristen Teer
Tocher - Lauren Hobbs
Kenney - Haylee Bayard
Meyer - Sedona Brooks
Harrington - Isaiah Holland
Katz - Paige Lake

Student of the Month

Lovell - Caden Evans
Tocher - Jonathan Brackett
Kenney - Abigail Knight
Meyer - Jackson Brackett
Harrington – Corrine Porter
Katz - Annika Sellke

PBIS Assembly – October 26, 2012

During PBIS Assembly, the following students were recognized:

Being Respectful

McKee: Kaitlynn Bayard and Trenton Skoglie
Lovell: Carter Campbell
Tocher: Grace Butler
Kenney: Sierra Falls
Meyer: Kylee Kimberlin
Harrington: Hailee Campbell

Student of the Month

McKee: Ean Hope and Daisy Kittleson
Lovell: Rylan Wilhelm
Tocher: Ethan Westling
Kenney: Naomi Miller
Meyer: Drew Sellke
Harrington: Weston Flow
Katz: Daniel Beachy



JOG-A-THON RESULTS

Thank you to our students, parents/guardians, volunteers and business partners that helped to make our 20th annual Jog-A-Thon a success. It was a success due to students jogging the laps, the help of lap counters and coordinators assisting in setting up refreshments and keeping track of pledge sheets. Special “thank you” to PTA who provided the delicious cookies and lemonade. Thank you to Ray’s in Murphy for their donation of water. Oranges were donated by Ray’s on Williams Hwy. and Albertsons at Allen Creek.

Students’ achievements and prizes are as follows: Recognized for the most laps, and receiving a Jerome Prairie t-shirt, in each grade level were:

Kindergarten: Trenton Skoglie and

Micah Sallas (9)

Kaitlynn Bayard (10)

First: Joshua Stehnike (15)

Jasmine Kelly, Lori Magley and

Jasmyn Weigel (13)

Second: Hunter Swanson and

Jonathan Brackett (18)

Natalie Sandeen (18)

Third: Guy Meade, Drew Sellke and

Max Sloan (23)

Sofia McNair (21)

Fourth: Patrick Clayburn and

Triston Weigel (20)

Whitney Harris (17)

Fifth: Ethan Schaefer, Jonathan Byrd

and Soarin Clayburn (23)

McKenna Mounce (21)

Collecting the most money in pledges was Daisy Kittleson, who received the Grand Prize of a portable Sylvania 7” LCD DVD player.

Your support for this school-wide activity is very much appreciated. Funds raised will be used wisely to benefit students at Jerome Prairie. Classroom teachers will receive a portion of the funds to purchase needed items for their classroom programs.



SCIENCE CLUB

Mr. Harrington has started a Science Club for interested students in the 4th and 5th grades. Science Club members meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 PM to develop and do a variety of hands-on-experiments. Science Club will run through the end of February 2013.

The students will do experiments with paper airplanes they built in order to determine which plane would be able to fly the farthest. They will also be using safe chemicals to explore various chemical reactions, such as foaming reactions and creating slime. Among projects being planned for in the future is using recycled materials to build a variety of birdhouses and feeders.

Members of the Science Club will be expected to develop a science project that will be entered in the District Science Fair.

If a student is interested in joining the Science Club, they must see Mr. Harrington for an enrollment form. There is a \$30.00 fee to join the club that covers the cost of supplies. No child will be declined membership in the club due to an inability to pay the fee. Please advise Mr. Harrington if the fee will be an issue for joining the Club.



AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS

Three Rivers School District has a system called "Synrevoice" that periodically makes telephone calls to parents/guardians.

The system is utilized to notify parents of upcoming events, attendance, late start/snow days, or other reasons that may require information sent out in a timely manner. The Synrevoice message is activated when you say "hello".

Messages will be sent, through this system, to the phone number provided to the office. It is, therefore, important that your contact phone numbers are kept current.

If you receive a phone call after 4:00 p.m., it is likely that it is a synrevoice message. Please listen to the message rather than calling the office.

THE ARTS AT JEROME PRAIRIE

The PTA is supporting the arts at Jerome Prairie again this year. One special way is by having local artists, like Mrs. Valerie Sloan, work with our kids. This year, she is planning to do one clay project with the third through fifth grade students in the next few months. She will also plan a simple art project later in the year for the K – 2nd grade students. We are thankful our PTA is continuing to support opportunities for our students to do hands-on projects like these! A special thanks, also, to Mrs. Sloan for her dedication and willingness to make art accessible to all of our kids! Another caring parent, Mrs. Emily Meade, has offered to help our teachers produce another fun and engaging winter program. Mrs. Meade spent many hours looking for a fun, appropriate holiday play for our older kids to produce. Guess, what? She found one with a pirate theme! I hope you will look forward to our event in December. The younger students will be helping support our play with some traditional holiday songs. It will be a gala event for the whole family. Save the date, December 19th at 6:00 PM in the gym. There will be extra parking on the school grounds. Try to limit the number of cars to one per family whenever possible.

JOG-A-THON

Jog-a-thon – We are so grateful to our families who supported our recent jog-a-thon. That money goes to work in every classroom at Jerome Prairie! Many parents contributed to help by setting up, counting laps, handing out fruit and water, cleaning up, etc. A very big THANKS goes to Mrs. Mandy York who brought two sound systems, a big blue dancing man and a bubble machine! The event was so much fun for everyone. Mrs. Julie Rauch organized all of the paperwork and counted money. Kim Flow and Jan Castillo did much to make this a successful event for kids. So, thanks to all for a great fundraiser. We will use every penny for the support of our kid's learning? THANK YOU!!



