

PIRATE'S PRESS



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Messages from the Principal:

Dear Parents:

I want to use this month's letter to highlight our progress on three important initiatives- attendance, technology and mathematics. Each area is important in our effort to help all of our students be successful. We are beginning to see some great results and at the same time recognize some challenges that are still ahead of us.

We stress good school attendance because research shows a strong correlation between attendance and academic growth. We recognize students with perfect attendance every month and work closely with families to help students who are struggling in this area. Our attendance rate is currently 96.79% and almost the highest in the district. We believe this is one of the reasons our students are doing so well.

We are continuing to expand on our use of technology to improve instruction. Our teachers have spent several hours this fall learning how to use document cameras, projectors, laptop computers and the internet to improve the educational experience of our students. Most recently, teachers are learning how to use a wireless student response system that allows the teacher to quickly check an entire classroom for understanding and identify students who may need some extra help.

Finally, we are continuing a major effort to improve math instruction to meet the higher standards being set by the state. All of our teachers are teaching to the new standards using a pacing guide developed by the district. We are learning new ways to increase the amount of active engagement with math by introducing more opportunities to explore the meaning of math problems as students strengthen their math reasoning abilities. The state has given schools a real challenge by increasing the score required to meet the state benchmarks in grades three through eight. The "cut scores" required on the state math assessment have increased by seven points in the third, fourth and fifth grades.

I am impressed by the professionalism and willingness of the Jerome Prairie teaching staff for taking on the training in math and technology this fall. We believe it will lead to better instruction in the classroom. We thank you as parents for supporting our efforts by ensuring that your children are here each day ready to learn, and we thank you for the trust you place in us to do our best for all the children we serve.

Remember our motto, "There is no better place to learn!"

Dave Fuller

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 7 Daylight Saving Ends
- 4 Coppes' class to Hanley Farm
- 8 Limo Ride to McDonald's
- 10 **Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- 10 Site Council Mtg. @ 2:10 pm
- 11 **Veterans Day – No School**
- 12 Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly @ 1:00 pm
- 17 PTO Mtg. @ 2:10 pm
- 19 **2 hour Delayed Start**
PBIS Assembly – 1:00 pm
- 22 Clerical Day – **No Classes**
- 23 Clerical Day – **No Classes**
- 24 Reduction Day-**No School**
- 25-26 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-No School**

STUDENT ABSENCES, TARDIES AND EXCUSES

Daily attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for a student to gain maximum benefits from his/her education experience.

Oregon school law supports the District Board's view and restricts excused absences to illness of the student, student medical or dental appointments (confirmation of appointments may be required), illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence at home, when the tenets of the student's religion require an absence for religious observance of a holiday or emergency situations that require the student's absence. All other absences must meet the approval of the school officials or be treated as unexcused absences. An absence that does not meet the criteria of an excused absence, but has been confirmed by the parent will be marked as a "verified" absence.

Absences will only be excused or verified if a phone call is received from the parent/guardian the day the student is absent or a note received in the school office not more than 3 days after the child returns to school. Getting your student to school on time is also very important. Not only does your student miss the introduction to the day but coming in late interrupts the class and the education of the

other students in the classroom. School starts at 7:40 AM. If your child arrives at school late he/she will need to come to the office to get a tardy slip. You need to know that a tardy slip will count against their perfect attendance.

JOG-A-THON RESULTS

We thank each of you students and parents/guardians, friends, business partners that helped to make our 18th annual Jog-A-Thon a success. We could not have done it without you and the hard work of our students.

The Jog-A-Thon Awards Assembly is scheduled for Friday, November 12th at 1:00 PM. We invite you to join us in the gym as each child receives the prize they have earned.

