



Manzanita Elementary



Second Trimester Board Report

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Second Trimester was full of engaging activities that challenged student's minds and provided an opportunity to grow together as a school community. It is a great time to be part of the Manzanita family...we invite you to attend any of our wonderful events to highlight student work or celebrate accomplishments. I am so lucky to work with such a dedicated staff and surrounded by a caring group of parents that want the best for our children. The following are some highlights and updates on happenings at Manzanita thus far this trimester.

Professional Learning Teams ~ Manzanita teachers have spent time in January forming professional teams with colleagues. They established norms to be used each time they meet and also spent time looking at student data. Teams meet on Wednesday afternoons and we will be spending time in February and March looking at budgets and planning for next year. I am very proud of all Manzanita teachers who have embraced this initiative and are participating with colleagues to better instruction and learning.



Bucket-filling Assembly ~ Each of us carry an invisible bucket containing our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great; when it's empty, we feel empty. A bucketfiller is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. Kelly Nickel visited our school in January to work with all students on how to be a better bucketfiller. Students and staff participated in this engaging educational assembly to increase kindness and respect at Manzanita



Data Data Data Data Data ~ All Manzanita teachers will spend the majority of the day on February 7th analyzing student data for Math and Reading. Grade level teams will look at each student's scores from September and January to determine if adequate growth was made. If the scores don't show academic progress, teams will formulate a plan to provide interventions to these students. Teachers will also identify those students who could benefit from enrichment activities to challenge their thinking. This professional development day will greatly benefit the students at Manzanita.



Rodeo Assembly ~ On January 31st, all kids and staff at Manzanita kicked up our heels at the Western Assembly! Students earned the privilege to attend this fun, interactive assembly by making great choices at school. We were lucky to have 5 special visitors come to Manzanita and showcase their roping ability. Thank you to Josh Rau (Fleming Middle School), Hailey Rau (Rogue Community College), Brenna Bare (Lincoln Savage Middle School), Sarah Kabot (Hidden Valley High School, and parent Cassie Bare for helping our students during this great assembly!!



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Manzanita Library ~ Our new library manager, Jennifer Hamilton, has quite the vision for a fun library. She made these ideas a reality over the last few weeks, sprucing up our library. Gallons of paint and countless hours helped transform our library into a calm, inviting oasis that students and staff LOVE. We invite you to come check out the new surroundings and even read a book or two! 😊



Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm for education. You are always welcome to attend one of our events, or even just come have lunch with us! We look forward to the new adventures and challenges the next trimester will bring.