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MAY EVENTS

- 1 "Rumpelstilskin" – 1st & 2nd Graders
Field Trip
- 2 Furlough Day – No School
- 3 Furlough Day – No School
- 5 - 10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 Kindergarten Roundup at Madrona
- 10 Artists-in-School – Tocher, Meyer & Kenney
- 14 Table Rock Hike – Harrington & Meyer
- 15 PTA Meeting – Library @ 2:10
- 16 Site Council @ Madrona @ Library
- 23 Fifth Grade Field Trip
- 24 Volunteer Tea – Library
- 27 Holiday – Memorial Day – No School
- 30 Field Trips to LSMS & Madrona
- 31 PBIS Big Event

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE:

June 4th – White Oaks Field Trip - Kenney
Moving On – June 7th at 8:15 AM
Field Day and Last Day for Students is June 7th

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



District Battle of the Books competition was held on Saturday, April 27th at Fruitdale Elementary. Jerome Prairie’s teams took first place in both levels.

Level One Team – Leah Beachy, Drew Sellke and Max Sloan

Level Two Team – Daniel Beachy, Weston Flow, Aileen Poynter and Annika Sellke

Congratulations and great job students and coaches.

PBIS AWARDS FOR APRIL

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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| McKee | - | Ryan Chamberlain |
| Lovell | - | Jasmyn Weigel |
| Tocher | - | Natalie Sandeen |
| Kenney | - | Morgan Stever |
| Meyer | - | Mason Sanchez |
| Harrington | - | McKenna Mounce |
| Katz | - | Ethan Schaefer |

CHARACTER: INTEGRITY

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| McKee | - | Hannah Rommes |
| Lovell | - | Vinny Calafiore |
| Tocher | - | Dominick Macaluso |
| Kenney | - | Christopher Mills-Price |
| Meyer | - | Guy Meade |
| Harrington | - | Brenna Bare |
| Katz | - | Ashlee Merker |

Students were also recognized for achieving AR goals, participating in the Spelling Bee and Battle of the Books.

SPELLING BEE

Levi Gustafson and Lily Sloan represented Jerome Prairie at the District Spelling Bee.

We are very proud that Lily Sloan placed second in Division 1, Grades 4-5.

You are both to be commended for representing Jerome Prairie and for your outstanding efforts.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Our year is racing forward. It is a difficult time because of the sadness we carry over the closing of our school. However, it is my goal to make this a joyful and normal end of the year for our students. It is what they need and deserve. We are going to have some wonderful activities coming up that we want to invite you to share in.

On May 31st, we will have our final earned PBIS event. The theme is "Rodeo/Farm Day". Our site council has been working hard for months to coordinate this event. We will have a variety of events set up that classes will rotate through during the hours prior to lunch. Community groups will be providing assistance.

Some of the activities include: square dancing (students will learn to do the *Virginia Reel*); interacting with miniature horses and mules; roping demonstration and then trying their hand at lassoing a stuffed steer; Master Gardeners helping students plant their own squash plants that they get to take home. These are just a few of the activities that will be happening.

How can parents help? Volunteer to help with your child's class or be a part of one of the groups that will be running an event. If you not sure if you have been cleared to volunteer, please see Jan or Julie in the office and they will be happy to assist you.

We will also be having a parent lunch that day that includes a barbeque! Come and join your student for lunch on this fun and exciting day. Ordering and paying for your lunch by the deadline is appreciated as it helps with ordering and organization. And, of course, by helping your students make the right decisions at school so they are able to attend this PBIS event.

Remember, a child can earn this privilege through having no more than one referral or bus citation. Two or more referrals or bus citations disqualifies students from this event. Children who have six or more trips to ED Lab for behavior from March 12-May 30 will not be able to join us for this event. Our goal is that children choose to be appropriate at school and on the bus so everyone can be safe and have the opportunity to learn! We hope that many will choose to do that!

Other events that are in the planning stages are a visit to Lincoln Savage Middle School by our 5th graders and a visit to Madrona by our kinders through 4th graders. Date planned for both trips is May 30th. On that day, buses will arrive after the first recess to take students to their prospective schools. JP staff will be joining us to chaperone.

Our tentative plan for those going to Madrona is to have JP students buddied up with classes at Madrona.

There will be special activities and events happening in the classrooms and as a whole school. JP students will get to eat lunch there and then will return to JP sometime around 1:00 to 1:30.

We are inviting parents to join us for a special lunch that day. Times will be sent home on the field trip permission forms later on this month. There will also be a flyer for parents to sign up and pay for their meal in advance so that Madrona staff will be able to prepare the appropriate amount of meals.

