

# Buzzin' Around Madrona

November & December 2013



## Attendance

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you enjoying our beautiful fall weather and breathing a sigh of relief that your child is settling into school and life is moving forward! This last month has been an exciting month at Madrona. We kicked off our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program for all students. There are many incentives to support students who choose to be safe, respectful, and responsible every day at school. We have had some harvest parties this month and talked about Red ribbon activities to encourage children to avoid drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Volunteers have been flowing in helping us to provide a solid program of learning for our students. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to volunteer in some way at our school this month! We hope to see even more of you next month! Remember if you want to be a chaperone, you must fill out the volunteer form at least two weeks prior and be approved to be able to go on a field trip with students.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

### November Events

- 11 – No School Veteran's Day
- 13 – Holiday Lunch with parents
- 14 – PTA Meeting in Library @ 2:20
- 19 – School Board Meeting @ 6pm at DO
- 21 – End of First Trimester
- 21 – Pride Day Assembly KG, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:15 pm
- 21 – Pride Day Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm
- 21 – Site Council Meeting in Library @ 2:10 pm
- 22 – No School Clerical Day
- 25-29 – No School Thanksgiving Break

It is a federal mandate that all students attend school at least 92% of the school year. This translates to missing no more than twelve days over the whole school year. Tardiness or students who leave early can also be considered absent for a half day if more than 50% of the day is missed. Overall our attendance is great and our kids have the optimum opportunity to benefit from our school programs with such good attendance! Way to go parents!

Be aware that frequent tardiness can also severely impact a student's school success. Most teachers begin the day by reviewing the day's events and by helping students to know about any special events that will be occurring that day. This sets the tone for the day in the classroom. Often teachers begin teaching in the area of reading. This is because reading is one of the most difficult skills to obtain, and we devote a great deal of learning time to helping students become successful readers. Students who are frequently tardy or leave early often miss both the opening of class, instruction in reading, and explanations regarding homework. This has a very negative impact on these students. Many of the students will experience set backs in their academic progress due to tardiness or leaving early.

It is important that parents recognize the importance of getting their child(ren) to school on time and avoid leaving early. We are here to help, so if we can be of assistance with a chronic attendance problem of any sort, please let us know. We want to partner with you to help your child be more successful.

### December Events

- 2 – Holiday store starts
- 5 – PBIS Event Madrona Games
- 10 – Holiday Lunch with Parents
- 10 – Hoop Shoot for boys
- 11 – Hoop Shoot for girls
- 11 – PTA Meeting in Library @ 2:20
- 17 – Madrona Winter Program Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Life Skills. @ 6:00 pm
- 17 – School Board Meeting @6:00 pm at DO
- 19 – Site Council Meeting in Library @ 2:00
- 20 – Pride Day Assembly KG, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, @9:30 am
- 20 – Pride Day Assembly 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:30 am
- 20 – Holiday Parties in classroom @ 1:00 pm
- 23-Jan 5 – No School Winter Break



## Winter Program

This year due to our large size we will be having grades perform at either the Winter program or the Spring program. This will help all parents to have the opportunity to share in the delight of watching their child actually be able to see! Our Winter program will be a variety show of different songs, skits, choral readings and musical performances for your enjoyment that reflect the joys of the winter season. The grades that will be performing for our Winter Program on December 17th will be our Life Skills students (all grades), Mrs. Watson-Roberts, Mrs. Rocha and Mr. Jones, 2nd grade, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Tocher/Haley, and 3rd grade, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Cunha. The program will start at 6:00 p.m.

To ease the parking situation be aware there is parking inside the gates and behind the gym area. For this event only we will allow parents to drive onto the grass area between the gym and the primary classroom wing. Please be aware when parking there that you will be walking on grass. Be careful of others and try to park in rows so it is safe for all concerned. We will be chalking lines on the grass to guide you as you park.

The Spring Program is set for March 20th at 6:00 p.m. The classes that will be performing will be Kindergarten, First, and Fourth grades. The Fifth graders will be performing at the end of the year Moving On Ceremony. That will be scheduled in June.

## Computers for Education Winner!!!

Congratulations to ~~McKenna~~ Lawson.

She is the winner of the Computers for Education drawing.

