

# PIRATE'S PRESS



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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 2 Hearing Screening
- 6 Daylight Saving Ends
- 9 Photo Retakes
- 11 Veterans Day – No School
- 17 **Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- 18 PBIS Awards Assembly – 8:00 AM Gym
- 21 – 25 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- 30 Site Council – 2:10 PM Library

## DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Yo Yo Event at 8:00 AM
- 2 Clerical Day – No School
- 13 Winter Program – 6:00 PM
- 14 Holiday Lunch
- 19 to January 2 – Winter Break – No School

Return to School – January 3, 2012

**Attachment:** Program to Help Students

### **Message from the Principal:**

Hello! I hope this finds you all well and gearing up for the holiday season in a happy way. November has raced by and we are quickly entering the month of December this week! We are finishing up the first trimester this week. That means one third of the school year is complete this week. Teachers will be working hard on December 2<sup>nd</sup> preparing individual student report cards. Those will be mailed home to you the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, you will see the growth in the areas you and the teachers talked about during conferences in October. Our goal is to support each child to develop the skills needed to reach grade level if possible. Your support at home with homework and reading helps your child to make the best growth. We appreciate your partnership.

We had a delightful turnout for the November family holiday lunch. We will have another lunch on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents can come to this event if you haven't signed up for the meal itself. You can bring your own lunch and join your child for this special family event. We always love to see you. It is a wonderful memory making time for children and parents. Grandparents are welcome too!

On the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our whole school performing in a Winter program. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. If at all possible, try and bring all family members in one vehicle. We have limited parking space at our school and in the neighborhood. Be very careful about where you park for your safety! We want everyone to come and enjoy this special evening event, but we also want you and your loved ones to be safe while you are here. As you drive through the area, please drive slowly and keep an eye out for little ones! As always, I am thankful for this wonderful school, my students, staff and families. I am wishing you the very best during this season of family love and fun! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Lise Van Brunt, Principal



### **COMPUTER NEWS**

Twelve new computers have been purchased for our computer lab. Our goal is to have the computer lab updated with newer computers by the end of the school year 2013. Both school funds and monies from our jog-a-thon are used to support the purchase of new technology.

### STUDENT AWARDS – PBIS Assembly

On October 28, the following students were recognized for **Life Skills Responsibility**: Braden Loughridge, Hannah Grow, Sedonna Brooks, Lily Sloan, Jonathan Byrd and Calli Pelkey.

Also recognized, were the following students as **Students of the Month**: Annabelle Kilmer, Sofia McNair, Weston Flow, Katie Rodriguez, Natalia Pate and Rachel Polster.

### PBIS ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 18

Recognized for practicing the **Life Skills of Sharing** are the following: Hunter Spliethof, Kaden Kimberlin, Jacinda Rush, Lindsey Eells, Curtis Humphrey and Megan Porter.

**Students of the month** were as follows: Jonathan Brackett, Levi Gustafson, Sedonna Brooks, Faith Garfield, Kristina Leshner and Treena Toth.

Congratulations!

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Jerome Prairie School held its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 17, in the school cafeteria. Many family members and friends joined students for a delicious lunch prepared by the cafeteria staff.

Menu:

Turkey and gravy  
over mashed potatoes  
Steamed vegetables  
Rolls  
Milk/Juice



### JOG-A-THON RESULTS

Thank you to our students, parents/guardians, volunteers and business partners that helped to make our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Jog-A-Thon a success. It was a success due to students jogging the laps, the help of lap counters and coordinators assisting in setting up refreshments and keeping track of pledge sheets. Special “thank you” to Ms. Polka, Cafeteria Manager, who baked all the delicious cookies and Albertsons for the donation of the lemonade.

Students’ achievements and prizes were awarded during the recent PBIS Assembly in the gym.

Recognized for the most laps, and receiving a Jerome Prairie t-shirt, in each grade level were:

McKee: Brooklyn Mendivil, Vinny Calafiore  
Lovell: Anastacia Brooks and Sydney Byrd  
Dane Desoto

Coppes: Haylee Bayard, Sophia McNair

Kenney: Max Sloan, Ally Cooper

Richardson: Lily Sloan, Jackson Brown

Katz: Madison O’Brien, Mikayla VanBoven

Collecting the most money in pledges, Mrs. Katz’s class will have ice cream and cookies.

Ice cream party went to Lovell, Coppes, Richardson and Harrington for totaling the most laps in their age group.

Grand Prize of \$50.00 was awarded to Calli Pelkey for the collecting the most money. She also got to eat a special lunch with Mrs. Van Brunt at the Vine Restaurant.

