



Manzanita



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 20– Granger 5th gr. to Crater Lake

Sept. 21– Davidson 5th gr. to Crater Lake ~ Fall Pictures

Sept. 22– Fall Pictures

Sept. 23– No School– Staff Development

Sept. 30– Jog-A-Thon

Oct. 14– No School– State Wide In-service

Oct. 19– Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 20– No School– Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Oct. 21– No School



Thoughts from the Principal.....

Dearest families,

Welcome to the *Manzanita Messenger*, the updated newsletter from Manzanita Elementary. It is our improved way we will communicate with parents!

The *Manzanita Messenger* will always be printed on this bright, yellow paper. It will also only be 1 page, printed front and back. It will be sent home approximately every 3 weeks. Part of the feedback from our parent survey in the Spring was to condense information that comes home and have it occur more frequently. We hope this format fits your needs!

We will still occasionally send home flyers with students publicizing events/ concerts/etc.

I am excited to welcome 4 new staff members to Manzanita! Chris Davidson will be teaching 5th grade and Kim Williams will be teaching 2nd grade. Laurie Callahan is our new Office Clerk and Samara Carlson is joining us as an Education Assistant. Please welcome these new staff members!

I hope you look to our website for additional information about school activities, lunch menus, pictures from events, and many other useful tools. The website address is www.threerivers.k12.or.us.

We hope you like the new design for our newsletter and find it helpful for keeping in touch with Manzanita activities!



I am thrilled to start another year as principal of this fantastic school. I encourage you to be part of your child's education in any way possible.

Have a wonderful start to this year...it's going to be great!

Jessica

FACE LIFT!

Manzanita would like to give a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped give the office a needed face lift. Mr. Granger, Lisa Kissel, Maria Kilborn and Mrs. Durrant painted the wall blue while Debbie Kissel painted a wonderful mural on the other office wall for all to enjoy. When you are at school stop by and see the new improvements!



REMINDER!!!

Breakfast is free to all Manzanita students. Breakfast starts at 7:15am. Be sure to be finished with your meal and be in the gym by 7:40am.



What a great way to start your

Parents please remember to call the office, 541-479-6433, before 10:00 am to excuse your student's absence. If the school has not heard from you, you will get a phone call from our automated calling system checking on your student. Thank you for communicating with us to help your child succeed!



Lunch News

Three Rivers School District Food Service Department has a few new changes this year. Starting with the 2011-12 school year, there will only be white milk provided at breakfast.

The Food Service Department is also trying to go green. In doing this our lunch menus will also be available online at www.sodexoeducation.com.

Also online is the ability to put money on your students lunch account. To do this you can go to the public website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us and click on the mealtime online account selection on the right side of the page. You will be prompted to set up an account. Through this account, you can see the activity of your student's account and replenish it when needed. If you have any questions with setting up your account, please feel free to contact the Food Service Department at 541-476-4183. We hope these changes make life a little easier.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Parent volunteers are instrumental at Manzanita! We are thankful for those who can help in the classrooms and attend field trips as chaperones.

New for this year is "Parent Volunteer Training." This information evening will be held September 27. The meeting will be held at Manzanita at 6:00 pm in the Library. Any parent/guardian who would like to volunteer at Manzanita on a regular basis needs to attend the training.

All volunteers at Manzanita must complete a "Volunteer Application" each school year. References are checked and the application is kept on file in the office. (Parents who attend field trips as chaperones also need to complete this application). If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom on a regular basis, you will also need to attend the training on September 27.

We appreciate your time and energy you give to the classrooms! If you have any questions, please contact the office at 541-479-6433.



THANK YOU!