

# Buzzin' Around Madrona

## April 2012



Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interfere with their learning. Even though we have begun the third trimester there are still about 10 weeks of school left. In order for these last weeks to have a strong educational impact, we need your help. Please remind your child that you have high expectations for their continued success in school. This is a good time to review the school and bus rules in the student handbook you received at the beginning of the year. Let your child(ren) know you expect him/her to follow the rules each day and do the very best he/she can at school and on the bus. Safety and learning are the main reasons for our rules.

Many fun activities also happen during the last few weeks. We truly want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy those activities. Please understand that we expect students to be accountable for the choices they make each day. We will not allow students who make poor choices at school, to attend special activities with other students. If a child is sent to the Ed. Lab more than 3 times in a month, receives a referral to the office or a bus citation that requires disciplinary action by Mrs. Van Brunt, it is possible that student may not be able to attend special activities. This could prevent a child from participating in field trips, parties, special recesses, movies, assemblies, and other school activities. Mrs. Van Brunt will note on the referral or send a letter to indicate if a child has lost a special privilege. Hopefully this will not happen very often, if at all. Mrs. Van Brunt would only choose to do this if a student has issues being disruptive to learning or that make him/her unsafe to go to different places. It is our desire to end the school year pleasantly and productively for each student at Madrona Elementary. Please reinforce these expectations with your child at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Van Brunt at 476-6624.



## Safety Drills

As most of you know, we periodically practice different kinds of evacuations, etc. to make sure our students and staff will be safe in the event of an emergency. We have fire drills, earthquake drills and lockdown drills. Lock down drills are to make sure we can safely lock down our school and put the kids out of harm's way inside, in the event of someone harmful coming onto our campus. We do lock down drills about two times per year. We will be having another lockdown drill in either April or May. All drills have the potential to frighten children a bit. Please take a few minutes to explain to your child why it is important to learn how to be safe at a school and to calm their fears. It is never our intent to scare kids, but it is our intent to give them training so they can be as safe as possible at school in the event of an emergency. Thanks for your help with this issue.

## Lost and Found

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

## Public Web Site

You can visit us on-line to get up to date information anytime you wish. Please visit us at [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

# PTA News

The Madrona PTA is off and running, busy at work on the upcoming May 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Carnival. Great things are being planned for our big event, from the kids' beloved bounce houses, climbing wall, face painters and the great carnival games to some great new features that have been suggested to liven things up a bit. We'll give you more details as they unfold, but you can be expecting some wonderful new fun to be seen at our Spring Carnival this year!

One thing that hasn't changed is our need for plenty of volunteers to staff the Spring Carnival. As always, no event can succeed without the help of dedicated moms, dads, grandparents, big brothers and big sisters, aunts, uncles and even wonderful family friends who just want to show their love for our great Madrona Hornets by helping out. For those who love to help make the show go on, we have specific job roles just waiting for the right people to step in and make a real difference. Whether you would prefer to coordinate an area of need or serve a thirty minute shift on the night of the Carnival, please contact PTA President Laurie Guerrero at (541)450-8988 if you would like to help in any way at all. Thank you so much! We absolutely cannot do this without you.

The PTA is currently researching the possibility of purchasing a "Shade Sail", a large fixed shade fixture, intended to provide a comfortable shaded area for our Madrona kids to shelter under next to the playground area. Discussion and research of the idea are still in early stages.

PTA Board member nominations for the 2012-2013 school year are upon us, and nomination forms will soon be sent home to all Madrona families. In order to be eligible to make a

nomination, one must be a PTA member (membership applications will be attached to the nomination form). Please feel free to nominate either yourself or anyone else whom you feel would be an asset to the PTA Board. PTA Board members' job descriptions will be listed on the nomination form for your information.

In consideration of the even lower than usual turnout at our March 5, 2012 PTA Board meeting which was an evening meeting, and due to daytime meeting being more convenient for members who do attend, a decision was made to return the PTA meeting times to 2:10pm on the first Thursday of each month, or as announced. The next meeting of the Madrona PTA will be held on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:10pm, in the Madrona Library. Free childcare will be available. We hope to see you there!

Our fundraisers for February and March were a great hit. The bulb sales brought in \$1854.00 and our Coin drive brought in \$811.50 to benefit the computer lab. Mrs. Bushers class brought in the most money on the coin drive. We would like to thank all the parents who gave their time to make these two fundraisers a great success.

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

## March Kite Winners

### Battle of the Books Competition

Our student participants have been practicing for their final test every Monday and Tuesday during lunch. They must identify the author and the Title of the book that matches the questions asked.