REMINDER - Administration of Prescription and Nonprescription Medication

In order for school staff to administer medication to your student during the school day, there are certain criteria that must be met.

All medications (prescription and nonprescription) must be in its original package.

For **prescription medications** (does not include injectable drugs):

- Requires WRITTEN INSTRUCTION from a physician (a prescription label meets this requirement)
- Must be prepared and labeled by a pharmacist and be in the original pharmacy container.
- Requires signed permission and instructions from parent (Medication Administration Permission form).
- Administered only if required during school hours and necessary for the child to remain in school.
- Changes in medication instruction must be made by the parent and/or physician in writing. NO VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS.
- New medication permission form must be completed each school year.
- Physician may fax instructions.
- Inhalers must be in original pharmacy labeled package or pharmacy label must be attached to inhaler.

Non-prescription medications require:

- Medication Administration Permission completed and signed by parent/guardian indicating medication name, dosage, frequency, route, time to be administered.
- Must be in original packaging.

Medications should be brought to school and returned home by the parents/guardian and not by students.



Honor our Veterans

Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Monday, November 12th. There will be no school that day so we may honor those who have served to protect our freedom as Americans. Thanks to our Veterans in this community and around the world.

A GOOD THING:

Our Family Advocacy program is designed to provide services to families needing assistance with school supplies and clothing for their student.

We also keep a supply of clothing in the event a child needs a change during the day due to a spill or other incidents.

Donations of clothing to this program are welcomed. Thank you for caring.

SMART

SMART® stands for "Start Making A Reader Today". It is a statewide nonprofit program that matches caring adults with children in first through third grade. SMART is looking for volunteers Jerome Prairie Elementary to read just one hour a week with two children from October through May. Children in SMART discover that it is fun to read and show more interest in learning. To make a difference at Jerome Prairie Elementary please call the school to get started.

NOTES REQUIRED

Please be aware that bus drivers require a bus pass issued by Jerome Prairie's office anytime your child is going to ride the bus anywhere other than his/her normal stop. If a child is going home with a friend, a bus pass is issued when a note is received from parents of **BOTH** children. You can use the change of plans form provided in this newsletter. That form is located on the last page of the newsletter. You can print it out and use anytime. Thank you for making plans ahead of time and providing a note whenever there is a change in plans.



RED RIBBON WEEK – Oct. 22 – 26

This week was established to help educate students about the negative impact drug, alcohol, or tobacco use

can have on a young body. The emphasis is to encourage kids to choose healthy habits that will serve them well for a lifetime.

Activities were planned for the week to remind students to make good choices. They were:

Monday – “Drugs turn you inside out” – students could wear their regular clothing turned inside out.

Tuesday – “Crazy Sock Day” Give Drugs a Sock!

Wednesday – “Wear your Red Day”. The class that had the most participation received a treat of red licorice from Mrs. Van Brunt.

Thursday – “Being Drug Free is NO Sweat Day”. Staff and students wore their sweat clothes to school.

Friday – PBIS awards and “Use Your Head, Don’t do Drugs”. Students and staff were encouraged to come to school with crazy hair or a funny hat.

These activities are fun reminders of why children must make good choices. Later, it may be easier to say “no” when he or she is challenged in life to avoid things that are dangerous to his/her safety.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Jerome Prairie Elementary School will hold its Thanksgiving lunch on November 15. A flyer was sent home with your student. If you plan on joining your student for lunch, please sign and return the form to reserve your lunch by November 2, 2012.

Menu:

Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes

Green Beans

Rolls

Milk/Juice

Alternate: Veggie Wrap



GREETINGS:

Sabrina Skoog is Jerome Prairie’s and Madrona’s ERC teacher. She attended schools in Southern Oregon from kindergarten through graduate school. Sabrina worked as an instructional assistant in an early intervention program prior to conducting her student teaching in a Life skills program. She has three years of experience as an ERC teacher at a school in Gold Beach.

In her free time, she enjoys snowboarding and mountain biking.

HELPFUL HINT: Please label your child’s jackets and other outer clothing. It will be much easier to return items that are lost if it is identified with a name. Thank you.

Please do not bring pets onto school grounds when you are dropping off or picking up your students. Some children are afraid of animals and others are very allergic. It has been noted that some pets have not even been leashed while on school property. Your consideration and thoughtfulness in respecting school grounds by not bringing your pets is appreciated.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME THROUGH AR PARTICIPATION AT HOME

When your child begins AR at Jerome Prairie, please help your child be successful. Provide a specific time each day for some reading time. Listen to your child read, even if it is only a page or two. Help them achieve their AR goals and do their best to attain the important skill of being a fluent reader.

If parents want to see how their student is doing in AR, they can log on to Renaissance Home Connect. Please request a letter from the library or teacher with the log-in information and details on Renaissance Home Connect.

Please assist your student with being responsible for their library books to avoid having lost and overdue books. Thank you.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

Effective Date (s): _____

Child: _____

Please accept this as notification to change after school plans as follows:

Ride bus to (address): _____

Pick up by (name of person): _____

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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