



Manzanita



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 14– No School– State Wide In-service

Oct. 19– Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 20– No School– Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 21– No School

Oct. 27– 4th grade to Science Works



Thoughts from the Principal.....

Dearest families,

Happy October to all of our Manzanita families. I'm sure your family is like most, and the start of the school year has been very busy! Students have had a wonderful first month of school and we are looking forward to an fantastic October.

I would like to welcome two new staff members. Heather Munyon, our new 2nd grade teacher, and Rachel Woodall, who will be teaching the 4th/5th grade blended classroom. I am thrilled to have them join our staff! With the addition of these two new teachers, our classroom sizes will be come more manageable and conducive for student learning.

You'll soon receive a copy of our "school report card." Manzanita received great news once again...we were name an "**Outstanding School**" by the state of Oregon. This status was the result of our attendance rate and student performance on reading and math assessments. Way to go Manzanita students, parents, and staff!!

I encourage you to stay involved in your child's education. Here are some ways you can stay current with your student's school activities:

- Check your students backpack every day for information and homework.

- Ask your student how their day was, what they learned and what they enjoyed.
- Read the Manzanita Newsletter (you're doing this now!)
- Participate in conferences and attend school events.

Thank you for sending your student to school each day; their presence is the greatest gift!

Have a great October,



Announcement Assistants

Each day a student is randomly chosen to be the Announcement Assistant to help Mrs. Durrant. These chosen students qualified by being on-time to school each day (in the gym at 7:40am). Congratulations to the following who have been the Announcement Assistant:

Randy Staley, Samantha Rodgers, Payson Steiner, Abigale Ramsey, Ashley Bell, Zane Foley and Jasmine Hertel.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the gym at 7:40!

Advocate's Corner

My name is Jewel Shane, I am the Family Advocate at Manzanita. My most important duty at Manzanita is to try to help families who have a need. Sometimes I may be able to supply them with the things they need; if I'm not able, I try to refer to agencies in Josephine County that might be able to help. I have school supplies and clothing available at this time. If you know a family (or are a family) that might benefit from these services, please do not hesitate to call me at the school (541-479-6433).

Jewel Shane

Family Advocate

Kids Connection

Kids Connection is a private daycare offered to Manzanita students after school each day. For more information contact Kari Wilson at 541-218-4400.

DROP OFF AND PICK UPS

Thank you for helping keep our students safe by following the guidelines and procedures. When dropping students off in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon, please pull up as far as possible so more families can drop off at the same time. All students need to exit the car from the **passenger side** onto the curb. This is for the students' safety as cars might be coming around you. If you are parking your car and then picking up your student, please meet them by the Manzanita Reader Board.

Once again, thank you so much for keeping safety in mind.

When needing to make changes to your student's afternoon transportation plans, please contact the office by 1:30pm. This ensures the office staff enough time to deliver the message to the student and make sure he/she understands the change in plans. Manzanita realizes that emergencies can happen and occasionally a last minute change is made. We greatly appreciate the effort to try and have changes done early. If you have any questions feel free to call the office at 541-479-6433.

We appreciate our parents!

NEWS UPDATE

A message from Oregon Books Bookstore in downtown Grants Pass

Encouraging children to read falls heavily on our local libraries. With funding cuts, being able to purchase books that are in demand is often very difficult. To assist your library, Oregon Books has altered our partnership program to provide a direct credit to the Manzanita library which can be used at any time. The program works in this fashion; any supporter who mentions Manzanita when purchasing books triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase. (Sorry, we must exclude institutional discounts from this program.) When Manzanita supporters order books through www.oregonbooks.com, just add "Manzanita" in the comments section or mention it when they pick

up their books. Here's an example of how all this works: if you have 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, your library would have \$300 during the year to spend! Join Oregon Books in helping your library receive money to help students have new reading material!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Linda and Gary Wallace and Monique Bell for freshening up our U.S. map painted on the playground and adding the state abbreviations. Now our students have a fun and bright map to learn and play.

Manzanita would also like to thank, Deanna Gemini, Robyn Lanham and Mary Jane Taylor for all their help in making picture day run smoothly!

If you have access to the internet, take a look at the [Three Rivers School District Website](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us) at www.threerivers.k12.or.us. You will find information about calendar of events, teacher information and other important details.

STUDENT BANKING

Umpqua Bank has a wonderful opportunity for Manzanita students. Every Friday (starting October 7th) from 7:15-7:35am they will be in the library for students to start a savings account or deposit into an existing account. [Come join the Learn to Earn Banking Day.](#)