



Williams Elementary School Newsletter February 2010

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Principal



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Calendar of Events

Feb 8-19	-	Jill Fjeldheim-Artist in Residence
Feb 10	-	Rogue Opera 9:45am
Feb 15	-	President's Day-No School
Feb 16	-	Field Trip to Grants Pass Theatre Mrs. Agnifili and Mrs. Bingham's Class
Feb 23	-	Rogue Valley Symphony 10:00am
Feb 24	-	Field Trip to ScienceWorks Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Bingham's Class
Feb 25	-	Field Trip to ScienceWorks Mrs. Agnifili and Mrs. Wardle's Class
Feb 26	-	Two hour Late Start

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School Hours:
7:40am-1:55pm



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Jill Fjeldheim

Students and staff at Williams Elementary are enthusiastic to have Artist in Residence Jill Fjeldheim return on February 5th through the 19th. Jill has performed internationally and conducted workshops in mime and physical comedy for children of all abilities. Jill uses techniques including: Characterization, pantomime, playwriting, slapstick, and improvisation to engage students to blossom and perform for their peers. Jill has performed with The American Mime Theatre in New York City, Ringling Bros.Circus, and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Locally she has collaborated with ScienceWorks in Ashland to create performances and workshops that teach science using creative movement and circus arts.

Family and friends are invited to a final "Showcase Performance" on Friday, February 19th at 12:30pm in the gym, staring all students.



Afterschool Programs

Williams Elementary School Winter Afterschool Academic Enrichment and Activity classes are in full swing. Classes are now running Monday thru Thursdays from 1:55 - 3:45pm. Students receive a nutritional snack, attend the academic enrichment and homework class, then attend a variety of classes ranging from indoor sports, beading, leather, and computers. If your student has not signed up and is still interested please call Mindi in the office at 846-7224.

The Spring Session of the Afterschool Program will begin again in April and continue through May. A variety of academic and activity classes will be offered. Some of the programs will include: Outdoor Sports, A Community Garden Project, Computers, Arts and Crafts, Accelerated Reader Book Club, Digital Photography, and Cooking.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!



News From Mrs. Wardle's Class

Mrs. Wardle's Kindergarten class has had a busy January. We have been learning about insects and other bugs. Students have also been counting and writing numbers up to 10 as well as counting by 5's and 10's. We watched a video and read a story about Martin Luther King Jr. In reading we have been learning new sight words and blending sounds to create new words.

In February we are looking forward to a field trip to the ScienceWorks Museum in Ashland. We will be studying Nutrition and the foods we eat. This will be just in time for Valentine's Day. Perhaps we can discover some nutritional value in chocolates!



News from Mrs. Agnifili's Class

During the month of January, First and Second graders spent a lot of time preparing their science fair projects. Thanks to all of the students in Mrs. Bingham and Mr. Morgan's class for participating in our experiments. Our class is excited about going to the district science fair on February 3rd and showing off the projects. Students worked diligently on writing neatly, spelling correctly, and gathering data accurately for their projects. Thanks to all the assistants who helped out with our projects: Ms. Dawn, Ms. Prem, Ms. Michelle, and Ms. Helen.

The class also began art lessons with Ms. Peterson in January on Wednesday afternoons. She is instructing the class in charcoal sketching. We are learning vocabulary words such as; orb, mass, sphere, cylinder, shading light, and sketching. So far students have learned to sketch a bowling ball, a large yoga ball, and a cylinder. It has been a treat to have a real artist in the classroom.

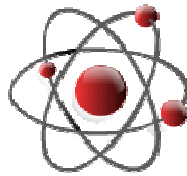


News from Mr. Morgan's class

Third graders have been learning to multiply three digits and will soon be dividing. They are always practicing their facts. In Science we will be finishing up our studies of matter and moving into forces and machines.

Jill Fjeldheim will be coming to work with the whole school on artistic movement and being a mime. We are all very excited to have her returning to our school.

We will be taking a field trip to ScienceWorks Museum on February the 24th.



News from Mrs. Bingham's Class

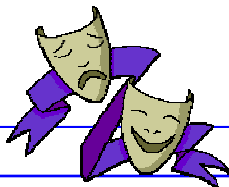
February will be a busy month for Mrs. Bingham's class. Jill the clown is returning to our school, the Symphony and the Opera will entertain us, we are going to see the play "Miss Nelson is Missing" on February 16th, and we are going to ScienceWorks on the 24th.

Valentine's Day is coming up and the whole class is looking forward to making Valentine Cards.

In fifth grade we just finished our math test for Chapter 3. In Chapter 4 we are going to learn how to use data, statistics, and graphs. In fourth grade math they are learning multiplication. We have also made winter poems to put up on our class bulletin board.

Fourth and Fifth graders have been rehearsing songs that they will sing at the annual "Get America Singing" program on Tuesday April 13th. Singing volunteers, Walt and Geoff, from the Get America Singing Association have been helping students learn traditional songs like "America the Beautiful" and "She'll be Comin' Around the Mountain".

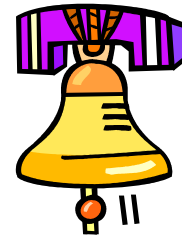
By Nora Caudell and



"BELL RINGERS"
For the Month of January

Keleb Butts	-	First Grade
Emily Carpenter	-	Second Grade
Joshua Acosta-Leib	-	Second Grade
Zosha Allionis	-	Second Grade

Congratulations for being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible!!



Valentine Class Parties

Classes will have Valentine's Parties on Friday the 12th of February. Parties will be held in afternoon from 1pm until 1:45pm. Please remember if you are going to be bringing any treats for your student's class they must be store bought items that are still in the original package. Please contact your student's teacher for more information or contact the office.

Williams Elementary School Vision Statement

Williams Elementary School is committed to creating a nurturing environment in which each child is encouraged to become a life long learner

Great Job on Attendance in January!

Parents remember to call the school office at 846-7224 when your child is ill or absent for any reason. Office hours are from 6:45am—3:15pm. Remember to have your child at school on time. There is a lot going on in the first 15 minutes of class. Research shows being on time is an important factor in the learning process.

Breakfast for all begins at
7:10am



My Momma always said, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

Forrest Gump

