

# FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE

We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kathie Hill, Principal

December 2010



## UPCOMING EVENTS -DECEMBER 2010

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- Evening Conferences-Regular School Day

PRIDE Assembly- **DUCKS** vs **BEAVERS**

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>- Conference Day-No Classes held

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>- Non- School

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>- **North Valley Country Christmas Bazaar**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ NVHS** 



Dec 6<sup>th</sup>- Christmas in Hawaii-  Music Program 

Dress Rehearsal @ Fort Vannoy Gym-8:30 am

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. - Bugs- R -Us @ 10:00-Gym

GPPAC-7:00 pm—Students arrive @ 6:45 pm

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>- Parent Lunch  (See Flyer)

Hearing Screening-11:00 to 1:45 pm, K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair--Library

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>- Fort Vannoy Canned Food Drive Wraps-up—

(Please see attached flyer)

1<sup>st</sup> gr- Talk About Trees 

PTA Presents—Family Movie Night-“**SHREK 4**”

Doors open @ 5:30 pm—Movie @ 6:00 pm

Also, visit the BOOK FAIR

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>- Last day for the Book Fair -Library

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> through Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>- Winter Break 

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>-School Resumes



## MELE KALIKIMAKA! A HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS



**WHO:** All Fort Vannoy Elementary School Students

**WHAT:** All-School Music Program

**WHEN:** Monday, December 6, 2010, 7:00 pm

Students arrive @ 6:45 pm

**WHERE:** Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center

**WEARING:** Nice jeans or pants, brightly-colored shirts, school shoes ( tennis shoes are fine.) Think “tropical” when selecting a shirt to wear. Bright prints are great. Solid colors might include **bright** yellow, green, pink, blue—as long as it looks sunny, it will work! A plain white shirt is also acceptable.

**GIRLS:** All students, girls included, must wear pants. Skirts are not appropriate for sitting on risers on-stage. Shoes must be flat and have closed-toes. No necklaces, or bracelets; small earring are fine. In keeping with this year's theme, hair may be done with a flower or bright decoration, as long as the flower/ decoration is not scented and will not be a distraction or hindrance to the students (examples of what *won't* work; things that are large enough to obstruct line-of-sight of students or parents, things that are noisy.)

**EVERYONE:** The school rules regarding dress code are in effect. In other words, no tank-tops, unless worn over or under a sleeved shirt and no sandals or flip-flops.

**DIRECTIONS:** From 7<sup>th</sup> St. turn right o “A” St. Turn left on either 8<sup>th</sup> St or Dean Dr. for parking (additional parking available on 9<sup>th</sup> St.)

## From the Desk of...

..Kimber Guthrie 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

### What Are You Thankful For This Holiday?

Dear Fort Vannoy Staff and Families,

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Wonderful Winter Solstice to you! I am grateful to have a pen pal. Her name is Dorothy Snyder and she lives in Verona, Pennsylvania. She is 100 years old. We met when I was about 4 at the Indiana State Teachers College, which is now the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana is Jimmy Stewart's very lovely home town. He attended my elementary school too. It was called the Keith Laboratory School, located on the college campus. My father was earning his Bachelor's degree on the G.I. Bill. My mother worked with Dorothy at the college's Shawnee House for the fields of psychology, reading, and speech and hearing.

Dorothy had her Ph.D. and was divorced back in the 1950's. Nowadays, Dorothy sees and hears little but can still understand my letters and communicate back. She is bursting with love. We didn't always write a lot, but since my visit to Pennsylvania for a family reunion, I write weekly at least.

I don't know how it feels to be 100. I don't know how many people communicate with her. She, like me, never had children. I see this as a unique experience with no guiding map or chart, but I feel sure I am guided to do this.

And now back to you. I wish for you many special blessings. This particular time may not be a perfect set of circumstances, but we have a lot to appreciate. I really appreciate all of you. And don't forget to have some fun during our winter break!

Warmly,

Kimber Guthrie



## TOYS FOR TOTS

It's the most wonderful time of the year . . . We are asking for your support by placing a barrel and promotional poster located near the office from November 8<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> for the collection of NEW and UNWRAPPED toys. The barrel will then be picked up and re-distributed on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Rogue Valley Young Marines Headquarters in Merlin, located at 345 Merlin Rd.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

We are entering the season of inclement weather and potential school closures or delays to the start of school. For the first time we will be using the district's **Synrevoice** program to contact all staff, parents, bus drivers, media contacts and other involved parties. Using the new **Synrevoice** system the decision will be communicated by sending messages by both e-mails and telephone calls. *Parents, please remember the importance of keeping the school office informed of current phone numbers and e-mail addresses to assure proper notification.*

[www.threerivers.k12.or.us/FV](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/FV)

Please feel free to visit and check out important dates and upcoming events. Become a subscriber to the website by simply logging on to the Fort Vannoy website, click on the subscribe button on the top right of our home page. You will then receive automatic updates for school closures, news and information.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Please be sure to check out the LOST and FOUND cupboards located in the gym. There are a lot of items that need to find their way home. With conferences coming up, this would be a perfect time to check it out!



## **LUNCH TIME**

Parents, family and community . . . we welcome you to visit with us and have lunch at anytime. However, because of the prep time it takes to prepare a meal we ask that you please call ahead, by 9:30 am, and let us know if you are going to be joining us. Lunch for adults is \$3.25 and \$2.20 for a non-student. Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to having lunch with you.



## **EXTRA RECESS TIME EARNED**

Mrs. Guthrie and Ms. Angeli's classes earned the honor of having an extra recess for their behavior in the gym for the the week of 10/1/10. All classes, first through fifth, earned extra recess for the week of 10/8/10. Good job, in the morning. Keep up the great job—let's see if this can be a weekly event!

## **PTA NEWS**

Start the New Year Right!  
Attend the  
PTA Meeting  
1/11/11\* 2:15 pm \*Library

**Movie Night/Book Fair**  
**SHREK 4**  
**Friday, December 10, 2010**  
**Doors open @ 5:30 pm**  
**Movie @ 6:00 pm**

Bring your PJs and pillows.  
Open to all grades and their families and friends.  
Bring a non-perishable food item and get a FREE bag of popcorn.  
However, donations will not count towards the classroom contest.  
Come early and shop at the Book Fair which will open at 5:00pm.

### **SUNNY D**

PTA will be trying out the **SUNNY D** book program "Book Spree" that will provide our school with 20 books for every 20 **SUNNY D** labels collected. The labels need to be from **SUNNY D** products that are larger than 12 oz. Please help us by sending in your labels.

### **Kids Zone** **December 24, 2010**

The forth Friday of every month is Fort Vannoy night at the Kids Zone located at Club Northwest. From 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm your child can enjoy an evening of fun and exercise for the low price of \$5.00. Siblings are welcome to come join in the fun, with the supervision of parents. Remember, you must

wear socks.

### Capri Sun and Healthy Kids Juice Pouch Recycle Program



The Fort Vannoy PTA had partnered with Terra Cycle in an effort to recycle empty juice pouches and earn money for our school. This is a really easy fundraiser! We receive money for each juice pouch that is collected and sent in by us. Terra Cycle even pays for the shipping.

If your child drinks either **Capri Sun** or **Healthy Kids** brand juice and water pouches, we will be collecting them in the cafeteria and sending them to Terra Cycle to be recycled into school products and supplies sold via their website, [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com). We will also be happy to include those pouches that are used away from school. Just press them flat and remove the straws, then send them with your child to recycled in the cafeteria.

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## Fleming Middle School

Please help support Fleming Middle School on their trip to the East Coast by supporting area businesses.