## Conferences

Parent conferences are coming soon! They will be held on the evening of December 5th from 5:00-7:00. Those conference times will be held for families with working parents only please. Conferences will continue on Friday, December 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note that Kindergarten has an additional day of conferences during the day on Dec. 5th to accommodate two sessions of Kindergartners. Due to our reduce hours for conferences this year each student will have a 15 minute conference. Most teachers will have very full schedule with few or no extra time slots. This means it is critical for parents to arrive on time. The teacher will be reviewing your child's progress with you. If you are unable to attend your conference please contact the office. The teacher may be able to do a phone conference with you during your slot. Otherwise the report card will be sent home within a few days for your review. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher by email, note or phone and he/she will get back to you as soon as possible.

To enable more parents to attend conferences we will be providing babysitting for children 3 years or older who are able to be away from the parent. The baby sitting will be located in the café. Children will have access to toys, games and art supplies to use during that time. There will be classroom assistants monitoring the children while parents are in conferences. This service is available during all schedule conference hours. Parents should walk their children to the café prior to going to the classroom for conferences. Children should not be sent to play on the playground as there will be no supervision out there.

## Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, backpacks, lunch pails, etc. with a name. If a name is found on an item, we can promptly return it to the owner, so please, please make sure you mark those items. Also, remember to check periodically in our lost and found if you think your

child has left something here. It is located on the wall to the right as you enter the cafeteria.

## Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

PBIS is a program we implemented to support good student behavior at school. The hope is that with students making better behavior choices throughout their day, less time is lost from instruction, thus everyone achieves more while at school. If we help kids learn to alter their behavior and make good choices, they will benefit. Using positive feedback, setting expectations and teaching the expectations to kids on a daily basis, helps students grow more rapidly. We have a school wide incentive system to help acknowledge students who are making good choices at school and on the bus.

Students earn the tickets by following rules and procedures on the bus and at school. Adults will hand the tickets out to let kids know when they are meeting the expectations. The tickets will be turned in and used in monthly drawings and purchase staff trading cards. Students whose names are drawn will be eligible for small privileges and sometimes goodies like Madrona T-shirts, water bottles, special school supplies, or other things of that nature. Privileges can be small like having the opportunity to help somewhere at school, to attend a special event, or to do a special project in art. Kids love to have those privileges and will work hard for the recognition and opportunity to do something different at school.

Please encourage your student to work hard at school each day by following our three main rules of being safe, respectful and responsible. Those three rules cover just about anything that we do at school. You can always ask when talking to your child about his or her behavior, Was it safe to do at school? Was it respectful to others? Was the child's action responsible and aimed at learning? Your discussion around behavior choices can really help your child to know that you take their education at Madrona seriously.

Another way to involve and support students in positive behavior choices will be attendance at trimester assemblies with special fun themes. These special assemblies will be to thank kids who have managed their behavior at school well for the trimester. Students who demonstrate poor choice

making at school or on the bus, will not have the privilege of attending the extra fun PBIS events.

Students with a total of 6 or more slips to the Ed lab for poor behavior in either the classroom or on the playground will not attend the event. Students with more than one office behavior referral or more than one bus citation during the trimester will also lose the privilege of attending the event. Thank you parents for supporting our students by talking to your child about this program!

## Lunch Money



To All Madrona Parents,

Breakfast is free for all Madrona students. Even if your child eats breakfast at home, try to encourage them to take a breakfast bar and a piece of fruit for morning recess so they will not be hungry between breakfast and lunch.

This year our food service office is providing an internet link to their web-site where you can check your child's account balance and upload money to their account using a debit or credit card (for a 5% fee). You will need to know your child's student ID number to use this site. You can ask for the information through the office. You can still send in lunch money with your child if that is easier for you. [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school (541)-476-6624.

Thank you

Jennifer Richardson

Madrona Kitchen Manager

Lunch Prices	
Full Price	Reduced price
1 \$2.10	\$0.40
2 \$4.20	\$0.80
3 \$6.30	\$1.20
4 \$8.40	\$1.60
5 \$10.50	\$2.00
6 \$12.60	\$2.40
7 \$14.70	\$2.80
8 \$16.80	\$3.20
9 \$18.90	\$3.60
10 \$21.00	\$4.00
Milk is .50	

# Good News

Parents,  
If your student participates in Good News, we will need a note from you if you are going to pick up your student early on Good News day. That way we will keep your student here at school and not let them go to Good News. Good News is on Tuesday's and they leave school grounds at 12:40 p.m.

