## Report to the Board Fort Vannoy Elementary June 10, 2013

A lot of our effort in the last three months has been on transitioning into next year; a new principal, common core standards and student placement. The daily work continued and students were highly successful.

Last fall a Team of Fort Vannoy teachers attended a two-day training on Positive Learning Communities (PLC's). This training was also attended by all elementary teachers and administrators in Medford and Grants Pass District #7. Throughout the year the Leadership Team continued to meet and collaborate about establishing PLC's at Fort Vannoy for 2013-2014. The Leadership Team presented the concept and discussed ideas with the teaching staff through March. The work will be continued next year with Kirk Baumann.

The hiring of Kirk Baumann as the new Fort Vannoy principal was, of course, big news. Kirk came to visit several times so that he could be introduced to the staff, the students, parents and volunteers of the school.

Our students took part in Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee and went on field trips this spring. Academically they made excellent progress. Third and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes scored at or above the State and District average on seven of 8 OAKs Assessments.

STAR Reports show that fifth grade students made 1.2 years growth in Math and 1.0 growth in Reading. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students made 1.7 years growth in Math and 1.2 years growth in Reading. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the Reading score on STAR went up 1.6 years and the Math level went up 1.0 years. This is excellent progress across the grades.

The teaching staff worked diligently utilizing enVision Math curriculum and incorporating common core standards. Lindsay DeVore and Josh Standley were standouts during the District Grade Level Meetings. Lindsay twice presented her work on an integrated unit using Common Core Standards in several curricular areas. Josh spoke of his success with teaching Math using envisions and the on-line testing to identify key areas to reteach.

The year ended with celebrations and a successful Field Day on the last day of school.

It is with excitement and sadness that I end my six years as the principal of Fort Vannoy, and 15 years in the Three Rivers School District. Kirk has a great staff to work with. The future looks bright!