



# Manzanita



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Sept. 18– Rogue Valley Symphony to perform during school day

Sept. 19– School pictures, Granger class to Crater Lake

Sept. 20– School pictures, Woodall class to Crater Lake

Sept. 21– No School Staff Development

Sept. 26– Davidson class to Crater Lake

Sept. 27– Manzanita Open House

Oct. 5 – Jog-A-Thon, Fleming Track

## Thoughts from the Principal.....

Dear Manzanita families,

Sunscreen, sprinklers, and popsicles...the ingredients for a perfect summer. But it's time to put these away and get out our pencils and notebooks as another school year begins. The classrooms are clean, the floors are all shiny, and the Manzanita staff is excited for another amazing school year.

We are fortunate to have all our staff members return for another year. We will have three 3rd grade classes and three 5th grade classes. Two student teachers will be working with our students this year, Mrs. Noyes in 1st/3rd grade and Mrs. Olson in 2nd/4th grade. Manzanita is lucky to have them work with our students!

Manzanita is a PBIS school, focusing on positive reinforcement and teaching expectations. All students and staff will follow new basic expecta-

tions for the school: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Kind! Thank you for reinforcing our PBIS guidelines at home.

We will get the year started off with our exciting Jog-a-thon. It will be held in the morning on October 5th and students will run around the track at Fleming Middle School. Additional information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support of Manzanita!

I look forward to working with each of you to provide the best educational experience possible for your student. I hope to see you at Open House on September 27th.

Welcome back to school!

Sincerely,

*Jessica Durrant*

### ~ A BIG THANKS ~

We would like to thank all the hard working volunteers that have spent hours working at Manzanita on our outside areas. Members of *Serve Grants Pass* along with parents have done such a wonderful job to improve the Outdoor Learning Area, improvements on the playground, and helping create peaceful surroundings

outside for our kids. We appreciate all the hard work you did to improve Manzanita.

Come on by and check out all their handiwork!

We appreciate you!!



## SITE COUNCIL

The Site Council is a committee of staff and parents that serve as an advisory leadership team for Manzanita. This year, parents are represented by: Lisa Kissel, Maria Kilborn, and Kelly Smith.

*Please feel free to call Mrs. Durrant at 541-479-6433 regarding questions or concerns that you would like to bring to our attention.*

*Parents please remember to call the office, 541-479-6433 before 10:00am to let us know if your child will be absent. If the school has not heard from you, you will get a phone call from our automated calling system checking on your student. Thank you for communicating with us to help your child succeed!*



## TITLE ONE

Manzanita receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide parents with important information about this law and your child's education.

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. When you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information.

- A. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction.
- B. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waved.
- C. The type of college degree and major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates.
- D. If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like this information, please contact the school at 541-479-6433.

## MANZANITA NEWS

### Volunteers

We are very thankful for the volunteers that donate time to Manzanita. If you are interested in volunteering at school, you must complete a volunteer application form. This must be done every year for every volunteer. For those parents new to Manzanita, you also need to attend Volunteer Orientation with Mrs. Durrant. Please contact the office to schedule this orientation.

Volunteer Application forms are available in the office and must be returned prior to working with students. Thank you for keeping our students safe and a HUGE thank you for volunteering at Manzanita!!

~ Open House ~

**You are invited to attend Manzanita Open House, held on Thursday, September 27th. We will have dinner available for purchase from 5:00-5:45pm. Classroom presentations from teachers will begin at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to stay informed about your child's education. Additional information will be sent home in the next few weeks. Hope to see you there!**

### Education of all Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public Law 105.17 know 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 school.

*If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 1 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.*