## AR AWARDS FOR OCTOBER 2013

### Ready Reader

Keizer Daily  
Eternity Reimche  
Brandon Young  
Gianfranco Francini  
Tatom Caine  
Colton Croft  
Lilyonna Annis-Lapan  
Hailey McCloud  
Jordan Pixley  
Elijah Walker

### Independent Reader

Anthony Macaluso  
Shane Remche  
Jose Ruiz-Kirk

### Rising Reader

Katherin Bergeron  
Holly Partin  
Anthony Whaley  
Nicholas Atchley  
Hannah Grow  
Whitney Harris  
Sedona Brooks  
Nathan Leshner  
Annabelle Nelson

### Advanced Reader

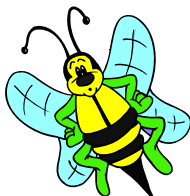
Autumn Gettys  
Mason Fisher  
Sophia McNair  
Guy Meade  
Delaney Skinner  
Morgan Stever  
Kira Johnson  
Joel Lankford

### Star Reader

Britannica Bennett  
Gabe Farey  
Brynn Graham  
Triston Marchington  
Calen Clem  
Connor Daily  
Dylan Schloesser  
Tatom Spencer

### Classic Reader

Ellie Gutierrez



## P.T.A. NEWS

Our Pride Day is Thursday, November 21st and Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Wear your yellow and black to receive a free bag of popcorn. If not wearing yellow and black, popcorn is \$0.25 a bag. In December the PTA will be hosting a holiday store starting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> more information to follow.

There are some very simple opportunities for us to earn money for our school. One way is called eScrip. All you have to do is register your Safeway Club Card, and use it every time you shop at Safeway, and Madrona gets a percentage of your total bill. Every shopping trip counts, all year long! It's easy to register by going to [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) or by calling 1-800-400-7878. Please don't hesitate...do it today! It's easy!

Target also has a "Take Charge of Education" program. All you have to do is call 1-800-316-6142 or go to [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe), enroll your Target credit card, and Madrona will receive a percent of everything you buy with your card. It's that simple!

### ***Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults***

*Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.*

*Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.*

*If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.*

# Very Important Weather Information

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us) as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

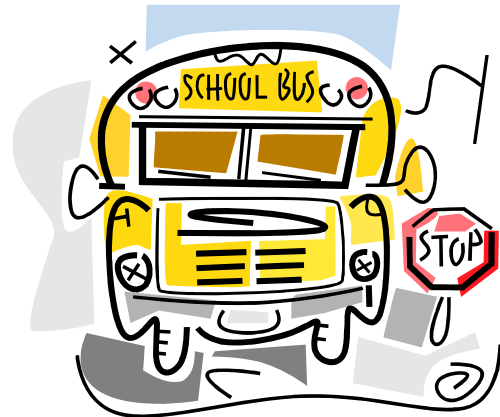
KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608 476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI Channel 5

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.



2012/2013  
ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS  
Straight Line Routes For:

Hidden Valley, Lincoln Savage, Madrona, Williams, Fruitdale, Applegate

In the event of adverse weather conditions parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJQ, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOB1 (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10) or the 3 Rivers School District Web Page for information on school bus schedules.

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations.

When straight line routes are run the roads affected are listed below.

If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

ROUTE#	STREET NAME
B-07	Missouri Flat, Kubli Road, Slagle Creek, Humbug (Right & Left Fork), Scott Drive
B-08	Grays Creek, Copper Drive, Past Hidden Valley HS on Murphy Creek
B-09	All roads will be traveled
B-10	All roads will be traveled
B-11	Moonbeam, Midway, Sleepy Hollow Loop, Carrollwood
B-12	Weatherbee, Keen Road, Bull Creek, Turtle Lane, Cheney Creek Road
B-13	All Roads will be traveled
B-14	Limpy Creek
B-15	All Roads will be traveled
B-16	Marcy Loop, Dutcher Creek, Duchy Way, Limpy Creek
B-17	Slate Creek Road, Round Prairie, Minnow Lane, Firview