The Madrona test for Battle of the Books competitors will be held in room 12 at 12:30 pm. Dates are as follows:

Group 1            April 5<sup>th</sup>

Group 2            April 6<sup>th</sup>

Finalists will go on to the District battle which is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>. Go, Readers!

## Library News

We will be having some fun library competitions during the month of April.

The first week of April, we will have a jelly bean guess. Students and staff are welcome to guess the number of jelly beans in a container. A prize from Mrs. Haberman's box will be given to the closest guess in each class, and to one staff member.

The second half of the month, we will have a creative bookmark contest. Students can design their own bookmark that has a reading theme, a holiday theme, or it can be based on their favorite book. I can't wait to see what they come up with! Entries need to be turned in to the Library by April 30<sup>th</sup> and will be judged the first part of May. The winning bookmarks will be printed for our school library!

Happy Reading!

Jesse Cooper  
Jessica Mena  
Bodeven Locust  
Drake Chalker  
Natasha Combe  
Dimas Linares  
Alex Yager  
Benjamin Schultz



Lexi Imel  
Kristel Serino-Jordan  
Maiah Combs  
Duane Spicer  
McKendrie Ebben  
Riley Ortiz  
Rosa Duenas

### **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 862-3111.

## No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If 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:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction

- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.

The clothing closet will be available to all families. It will be a fun opportunity for children to shop for school clothes from their own piggy banks. Clothing will be sold for .50 cents per item. Families may donate to this project all year long as we would like to keep the closet well stocked throughout the school year. Please contact Laurie Guerrero, our PTA president with any questions you may have 541-450-8988.



## March's Breakfast



with the Principal winners are:

Kloee Martin	Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Aiden Fimbres	Autumn Gettys
Ezariah Garwell	Eric Hookland
Joel Lankford	Charlee Lilla-Bare
Brooke Loraditch	Breanna Boyle
Ashleigh Marrs	Duane Spicer

### Madrona Elementary's

### All New Clothing Closet!!!!

Attention all Madrona families. Our PTA is organizing our first clothing exchange for school registration week in August 2012. We need your help to donate gently used clothing in sizes that will fit kindergarten through fifth grade children.

## Seuss Art Contest Winners!

We had so many wonderful entries for our Seuss inspired drawing contest. We chose two Grand Prize winners and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for each grade.

The Grand Prize winners won tickets to Southgate Cinema, and the runners up received art supplies.

#### Grand Prize Winners

Aubrielle Garcia

Sierra Combe

#### Lifeskills Winner

BoDeven Locust

#### Kindergarten Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Aries Jump

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Aidan Griess

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kai Obien

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Austin Panks

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Taya Mendoza

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Marissa Beck

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ethan Moran

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – McKenna Lawson

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rosa Duenas

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Joseph Gerson

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kael Dymock

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Amiya Matson

Kindergarten Roundup





If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2012, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00pm. You will need to bring original Birth Certificates, immunization records, and your new Kindergarten student when you come. We will meet in the office to fill out enrollment forms, make copies of Birth Certificates and immunization records. Then you will visit the Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs. Kramer, our Kindergarten teacher, to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners here!

# Free Meals!



You mean there really is such a thing as a free meal? At Madrona there is! Breakfast is **FREE every day** for **EVERY STUDENT!** We offer a selection of nutritious, healthy, hot meals, including milk, and fresh fruit. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

## April Events

- April 3 - Spelling Bee Test
- April 5 - Battle of the Books test group 1
- April 6- Battle of the Books test Group 2
- April 10 - PBIS Trading cards on sale
- April 11 - District Spelling Bee
- April 12 - PTA meeting in library @2:10
- April 18 - Progress Reports go home
- April 21 - District Battle of the Books
- April 24 - PBIS Trading cards on sale
- April 26 - Site Council Meeting
- April 27 - Pride Assembly
- April 27 - Progress Reports go Out

## Planned June Events

Please note that the following dates are tentative. Flyers will be forthcoming to keep you up to date.

- June 5 - PBIS Trading Cards on Sale
- June 11 - All School Awards Assembly 10:00am in the gym
- June 12 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Moving On" ceremony @10am in Gym
- June 12- Class Parties @ 1:00 pm
- June 12 - Last Day of school

## A Look at May

- May 3 - Conference Day-No School
- May 4 - No school Furlough Day
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- May 7- Smokey the Bear for Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and Bruscher
- May 8 - PBIS Trading Cards on sale
- May 8 - Kindergarten Round up in office
- May 10 - PTA Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- May 17 - Madrona Carnival @ 5pm
- May 18 - No School Staff Development Day
- May 22 - PBIS Trading Cards on sale
- May 24 - Site Council Meeting @2:10 in library
- May 25 - Pride Day Assembly
- May 28 - No School - Memorial Day

## Spelling Bee

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition in April. Each teacher will select two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students will participate in a challenging spelling test on March 30<sup>th</sup> for 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grades and March 31<sup>st</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Mrs. Van Brunt will give the test. Students who were selected by the teacher may be given some practice materials to help them prepare ahead of time. The top speller in each group will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the district office.

