

JANUARY

Buzzin' Around

Madrona

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- 1/12 **DIBELS reading assessment for grades**
- 1/13 **DIBELS reading assessment for grades 3 –5**
- 1/13 **PTSG—Parent School Involvement Volunteer Group @ 2:10 in library**
- 1/18 *Martin Luther King Day—No School*
- 1/20 **Site Council @ 2:10 in library**
- 1/29 **Madrona Pride Assemblies**
K-2 @ 12:15pm
3-5 @ 1:00pm
- 2/4 **End of Second Quarter**
- 2/5 *No school for students*
- 2/15 *Presidents' Day Holiday—No School*

We hope you had a wonderful holiday with your family, and we are delighted to have all of our students back this new year!



Attendance

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. That is mostly due to frequent bouts of colds, flu and sometimes illnesses like strep throat. We want to help you in any way we can. Remember it is important for you to decide if your child is in mild discomfort or is truly ill. Any child that is throwing-up, has an unexplained rash, diarrhea, or a temp above 100, should be kept home. All illnesses are excused with a phone call or note from you within 48 hours of the illness. The best defense against illness is to help your child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy diet and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Also, make sure your child washes his/her hands often. This helps remove harmful bacteria that can make you and your child sick. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance or health issues.



Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, backpacks, etc. with a name. If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed in our lost and found in the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peek when you have a chance.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Winter is upon us!

The school district will use the “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 have not received an automated phone call or email this school year, please check with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct.

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



From the desk of the Family Advocate

Winter months can be hard on our Hornets! With our playground forming puddles, often students will need to change to dry clothing, and/or dry shoes. We are very happy to provide students with these supplies; however, it is important that we have these items returned to the school, so that we do not run out. If your child comes home with something we have “loaned” him/her, please make sure that the item is washed and returned to school promptly. This will help to keep our supply closet well stocked and available to all of our Hornets. We will happily accept your donated “gently used” clothing in sizes that would fit kindergarten through fifth grades. Thank you for all of your past donations, too!

Positive Behavior Support

The focus trait for this month is **Initiative**



Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible

For more information on how to work on this trait with your child(ren) at home, check out this article: <http://www.metrofamilymagazine.com/March-2011/Teaching-Your-Kids-About-the-Character-Trait-of-Initiative/>

Attention 5th Grade Students: Are you interested in a leadership position here at Madrona? Pick up an application from your teacher. We have the following opportunities available at this time: *recess equipment managers, recess safety patrols, classroom helpers*

DIBELS

This month, students will be taking the DIBELS assessment. This is an important tool for us to measure your child's reading growth. The scores allow our teachers and staff to ensure we are meeting the instructional needs of all our students.

PARENT RESOURCE
Renaissance Learning is an online program that supports Madrona in reading. This program has a parent resource section that has helpful Parent Guides, answering frequently asked questions about our assessment, teaching, and learning tools. You can access it from the following website.

[https://
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ed58.renlearn.com/293424/](https://Host-ed58.renlearn.com/293424/)



Parent Teacher Support Group

Our PTSG is a great way to get involved in the school community. This group is open to any family or community members who would like to volunteer to plan and put on special events and fundraisers for our school. January 13th will be a planning meeting for groups to get together and start putting together plans for the events and fundraisers for the second semester of school. Child care will be provided. We hope to see you there!



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 541-862-3111.