

Report to the Board Fort Vannoy School Spring 2011

Fort Vannoy staff and students had a very busy, but wonderful, Spring

Our students participated in the District Spelling Bee. We earned 2nd place in both the Primary and Intermediate divisions. Many students took part in the Science Fair. It was a great experience for our students. Projects were presented in the classrooms and the best ones represented Fort Vannoy at the District Science Fair. Students from first grade to fifth grade competed at the District level Fair.

Battle of the Books was also a big event of the Spring at Fort Vannoy. Students from second grade to fifth grade competing at the school level in Battle of the Books. The school competition was organized by Kara Mohr, 4th grade teacher, and Susan Angeli, third grade teacher. Two Teams competed in the District Battle of the Books at Fruitdale.

PTA parents continued to be very active at Fort Vannoy. They held a Movie Night once per month on Friday nights in March, April and May. The movie is free and snacks are sold for a low cost. It is a great way to bring families into the school.

PTA Art Night was held Friday, May 13th. Carol Pock, who is a volunteer, parent and employee at Fort Vannoy, organized crafts for children of all ages. Classrooms displayed art work and the Fort Vannoy Band and Choraliers, directed by Dayna Hankins, performed.

The big PTA event of the Spring was Bingo Night. Over 200 people enjoyed bingo, raffles, live auction and silent auction. Michael Morris catered the meal. It was a well attended and wonderful event for the families and the community.

Kindergarten, first grade, third and fourth grades visited the Caterpillar when it came to Fort Vannoy the week of April 4, 2011. School visits were made by Fort Vannoy Farms, Smokey the Bear, and Head Start.

Field trips this Spring included a trip to Delmar's Dairy by the third grade, the Oregon Caves by the fourth grade, Science Works by the fourth grade, and Mr. Biencourt's class to Table Rock. Classrooms participated in plays such as Puss n Boots and The Ugly Ducking at Grants Pass Performing Arts Center. Third grade classrooms experienced a weeks set of science lessons from Science Works in Ashland.

Third grade classes made birdhouses. Mr. Charlie Cowger, our long-term substitute teacher at third grade, cut all of the wood in advance. Parents and community members helped students with the work of putting the bird houses together and doing the nailing. The activity brought out a lot of fathers.

We offered a parenting class; 1-2-3 Magic in the evening. No only were the classes were free but both dinner and child care were offered at no cost.

We recognized our volunteers with a luncheon. The food was catered by Food Service. Appreciation gifts were given to each participant. Classified staff and Administrative Professionals each had a week of fun and food.

Our SMART program grew under the coordination of retired TRSD teacher Carol Strode.

We closed the year with Awards Assemblies were every student in grades 1-5 were recognized.