*Extra, Extra! Read all about it!*

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona.

Karma Manson  
Kalea Gray

**Brucher:**  
Hank Dumas  
Sophia Harper

**Fisher:**  
Dimas Linares  
Marissa Beck

## School Attendance

Thanks to all you parents who are faithful in getting your kids to school every day. It is an important message that children learn early in their lives that coming to school every day, on time, is critical to success. It will lead to success in their adult lives as well when they become part of the working world.

As always, I do support you in your decision to keep your child home when they are vomiting, have a severe headache, fever, sore throat, etc. I know that illnesses do hit, but encourage you to get your child back into school as soon as it is healthy for your child to do so. Thanks again for being prompt with notes or phone calls explaining the reason for your child's absence. That is a crucial step in helping us to keep kids in school and knowing why they are gone. Although some of you are excellent at notifying the teacher, it is also helpful if you would notify the office if your child has been absent. That way we don't spend your precious time calling you to find out that information. The teachers do not always have the time to talk to our office staff about absences. Thanks so much for your support of learning at Madrona.

## Citizen's of the Month for March

**Kramer:**  
Sergio Guerrero  
Gracie Bettencourt

**Simpson:**  
Zachary Scott  
Mathew Peckham

**Strangis:**

**Goodin:**  
Payden Tavelli  
Vivian Rowley

## Accelerated Reader Achievements January 2012

**Ready Reader**  
Abigail Acosta  
Jasmyne Crandall  
Kira Johnson  
Annie Nelson

**Ready Reader II**  
Kira Johnson

**Independent Reader**  
Joshua Basham  
Connor Daily  
Kristel Serino-Jordan  
Rylie Terpening  
James Watson  
Sissy Fimbres

**Rising Reader**  
Cristal Madris-Delgado  
Taya Mendoza  
Logan Rigel

**Super Reader**  
Gabriel Dewey  
Liam Jolman  
Chris Manson  
Sean Marrs  
Ethan Moran  
Allie Therson  
Dylan Watanabe  
Madison Williams

**Super Reader II**  
Madison Williams

**Advanced Reader**  
Breanna Boyle  
Tyler Childers  
Troy Johnson  
Andrew Kainer  
AudriAnna O'Connor  
Kyle Serino-Jordan  
Adrian Solomon  
Austin Verner

**Star Reader**  
Riley Arnold  
Neill Dove  
Kael Dymock  
Charlee Lilla-Bare  
Robert Pettijohn  
Madeline Terpening





nutrients (protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals) and not too many calories, fats or sugars. There are some great web sites available to help with information, tips and recipes. Some of these are: FoodHero.org; ChooseMyPlate.gov; eatright.org; and kidseatright.org.

Happy Eating!

Hello Parents!

My name is Sally Schulte, and I will be teaching your kids about nutrition and healthy eating habits for 5 weeks starting after Spring Break. This program is funded by Oregon State University Extension, and I work for their office right here in Josephine County. If you have any questions you can reach me at: [Sally.Schulte@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Sally.Schulte@oregonstate.edu).

My focus will be getting the kids to start thinking about what they are eating and learning some basic nutrition concepts, all while having fun! Depending upon the grade, we will be learning about the importance of eating breakfast, why fruits, veggies, dairy and whole grains are so important, and learning to cut back on sodium and empty calories from added sugars.

It would be ideal if we could partner together to produce greater results. Some of the ways you could do this are by:

- Asking your child what they learned about food from the "Nutrition Lady"
- Exploring healthy food choices together in your kitchen or the grocery store
- Offering healthy snacks first, such as fruit, yogurt parfaits, whole-grain waffles with applesauce, and sprinkling parmesan cheese on hot popcorn
- Eating a variety of vegetables and fruits every day
- Eating more whole grains, such as oatmeal, brown rice, and whole-grain bread
- Limiting the sugary drinks such as soda, sports drinks, and fruit-flavored drinks

When you make healthy eating a family affair, everyone benefits. This means foods and beverages with plenty of

## *City Clean-up Day*

It's time to do some spring cleaning to get ready for the upcoming tourist season. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed to help collect litter in the downtown area.

This event is being held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-noon. All volunteers will gather at the Downtown Welcome Center at 198 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information call 541-471-6460.