Our hopes are that this visit will help our students learn more about Madrona and maybe lessen their worries and perhaps even make a new friend.

As we have done at Jerome Prairie for the last few years, there will be a registration day at Madrona in August for all students. Along with that, we are planning a simple "Get to Know You" event for Jerome Prairie and Madrona families the week prior to the beginning of school. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit classrooms, meet staff, see the facility and get to know some of the other families and their children prior to the first day of school.

These events are being planned to help ease the transition for both students and parents who are dealing with sadness and worry. I hope you will plan to take advantage of some of these opportunities and enable our students (and parents) to look forward to next year with excitement rather than with fear and worry. As soon as coordination between the schools is accomplished, information will be sent home.

Another important event coming up for our students is Kindergarten Round Up! This will be held at Madrona on May 9th. The hours will be from noon until 6:00 PM. Documents needed to register your child are official birth certificates and a current immunization record. Your child is welcomed to attend this event. The classroom will be open and the teacher available to meet with you. There will be fun activities in the classroom for your child to experience. If you know of someone who has a child that will be five by September 1, please share this information or encourage them to call us at 541 476 6624. Madrona's address is 520 Detrick Drive. We look forward to meeting our new kindergarteners and their families on that special day!

Ever yours, for our kids,

Lise Van Brunt
Principal

CRATER LAKE FIELD TRIP by R. Harrington

On Wednesday, April 24th, Ms. Katz and Mr. Harrington's 5th graders boarded the bus at 7:00 AM for a day trip to Crater Lake. The students arrived at Crater Lake at 10:00 AM and were met by three rangers who served as their guides for the day.

Students learned how to put on snowshoes and then proceeded to go on a long snowshoe hike through the woods. There was about 84 inches of snow on the ground, the sky was blue and the weather could not have been more perfect!

During the snowshoe hike, the students performed an experiment in which they learned about the density of the snow and ice. They also learned about the adaptations the animals have made living in the Crater Lake region. The highlight for many of the students was learning how to do the "penguin slide" down a long hill. The students wrapped up their day by eating lunch at Crater Lake.

At 1:50 PM, the tired students, chaperones and teachers boarded the bus for the ride home. All of the students and adults had a wonderful time on the trip!



READ-A-THON

Thank you to all who participated in our Read-a-Thon. We raised over \$1,800.00 for our kids. Our medal winners for most minutes read by grade are as follows:

Gold: Kaitlyn Bayard, Caden Evans, Kyle Staten, Max Sloan, Aileen Poynter, Lily Sloan

Silver: Daisy Kittleson, Shay Duncan, Lauren Hobbs, Leah Beachy, Weston Flow, Annika Sellke

Bronze: Kole Nelson, Hunter Spliethof, Drew Sellke, Whitney Harris, Daniel Beachy

CONGRATULATIONS READERS!

KAIROS

Hello,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Shelly Leonardini** and I work with Kairos as a School Community Advocate at several schools, including Jerome Prairie and Madrona. I partner with principals, teachers and parents to create programs which support healthy and successful learning. I facilitate fun and creative activities with students who may need a little extra support, as well as providing campus-wide support. These activities may include service projects, individual and/or family support and social skills development in either the classroom, small groups or individually.

In this season, especially at Jerome Prairie, I am also available to help students who may be feeling a bit of anxiety about the switch in schools for next school year. If you feel your child would benefit from a little extra support surrounding this topic, I would love to meet with your child and help equip them with the skills they need to make their learning environment as successful as possible.

Please ask the office staff for a parent permission and referral slip to work with me, the Kairos School Community Advocate or contact me at **(541) 659-1472**.

CARNIVAL

Thank you to all who participated in our Jerome Prairie Carnival. We could not have done it without the support of the Rogue Wranglers 4H Club, the Hidden Valley FFA and all the parents and family members that helped out in our booths.

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Albertsons, Applegate River Gold Course, Cary's Candy, Dutch Bros. Coffee, Gates Home Furnishings, The Grange Co-op, Hellgate Jet Boats, Home Depot, Jerome Prairie Market, Kitchen Company, Levi's Market, Pepsi, Southgate cinemas, Wildlife Images and anyone I may have accidentally forgotten to mention.

Also, a big thank you to our parents who donated items for our raffle or baked goods for our cake walk. As you know, this is Jerome Prairie School's last year, so we, the JP PTA, wanted to make this a special community event.

We hope you all had a wonderful time. We will miss you and our opportunity to work for Jerome Prairie School.