



# Manzanita Elementary

## Second Trimester Board Report

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This time of year is very busy with events at school and wonderful opportunities for students to challenge themselves academically. We are proud to offer Science Fair and Battle of the Books as just a few ways for students to 'shine' at Manzanita. Each day brings new challenges and opportunities for our students to grow academically and socially. I am so lucky to work with such a dedicated staff and surrounded by a caring group of parents that want the best for our children. The following are some highlights and updates on happenings at Manzanita during 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester.

**School Picture** ~ We recently took our all-school picture that will be included in the annual yearbook. We were lucky the weather cooperated and the fog lifted just in time to take the picture from the roof. What a talented and good-looking group of kids and staff!!



**Science Fair** ~ Over 96 students participated in the annual Science Fair at Manzanita. These students spent weeks completing the experiment, writing about their results, and typing the report to display on a



science board. All projects were on display for the community to view during our Family Science Night. Over 250 people attended the open house, hopefully learning some science! Forty students were selected to represent Manzanita at the District Science Fair. We are so proud of our future scientists!!

**Outdoor Covered Structure** ~ The dream and vision of having a covered playground structure at Manzanita came one step closer of becoming a reality. We receive a donation to help start the funding for this outdoor structure. It will be built on the backside of the gym and will provide a covered structure for all students to use during inclement weather, still getting physical activity to help stimulate brain thought. Thank you to the anonymous donors who gave \$25,000 to get the project started! Here is a picture of where we plan on building the structure.



**Conferences** ~ Parent-teacher conferences were held in February and we had an amazing turnout! 90% of all Manzanita families attended conferences! Teachers were able to share with parents the growth their student has made thus far this year. Thank you to all the parents who attended as we encourage a strong line of communication between home and school.

**NAEP Survey** ~ All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in the National Assessment of Educational Process survey on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Schools in the United States were randomly selected to have 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take either a Reading or Mathematics assessment. Results from Manzanita will be combined for an overall Oregon score, which will be compared across the country. We are proud of our students who took it seriously and did their very best!

**Rotary Student of the Year** ~ Nic Banuelos was selected as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Rotary Student of the Year for Manzanita. He is the son of Cassie and Alfonso Banuelos. He is a role model for others, kind to everyone, and has a strong work ethic and positive outlook on everything he does. Congratulations Nic!

**Classified Appreciation Week** ~ March 4-8, 2013 is Classified Appreciation Week! We are so very lucky to have a large number of classified staff work with our students each day. Thank you to these amazing individuals who make Manzanita an outstanding school!

Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm for education. You are always welcome to attend one of our events, or even just come have lunch with us! We look forward to the new adventures and challenges the next trimester will bring.