

FLEMING NEWS

Nov/Dec
2011

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

In December we will start sending our newsletter via email and no longer be mailing it due to increased paper costs and mailing costs. Please complete the form below with the email you would like us to send your copy to. If you do not have computer access, please indicate that you would like your student to pick up a copy in the office.

Student Name(s): _____

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to receive the FMS newsletter by email

I would like my student to bring home the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar



Principals & Office Staff

John George - Principal

Mark Higgins - Assistant
Principal

Jerry Keeling - Counselor

Kym Woolsey - Office Mgr.

Pam Kudlac - Secretary

Maria Caruncho - Records

Office Hours: 7:30am-3:30pm

Office Phone: 476-8284

Office Fax: 471-2458

11/21-11/25 ...	Thanksgiving Vacation
12/01	End of Trimester
12/02	No School
12/03	FMS Band will participate in Downtown Parade
12/13	6th Grade Band Concert—7pm
12/19-1/2/12 ...	Winter Break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Things are off to a fantastic start here at Fleming. We are very pleased to return with another great year of improvement under our belts, and look forward to continuing the trend. As you probably already know, Fleming has once again been rated "Outstanding" on the 2010-2011 Oregon School Report Card. This is unprecedented in Southern Oregon and a rarity for any middle school /secondary school in the state. In fact, according to my own research, Fleming is the only middle school in the entire state to have received either an exceptional or outstanding rating for 5 years in a row. It is my sincere belief that the continued success that we have seen here at FMS is because of an exceptional group of staff, students and community members that come together to make Fleming special. The most important piece of our success during this time has been the commitment our entire staff has made toward achieving and exceeding our school-wide improvement goals. I am truly thankful for their professionalism and dedication. Through a continued reevaluation of instructional practices, curricular alignment, and disciplinary best practices, this team has established a very positive focus for the education of our children and is committed to continuing our upward climb.

A few other items you may find of interest:

Our start up to the school year was fantastic! When I first became the Principal of Fleming in 2003-2004 we had a student population of 525 attending. The teaching staff numbered 26. This year we will have approximately 410 students with 12 teachers. Big changes and big challenges. Even with the changes and challenges all staff members have risen to the task of providing the best possible educational experience for our students.

We just finished our winter athletic season and our future Knights represented us with competitiveness, pride, and outstanding character. I would like to thank our volunteer coaches for taking their time away from their personal lives to aid in the growth of our students. Thank you to the following:

- o Volleyball – Kathy Mathews and Maria Caruncho (both FMS employees)
- o Football – Curtis Kissel, Mike Brosio, Brian, Taylor, Gary Padgett
- o Cross Country – Andrew Powell, Steven Stuckey

Our staff has been working diligently to communicate and collaborate with other district staff members by curricular areas to further the district goal of implementing "proficiency based learning" into our instructional best practices.

Finally, I would like to thank our PTO and the Young Marines for an outstanding "Red Ribbon Spirit Week" where our students pledged to be drug free and show their Fleming pride.

This is truly an exciting time to be a Fleming Rogue.

John George
Principal
Fleming Middle School
Director of Alternative Education and Athletics

ART NEWS

Seventh and eighth grade artists have just learned the role masks play in different cultures and how they use materials available to them. Now we are creating our own masks in papier mache, painting them, and adorning them in beads, shells, leather, fabric, and feathers. Sixth graders are learning water-color skills that will be used in their own original paintings.

Eighth graders in PE are doing warmup exercises daily, learning basketball skills, playing games, and learning good sportsmanship. Sixth grade PE just finished floor hockey and is now playing handball. Look out! These are "active" class periods.

COLLEGE 101

The North Valley High School is presenting a "College 101" workshop for students and parents interested in college opportunities. The workshop will be on Thursday, January 3, 2012 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm at North Valley High School commons. For more information, please contact NVHS, 541-479-3388.



