



FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Board Briefing

Dear Board,

Technology Upgrades - Fleming has been working to finish upgrading our classrooms with digital projectors that are mounted from the ceiling. About two thirds of our classrooms have been fitted with the new projection systems. ESD has wired the systems into the teacher's computers so now our teachers can do more professional presentations of materials. Televisions on carts, movie projectors and overhead projectors are now relegated to the dust heap of history. The newer system can do too many things to be mentioned in this brief notice - trust me when I say that we are excited about moving in this direction.

Jog-A-Lot Fundraiser - We were able to raise \$10,000.00 dollars this year. It was less than last year's \$13,000.00 but considering the economic slowdown we aren't complaining. Our students raised the money for the development of our sports facilities behind our gym. We are planning to build 3 baseball fields and another football field as well as the necessary bleachers, concession stands, scoreboards, etc...

School Assessment Testing - Our first round of testing is now being completed. Heather Yount and I are now going over the data to determine what curriculum changes may be needed. Naturally, we have every intention of continuing our school improvements that we have been making over recent years.

Parent Teacher Organization - Our PTO has been rejuvenated by our new parent leadership. Mrs. Cornish - President, Mrs. Wade - Vice President, Mrs. Garrett - Secretary and Mrs. Martin - Treasurer have been extremely motivated. They have encouraged greater parent involvement and also have supported our technology upgrades with \$4,200.00! Our PTO magazine drive fundraiser brought in a net profit of \$3,000.00. This fundraiser too, was off from last year's, but not too far off.

Fleming Athletics - We have completed our Football, Volleyball and Cross Country Seasons. We would like to thank our volunteer football coaches, Tood DeChenne, Jeff Brazille, and Mike Burke. Football struggled this year while Volleyball did okay thanks to Kathy Mathews (7th grade social studies) and Maria Caruncho (front office receptionist). Our Cross Country team repeated as District Champions again - many thanks to coach Steven Stuckey (7th grade language arts).

Fleming Activities - Our Builders Club has been very busy this year. Thanks to the efforts of it volunteer coordinator Marjorie Wiley (6th grade language arts) they have planted over 1000 tulips in the front of our school! These students have also raked leaves and pulled weeds to help beautify our campus.

Guiding Lights Mentoring Program - Our mentoring program, under the guidance of Heather Saeman (librarian) has connected about 20 students with adult mentors. This program will hopefully see positive improvements in student attitudes and thus student success in the coming years.

Fleming Discipline - Our discipline referrals are running just about the same as last year - which was our lowest number of referrals in the past 5 years. We are on the Oregon Department of Education's "Watch List" because we exceeded our allotment of 5 expulsions. We hope that our efforts in PBS will help keep kids on the straight and narrow but sometimes kids make poor choices. We will not shirk our duties to hold kids accountable for their actions. Our school climate is second to none.

4th and 5th Grade Band – Mr. Wilder (Band Commander) has taken the lead to expand the Fleming Band program. He has fifty 4th and 5th grade students from Manzanita Elementary School who take a structured band class at Fleming. We are excited to offer this group a young students this exciting opportunity which helps to bridge the transition from elementary to middle school.

Gear Up Grant - We are excited to announce that Fleming Middle School along with North Valley High School have been selected as recipients of the Gear Up Grant. This has enabled Fleming to add an after school tutoring program which not only provides tutoring for academically challenged students but also provides a link to post secondary education.

Thank you,

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