



MANZANITA ELEMENTARY

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To: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors
From: Jessica Durrant, Principal
Re: Trimester 2 Board Briefing
Date: March 1st, 2011

As the second trimester draws to a close, I am amazed and in awe at the wonderful opportunities Manzanita students and staff have experienced thus far this school year. I am so proud of the accomplishments and energy that this list represents.

December –

- Parent-Teacher Conferences were very well attended
- 4th grade field trip to Science Works in Ashland
- Manzanita won the electric piano by vote on KRWQ contest
- Students rewarded for perfect attendance with extra recess time
- 4th and 5th graders presented their annual Music Concert along with the Manzanita Choir
- Parent/student Holiday lunch was well attended by both parents and grandparents

January –

- Students rewarded for perfect attendance with extra recess time
- Students brought in canned goods for the Merlin Food Bank and empty cans to be turned in for money to help support the music program at Manzanita
- Late Start Professional Development – Certified Teachers learned additional ways to use their new technology to enhance learning and increase student engagement. K-2 teachers worked with Tim Mohr on differentiating math curriculum.
- Rotary 5th grade Student of the Year presentation - Alec Kalevicoglu
- PBIS assembly for students who earned the privilege of attending – staff and students participated in relay races and everyone had a great time!
- Staff attended an information session about ixl.com – this website will be used during the following year to help progress monitor students in math

February –

- Licensed staff development time spent exploring cooperative learning groups and review OAKS data for AYP
- P.T.A. sponsoring a box top rays receipts ink cartridge drive
- 3rd grade went to Elk Lane for their annual tree plant
- Classified staff development time spent on active supervision, strategies to help students complete writing activities, computer skills
- Parent Lunch
- Jessica attended an Oregon Department of Education conference on Leadership for those who are in School Improvement Status

I know 3rd Trimester will bring additional activities and happenings at Manzanita. You are always welcome to any of Manzanita's events and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Here are some dates of exciting upcoming events at Manzanita:

- 2nd and 3rd Grade Music Program – March 9th at 6:00pm
- Celebration of Perfect & Excellent Attendance for 2nd Trimester – March 10th
- Manzanita Spelling Bee – April 1st
- TRSD Spelling Bee – April 6th
- Manzanita Battle of the Books – April 13th
- Manzanita Carnival/Auction – proceeds to fund the music program – May 20th