Your support in this school wide activity is very much appreciated. Funds raised will be used wisely to benefit students at Jerome Prairie.

### SCIENCE CLUB

Mr. Harrington has started a Science Club for interested students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Science Club members meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 PM to develop and do a variety of hands-on-experiments. Science Club will run through the end of February 2012. There are approximately 30 members of the club. The students have done experiments with paper airplanes they built in order to determine which plane would be able to fly the farthest. They have also used different formulas to create a type of “silly putty”.

Among projects being planned for in the future are designing soda bottle rockets, making bird feeders out of recycled materials and creating a project to share in the District Science Fair.

If a student is interested in joining the Science Club, they must see Mr. Harrington for an enrollment form. There is a \$20.00 fee to join the club that covers the cost of supplies. If a child is not able to pay the fee, scholarships are available through the Parent-Teacher Organization.



## **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 that 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 will your student miss the introduction to the day but coming in late interrupts the class and the education of 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.

**RECYCLE PROJECT:** Southern Oregon Sanitation is having a competition to collect Crayons. They will be melted, placed in molds for reuse. Several of our classrooms are participating in this project. The classroom that collects the most crayons by weight will win a prize. Best of all, we are recycling.

**TAKE 'N BAKE PIZZA** – Our cafeteria is offering Take 'n Bake pizza orders for only \$9.95. Toppings include: pork sausage, olives, onions, mushrooms, pepperoni, ground beef, pineapple, ham, peppers, and plain cheese. Please place and pay for your order by 9:00 AM.

## **THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

### **COMMITTEE**

The Three Rivers School District Board of Directors announces that three positions on the Budget committee have expired. These positions are for a three-year term.

The Board will be accepting applications for appointment to fill the expired vacancies. All applications must be submitted to the District Office no later than January 13, 2012. Applicants must reside within the three Rivers School District. Further information and application forms may be obtained at: District Administration Office located at 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527; by calling the Board Secretary at (541) 862-3111 ext.: 5217; or accessing the district website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=4619>.

### **PBIS EARNED EVENT**

Our first PBIS Earned Event is coming! This Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, our students who have earned their PBIS trimester event will attend a special assembly put on by our SOASTC advocate, Mr. Jason Tracy. Mr. Tracy has travelled around the world demonstrating his yo-yo talents.

Students who have not gotten more than one bus citation or referral to the office for behavior this trimester will attend this event.

We are excited that many students have made the commitment to be safe, respectful and responsible this trimester and will enjoy this special time. Hurray!

Our next event will be held mid-year. To earn that upcoming event, students must not have more than one bus citation or referral to the office for behavior. Referrals and bus citations received from January 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> will impact student's earned event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. That event will be a concert and assembly by a song writer who has written, produced and performed music specifically about Positive Behavior for Schools. That event will occur in March.



**REMINDER - Administration of Prescription and Nonprescription Medication**

In order for school staff to administer medication to your student during the school day, there are certain criteria that must be met.

All medications (prescription and nonprescription) must be in its original package.

For **prescription medications** (does not include injectable drugs):

- Requires WRITTEN INSTRUCTION from a physician (a prescription label meets this requirement)
- Must be prepared and labeled by a pharmacist and be in the original pharmacy container.
- Requires signed permission and instructions from parent (Medication Administration Permission form).
- Administered only if required during school hours and necessary for the child to remain in school.
- Changes in medication instruction must be made by the parent and/or physician in writing. NO VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS.
- New medication permission form must be completed each school year.
- Physician may fax instructions.
- Inhalers must be in original pharmacy labeled package or pharmacy label must be attached to inhaler.

**Non-prescription medications** require:

- Medication Administration Permission completed and signed by parent/guardian indicating medication name, dosage, frequency, route, time to be administered.
- Must be in original container.

Medications should be brought to school and returned home by the parents/guardian and not by students.



**A GOOD THING:**

Our Family Advocacy assists students with school supplies and clothing. Donations of clothing must be sorted and sized.

Deanne DeSoto, parent of Dane DeSoto, generously donated a whole day of her time to sort through and organize all the clothing. This was of immeasurable help and will enable us to assist students a timely manner.

Mrs. DeSoto has our sincere appreciation for her hard work and thoughtfulness.



**PTA REFLECTIONS – UNLEASH YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS**

Sponsored by Grants Pass Council, PTA Reflections is open to all students in grades K – 12.

This year’s theme is: “Diversity Means. . . “

Deadline for entries is January 13, 2012

For details, contact:

Marian Szewc at 778-3400 (Three Rivers)

Robyn Lofing at 660-3029 (Grants Pass)

for guidelines and entry forms

*Visual Arts*      *Photography*      *Literature*



*Happy Holidays!*