

Buzzin' Around Madrona



February 2011



Dear Parents,

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. However, I'm happy to say our attendance has actually been improving thanks to everyone working hard to stay well! We want to help you in any way we can when your child is sick. Remember, it is important for you to decide if your child is in mild discomfort, or is truly ill. Any child that is throwing up, has an unexplained rash, diarrhea, or a temp above 100, should probably be kept home. All illnesses are excused with a phone call or note from you within 48 hours of the illness. The best defense against illness is to help your child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy diet, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Also, make sure your child washes his/her hands thoroughly and often. This helps remove harmful bacteria that can make you and your child sick. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance or health issues.

Student Art Work

Each month, as part of our PBIS program, students can choose to draw a picture or write an article for our newsletter as a reward for having their ticket drawn. On the next page is a drawing created by our fifth grade student Brittany Haberman. Thanks, Brittany!

Attendance

A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, Doctor's appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our new Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is not in school if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say "Hello" to activate the message. Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

We are really proud of our students for striving to be at school every day. Thanks parents for helping your child get to school regularly and on time. School begins promptly at 7:40am.

Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.



No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, backpacks, lunch containers, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

From the desk of the family advocate

We can really use little boy's clothing, especially sweat pants in sizes 5, 6 & 7. Sweat pants are great because they fit many shapes and sizes. We like to keep a good supply of extra, clean clothing here at the school in case of accidents or wet playground equipment. Thank you, Andrea Rodgers.

Lunchtime Garden Program



Spring is on the way, and we will be planting our school garden beds with seeds and young plants again. One day a week, during lunch times, there will be an opportunity for students to help with the gardening. There will also be fun activities they will be able to participate in.

Hoop Shoot



Our hoop shoot winners were as follows:

8-9 year old girls: Brianna Stark

8-9 year old boys: Bowen Aaron-Burden

10-11 year old girls: Brayanna Norberg

10-11 year old boys: Kenny Willaman

These winners participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot at Grants Pass High School on Saturday, January 15th. All local schools were invited to participate.

Brianna Stark took 3rd place for 8-9 year old girls! Way to go Brianna!

NO Toys Allowed!



It has come to our attention that the bus drivers are allowing students to play electronic games on the bus. We have had several instances where these devices have "disappeared" from backpacks and we cannot take any responsibility or the time to investigate their disappearance. **Please remember that electronic games and toys are not allowed at school.**

P.T.O. News

Thanks for supporting the many fundraisers the PTO does. Upcoming fundraisers for spring include a coin drive and a carnival. Please help our PTO by supporting the fundraisers, and/or by donating your time to help with activities. They can use all the volunteers they can get, as it seems it is only a few parents trying to accomplish great tasks. Remember that every single penny raised by PTO goes directly into making the Madrona learning experience for your child better and more exciting. Thanks to everyone who participates in our fundraisers. Your efforts improve our school in BIG ways!

Albertson's is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Madrona's number (49000118317) to your regular Albertson's Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at www.albertsons.com This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Coin Drive

The PTO will be encouraging all students to participate in our annual coin drive. Each class will be collecting change in cans that will be in each class. The two classes with the top amount of money turned in will each win a special treat. The money from the coin drive goes towards the computer lab. Last year we were able to purchase two new learning programs to use in the lab and take home CD's that students can check out like a library book. We can really use some new headphones, too. This is an important fund raising event. Please help us out by collecting your loose change this month and sending it our way. The dates for the coin drive are February 7-March 4th. We hope to be hearing lots of "KA-CHING" sounds in those cans! Start saving those coins now!

Doodle 4 Google Contest

The 2011 Doodle 4 Google contest is now open for K-12 students in the U.S. to redesign Google's logo around the theme "What I'd like to do someday...". The winning student, chosen by Google employees and a panel of guest judges, will have their design displayed on Google.com for millions to see, and take home a \$15,000 scholarship and a \$25,000 technology grant for his or her school or after-school program. We'll also choose 40 regional finalists, whose artwork will be featured in a special exhibition in partnership with the Whitney Museum of American Art. This year, the contest is open to parents to register their school-age children directly, and we're working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Girls Scouts of the USA so kids in those organizations can participate too. Educators at public, private and home schools can also register their students. <http://www.google.com/doodle4google>