BUS NOTES

We value your child's safety and because we do, we would like to remind parents that if your child is going home with another student or bringing a friend home, a note from *both* parents is **REQUIRED..NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Also, please make every effort to have student transportation arrangements in by 2:00pm. It's very difficult to ensure your child gets a note after 2:00pm as this is a very busy time. If at all possible make after school plans before your student leaves for school in the morning. We truly appreciate your cooperation with this.

PARENT ASSIST

Parents now have the opportunity to follow their child's grades, missing assignments, absences and tardies this year using ESIS Parent Assistant. You can access the program through our website at: <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=3894>

Account Request Forms are available in the office or on line. Please return the form to our office to get your account setup.



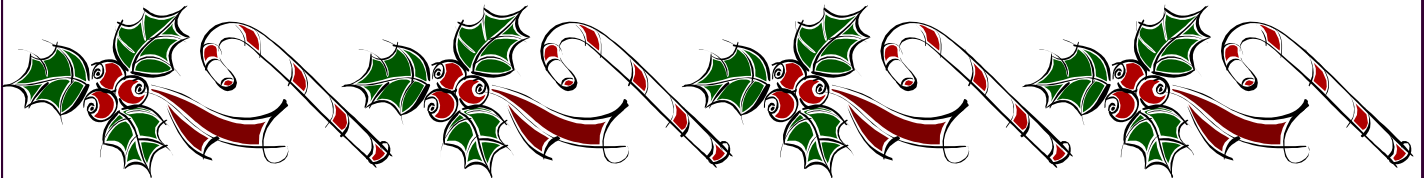


IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICATIONS

When your child must take prescription and/or non-prescription medicine at school, please follow these steps.

- **The parent/guardian must bring the medicine in person to the office and fill out a medication administration form. Additionally, the parent/guardian must pick up the container when the child has completed the course of medication.**
- **Medicine must be in its original container.**
- **The parent/guardian must fill out the appropriate form with instructions/permission for the school to administer the medication.**
- **The parent/guardian must inform the school in writing of any changes in medication instructions.**

*At no time may a student be in possession of either prescription or non-prescription medications while at school. All medications must be administered through the office. The only exception to this policy are students who must have inhalers or other medications with them because of life-threatening conditions. The office **MUST** be notified if your child is in this category. There are forms in the office for you to complete if your child requires medication at school.*



ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS

Oregon Law added new requirements for immunizations as of the 2010/2011 school year. All 7th graders who have not met the requirement need to have one additional vaccine or an appropriate medical or religious exemption. Please check your child's records to be sure he/she has the following:

Tdap Vaccine – 1 dose

Tdap offers protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is given to adolescents and adults 10-64 years old. It is different from the DTaP, which is given to children younger than 7 years. Your student will need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine. If your student does not have the Tdap shot, contact your child's doctor or call the Josephine County Health Department (541) 474-5353 to make an appointment.

It is important to get an early start on updating your child's immunization information. All updated information should be sent to Fleming Middle School. If you have any questions you can call (541) 476-8284 and talk to Maria at Fleming.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Note from your Family Advocate,

My name is Jolie Kern, and I am Fleming's family advocate. As family advocate, I can assist students whose families are unable to provide what is needed for them to be successful in school. I can often help with school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, glasses, haircuts and much more. I can also help by providing academic support to students in homeless situations or living situations that are less than adequate.

The federal government defines "homeless" as:

Living in a home with no heat or running water

Staying with friends or relatives due to economic hardship or loss of housing

Fleeing a domestic violence situation

Living in camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations

Sleeping in a public or private place not intended for living in. (cars and garages)

Living in substandard housing, parks or abandoned houses

If you are in need of my assistance please fill out the "request for advocate contact" attached. If your child is in need of specific supplies or services please write your request on the form and I will do what I can to accommodate.

Thanks,

Jolie Kern

Fleming Family Advocate

Request For Family Advocate Assistance

Student name: _____

Parent name: _____

Phone number _____

Assistance requested _____

Please return to the office and advocate will contact you as soon as possible.

PTO NEWS

Welcome back to school !