Those earning a limo ride to McDonald's for bringing in \$100.00 or more are:

Kgtn: Natalie Sandeen, Dane DeSoto, Cody Rommes, Hunter Swanson, Morgan Wilson

1st Grade: Haylee Bayard, Ally Cooper, Levi Gustafson, Jonathan Iles, Dominique Klahold, Sofia McNair, Christopher Mills-Price, Drew Sellke, Jeslyn Shaw-Rideout

2nd Grade: Nicole Avants, Aiden Crowley, Weston Flow, Noel Sandeen, Sebastian Swanson

3rd Grade: Brenna Bare, Hailee Campbell, Soarin Clayburn, Elijah Haley, Curtis Humprey, Paige Lake, Kristina Leshner, Jackson Marboe, Josalyn Nichols, Annika Sellke, Seth Williamson

4th Grade: David Countiss, John Heins, Kami Keith, Calli Pelkey, Mikayla Van Boven, Claire Wood

5th Grade: Vincent DiMatteo, Kyle Ingram, Hunter Kennedy, Bobbie Rideout, Gigi Strangis, Joel Williamson

Congratulations to all of you!! You did an **awesome** job.

JACKETS & SHOE EXCHANGE

Drop Off: Nov. 5th – Nov. 19th
Where: Jerome Prairie Front Desk



The Jerome Prairie PTO is heading up a 'Jacket and Shoe Exchange'. Please bring in your children's gently worn outgrown jacket and/or shoes to exchange for a bigger size. Find all children's sizes of outgrown jacket or shoes that are in good or excellent condition. Very small sizes for younger siblings are accepted as well. Please wash jackets and brush off all shoes you offer for exchange.

If your child does not currently have a need for a jacket and/or shoes, please consider donating for families that may have a need.

Look for exchange dates during winter conference times.



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Jerome Prairie School will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 10th, in the school cafeteria. We invite all parents to join their student/students for lunch. All we ask is that you make reservation by November 9th so that our cooks will know how many to prepare for. Reservations just need to be made for parent, grandparents and siblings that are planning on attending. More information regarding times will be coming home in the near future

Menu:

Turkey with gravy
mashed potatoes
Apple Cobbler
Fruit Salad with whipped topping
Corn
Rolls
Milk/Juice



It promises to be a great lunch and we are looking forward to having you join us.

INCLEMENT WEATHER



In the event of adverse weather conditions, please tune into Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJQ, KLRD, or KBOY. Television Stations KOB (Channel 5), KDRV (Channel 12), or KTVL (Channel 10) or the Three Rivers School District Web page for information on school closures and bus schedules. ***With our new SynerVoice system you should be getting a phone call within 15 minutes of the decision to close school in bad weather or a 2 hour delayed start. Therefore it is extremely important that we have your most current phone number so that you can be reached.***

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel, but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be ran. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations. **Remember** that Jerome Prairie is in the Hidden Valley Area.

When straight-line routes are run, the affected roads are listed below.

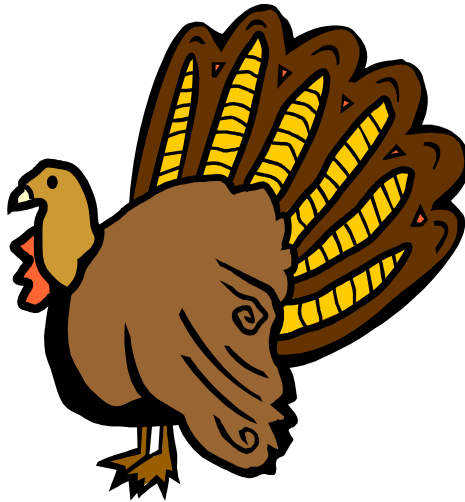
If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel you may bring your child to the nearest intersection or the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Street Name</u>
B13	All roads will be traveled
B14	Midway(south of Jerome Prairie Rd.), Sleepy Hollow Loop, Carrollwood Dr., Neill Rd.
B15	All Roads will be traveled
B16	Riverbanks Rd., Marcy Loop, Dutcher Creek, Dutchy Way, Limpy Creek.

OPTIONS:

1. School may be delayed by two hours
2. School may be closed for the entire day.
3. We may operate on a limited bus route as described above.

There may be times that because of weather the school will have to close early in order to get the children home safely. We will make every attempt to notify parents or the emergency number that is on your child's registration form. **Please keep the phone number and emergency contacts up to date.** Your student needs to know what to do and where to go in case of this sort happens. Children need to be aware of what is expected of them if the need arises.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING