

PIRATE'S PRESS



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 4 Kids Smile
- 6 Evening Conferences
- 7 Conferences - No School
- 8 No School
- 11 Site Council @ 2:10 PM
- 13 PTA Meeting @ 2:10 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties 1:00 PM
- 18 Presidents' Day – No School
- 19 Kids Smile
- 20 District Science Fair
- 20 Exclusion Day (Immunizations)
- 22 PBIS Assembly 8:00 AM Gym
- 25 Food Drive Begins
- 27 **Spring Photos**

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the District has started the process to further study if Jerome Prairie will be consolidated with Madrona Elementary School. A representative committee has been established to examine this consolidation and give input to the board. This committee will consist of members who will represent parents, community and staff. Specifically, the principal, one teacher who has a split assignment (between MD and JP), a full time JP teacher, a JP classified employee, a JP site council parent and a JP PTA parent as well as a PTA and site council parent from Madrona. In addition, Kirk Baumann, the Assistant Principal of Lincoln Savage Middle School, will also participate on the committee. The committee will be facilitated by Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources and Dave Valenzuela, Director of K-8 Education, both of whom will be non-voting members of the committee. Mrs. Lise Van Brunt, Mr. Rob Harrington, Ms. Cece McKee, Mrs. Debbie Sauro, Mrs. Mandy York and Mrs. Kim Flow, all from

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Jerome Prairie have agreed to serve on the committee. Also serving on the committee from Madrona Elementary are Mrs. Mande O'Brien and Mrs. Laurie Guerrero, representatives from Madrona's Site Council and PTA.

The meetings will be held in the Library at Jerome Prairie and the first meeting will take place Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 PM. The meetings are open for those who wish to observe the process and the work the committee is doing. These meetings do not have an open forum for members of the community; however, interested community members may attend to observe the process. If you have specific questions or concerns you want the committee to look at, please feel free to contact one of the committee members you know. If you have specific comments on the possible consolidation of the two schools, you are welcome to share those directly with the Board of Directors at their regular monthly meetings, either by making a public comment or by writing a letter directly to the Board. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Monday, February 11, at Manzanita Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to call the school and let me know. I will be providing regular updates as the process unfolds.

Lise Van Brunt, Principal



PBIS AWARDS FOR JANUARY

Life Skill – Patience

McKee	Brent Boatman August Simon
Lovell/Pratt	Caden Evans
Tocher	Brisa Bedolla
Kenney	Melana McElhanev
Meyer	Whitney Harris
Harrington	Ellie Gutierrez
Katz	Richard Maher

Student of the Month

McKee	Ethan Noak Bailey Macaluso
Lovell/Pratt	Vinney Calafiore
Tocher	Tyler Burt
Kenney	Mason Fisher
Meyer	Levi Gustafson
Harrington	Emma Kimball
Katz	Rylee Brashears

GET AMERICA SINGING AGAIN!

Practice is well under way for Mr. Harrington and Mrs. Meyer's classes to join the Rogue Valley Harmonizers for the "Get America Singing Again" campaign. They will be singing along with other students at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center on April 10th. Our kids will sing along to favorite patriotic and historical songs of America. The song list is as follows: Take Me Out to the Ballgame, I've Been Working on the Railroad and Danny Boy.



"KIDS SMILE" DENTAL PREVENTION PROGRAM

This oral health program is available to all students here at Jerome Prairie. Slips giving permission for treatment were sent home with students in those grades.

Dental screenings with an application of fluoride will be done on February 4th. They will return again on February 19th to complete any remaining screenings and sealant placements for eligible students.



SCIENCE CLUB

Students in the 5th Grade Science Club, along with a few 4th Graders, have been busy working on projects for the District Science Fair. These projects are based on topics such as parachute design, best materials for making paper airplanes, plant growth and testing items such as trash bags and diapers for strength and durability.

District Science Fair will be held on February 20th at the District Office.



GEOGRAPHY BEE

On Tuesday, January 15th, several 4th and 5th graders participated in the national Geographic Geography Bee. They were given an oral quiz during which they answered questions related to local, United States and world geography. After an intense and exciting competition, **Weston Flow** came in **First Place**.

Mr. Harrington would like to thank the following students for their participation and great effort:

Annika Sellke, Jonathan Byrd, Daniel Beachy, Ethan Schaefer, Jesus Bedolla, Tyler Long, Weston Flow, Curtis Humphrey, Noel Sandeen, Natalia Pate and Corrine Porter.

Great job!



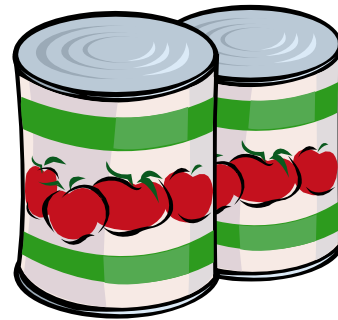
PTA CORNER

REMINDER: PTA meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2:10 PM in the Jerome Prairie Library. Meetings are open to anyone but you must be a member of the Jerome Prairie PTA to vote.



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES: Parties will be held Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 1:00 PM in the classrooms. Class parties are dependent on contributions and help from parents. If you are interested in providing items for the party and/or helping during the event, please contact your child's teacher or room parent.

FOOD DRIVE: Jerome Prairie will be holding a food drive to benefit the Josephine County Food Bank from February 25 – March 8, 2013. Classes will compete in teams and the team that collect the most canned food items will win extra recess. The months between the holidays and the growing season are very lean for our local food bank. Please help fee families in our community by donating items to your child's team. More information will be coming home with your child in the next few weeks.



CARNIVAL: Carnival will be held the evening of April 19, 2013. Carnival is a huge undertaking and is not possible without the support of our Jerome Prairie families. We will be sending information home with your child regarding meeting times and ways you can help make Carnival successful. We will be addressing booth themes, games and auction basket themes during our next PTA meeting on February 13, 2013, at 2:10 PM in the library. Please plan on attending this meeting especially if you are a room parent or would like to help with carnival.