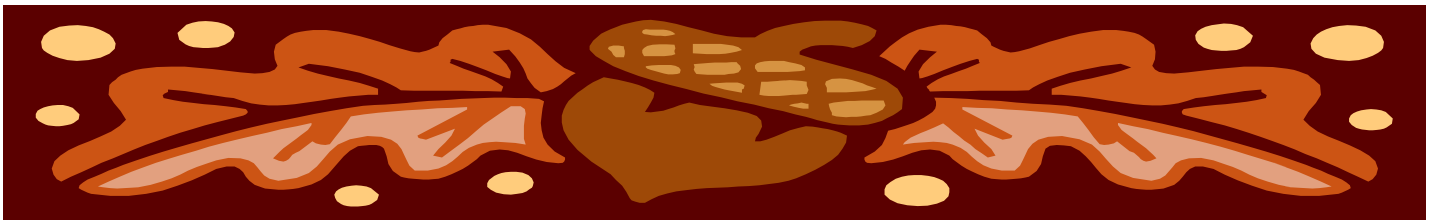
Cookie dough is coming up. Cookie Dough will be delivered 11/16 2:30pm to 4:00pm. A reminder notice will be sent home with your child.

Student store is up and running . Every Tuesday by the library. Everything is \$1.00 or less. The money goes to the library, for books and book racks. If you would like to help please call, Nadyah 541-479-8193.

Cookie Dough should be delivered on November 16th.

UPCOMING PTO meetings: *January 3—3:15pm; February 7—3:15pm*

Hope to see you there!



The PTO would like to thank **Ray's Food Place** in Merlin, **NVHS Boosters Club** & **Competitive Athletics** for supporting Flemings Spirit Days. Stop in and tell them *Thank You from Fleming!*

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that make Spirit Days happen. If you or your business would like to volunteer your time or donate items, please contact Mary Jane Taylor @ 541-956-6960.

Upcoming Spirit Day Events:

- NVHS Raffle
- Civil War Raffle
- Hot Chocolate Friday
- Candy-Cane-Grams



NOTES

Help us out in the office by including the following things in your note.

- *Date the note*
- *Write child's full name. First and last!*

Bus Notes!

Please include the bus # of the bus the student will be riding.

THANK YOU!



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OUTSTANDING PARENTS



We had great help from our parent volunteers for our first after school dance. Thanks to our parent volunteers and Mr. Stuckey DJ'ing the dance, this activity is made possible.

Thank You! **Joan Kostelnik, Rachael Melland, Shelley Mower, Dietrice Swanson, Mike Brosio, Curtis Kissel, Dena Gemini, Sara Sampaulesi, Shirley Farden, Shelley Ireland, Stevenie Tello, and Tracy Scherer.**

Due to my absence, I hope I have not inadvertently omitted any volunteer. We often have last minute additions and cancellations. I sincerely appreciate all our volunteers and the time they give to Fleming Middle School. Thank you, Pam Kudlac

FLEMING ATHLETICS



FALL SPORTS



A big **SHOUT OUT** goes to the parents that helped with the football chain gang, the volleyball score clock and score book, and transporting cross country runners! **Thank you: Florence Nikas, Lisa Kissel, Michelle Lawless, Frank Potts, Dietrice Swanson, Shelley Mower, Lauren Garmendia, Lori Lexin, and Julie Wilkerson.** A big thank you goes out to our VB officials, **Belinda Richardson and Rick Saeman, and Kathy Mathews and Maria Caruncho** for covering the scorebook while coaching our girls!



WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sports programs have begun! Boys Basketball is underway and thanks to **Maria Caruncho, Jerry Keeling and Chris Jelderks** for running the clock and keeping the score book.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wrestling season and girls basketball will begin after winter break. We will need a scorekeeper and a score clock runner for the girls' games. The home wrestling meets require a great deal of volunteer help. Please contact Pam Kudlac at 541-476-8284, athletic secretary, if you can volunteer for either sport.