February Events



- Feb. 3** – PTO meeting 2:20pm in the library
- Feb. 7--Mar. 4** – Coin Drive fundraiser
- Feb. 1-26** – Writing Assessments for 4th Grade
- Feb. 14** – Happy Valentine’s Day!
- Feb. 14** – Valentine’s Day parties in classrooms at 1:00pm
- Feb. 15** – Science Fair projects are due
- Feb. 15** – Science Fair Judging in the afternoon
- Feb. 16** – Science Fair student interviews with judges
- Feb. 16** - Science Fair Open House 6:00-7:00pm in the gym
- Feb. 17** – No School – District Cut Day
- Feb. 18** – No School – District Cut Day
- Feb. 21** – President’s Day -No School
- Feb. 22** – No School – District Cut Day
- Feb. 24** – Last day for the coin drive
- Feb. 25** – Late Start Friday-School and buses pick up 2 hours later
- Feb. 25** – Pride Day Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- Feb. 28** – Perfect Attendance recess 1:30pm



March Events



- March 1-4** – Coin Drive fundraiser continues
- March 2** – Dr. Seuss’s Birthday
- March 1-11** – OAKS State Assessment testing grades 3-5
- March 3** - PTO meeting in library 2:20 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- March 4** – District Science Fair Open House 1:00-7:00pm at the District Office
- March 5** – Reading Day Celebration 1:00-1:30pm in the gym
- March 4** – End of 2nd Trimester
- March 7** – No School – Clerical Day
- March 7-11** – Celebrate our Classified Personnel week
- March 11** – Site Council Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- March 11** – Feeding Your Picky Child parent class 6:30-7:30 in the library
- March 12** – Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- March 15-18** – Book Fair in the library Students will go with their class, but it will also be open during conferences
- March 17** – No School – District Cut Day
- March 18** – No School – District Cut Day
- March 21–25** – Spring Break, No School



PBIS Talent Show



On April 1st, at 12:30pm in the gym, we will be having our first PBIS talent show! This event is only for students who have consistently shown good behavior choices at school. Participation requires no more than one referral to the office, no more than one bus citation, or five or less trips to Ed Lab for behavior issues between January 24th and March 31st.

A flyer was sent home on January 24th to all students with more information regarding the types of talent, costumes, music, dance moves, etc. that would be school appropriate. Their act must be “polished” and they must be prepared to perform on Tuesday, March 15th before a panel of judges. They can perform individually or in a group. **Parents may not attend the try outs.**

Fearsome 15 Fact Program

February Fearsome Facts are:

Week 15 Feb 7-11	Week 16 Feb 14-18	Week 17 Feb 22-25	Week 18 Feb 28- Mar 4
6+5 6*8	7+7 3*6	5+6 7*7	8+9 7*6

(Remember that * means multiplication)

January Citizens of the Month

Strickler – Kindergarten

Abbigail Acosta
Sophia Harper
Nolan Proudfit
Junior Ruiz

Witcher – 1st Grade

Grace Melvin
Evan Inch

Kramer – 1st & 2nd Grade

Breanna Boyle
Connor Hyde

Fisher – 2nd & 3rd Grade

McKenna Lawson
Maliah Obien

Simpson – 3rd & 4th Grade

Rosa Duenas
Hunter LaBat

Goodin – 4th Grade

Jared Anderson
Kelsey Kieling

Law – 5th Grade

Julie Bradley
Mattia Sakraida

Buscher – 5th Grade

Mary Backes
Alexandra May

Accelerated Reader Achievements January 2011

Independent Reader

Erin Ahlstrom
Drew Clem
Troy Johnson
Kylee Silver
Macy Stinson
Allie Therson

Super Reader

Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Areana Harris
Eric Hookland
Hailey Pickering
Mackenzie Silva
Macy Stinson
Payden Tavelli
Christopher Therson

Super Reader II

Sierra Combe
Connor Harper
Peyton Hyde
Madison Young

Super Reader III

McKenna Lawson
Maliah Obien
Brycen Stevens

Advanced Reader

Jared Anderson
Caitlyn Bergrud
Calen Clem
Ian Hayes
Bailey Lankford
Garrett McGinnis
Cambrie Quicke
Erin Stewart

Advanced Reader II

Arthur Corbett
August Curran
Aubrielle Garcia
Jo Jo Hippler
Megan Mathiasen
Erin Parise

Advanced Reader IV

Hope Gettys

Star Reader

Christopher Pearson
Laissi Traugher

Star Reader II

Ethan Hill
Jazzmin Morton
Alex Silver

Star Reader III

Lillian Melvin

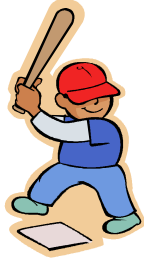
Classic Reader II

Elijah Hayes



Community Corner

Grants Pass National Little League



All sign ups are being held at
Evergreen Bear Hotel
2101 NE Spalding Ave.
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Cost: \$65 per child
February 5, 2011 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration dates are for both American
and National Leagues, Baseball, and
Softball.

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club



Spring Season Registration is upon us!

January 10th – February 8th

Come in or have your student pick up a flyer
in the office for more information!