

Buzzin' Around Madrona

January 2015



Dear Parents,

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. That is mostly due to frequent bouts of colds, flu and sometimes illnesses like strep throat. We want to help you in any way we can. 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 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 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.

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 Synervoice 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.**

Lost and Found

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

Also, there is a lost and found rack in the cafeteria that parents can check at any time.



January Calendar

5 - First day of school after winter break

19 - No School Martin Luther King Day

30 - No School Clerical Day



From the desk of the family advocate

Winter months can be hard on our Hornets! With our playground forming puddles, often students will need to change to dry clothing, and/or dry shoes. We are very happy to provide students with these supplies; however, it is important that we have these items returned to the school, so that we do not run out. If your child comes home with something we have "loaned" him/her, please make sure that the item is washed and returned to school promptly. This will help to keep our supply closet well stocked and available to all of our Hornets. We will happily accept your donated "gently used" clothing in sizes that would fit kindergarten through fifth grades. Thank you for all of your past donations, too!

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 541-862-3111.

Ask your child about their Sparrow Community Service Voucher



We had a Dutch Bros. Fundraiser in December as we continue our goal of raising dollars for Chromebooks, we raised roughly \$3,000.00. This was a very well-received event.

We also had a HOLIDAY STORE, where the students were able to purchase items using real money for their family members and friends. This was not intended to raise money but to give students the opportunity to make spending choices with others in mind. THE STUDENTS LOVED THIS OPPORTUNITY especially when they were given time to wrap each gift.

We had a great Book Fair in November. Our sales were \$3093.81! We have \$1547 to buy new books from Scholastic. We would like to thank all the parents that helped out with the book fair.

Congratulations to Leah Beachy, our Rotary Student of the Year!

Very Important Weather Information

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.

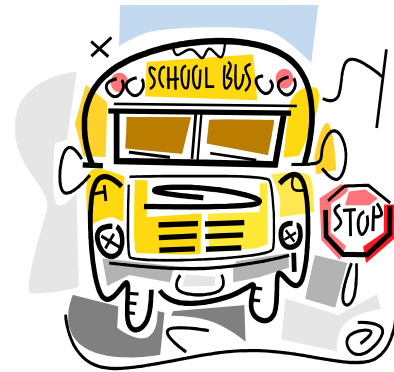
1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synervoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synervoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO 1270 AM 476-6608 or 476-5256
KLDL 98.3 FM 474-7292
KRWQ 99 FM 474-3026
KRRM 94.7 FM 479-6497
KBOY 95.7 FM 779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI Channel 5
KDRV Channel 12
KTVL Channel 10

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.



Route # Roads Buses Will Not Travel

B-07	Missouri Flat, Kubli Road, Slagle Creek, Humbug (Right & Left Fork), Scott Drive
B-08	Grays Creek, Copper Drive, Past Hidden Valley HS on Murphy Creek
B-09	All roads will be traveled
B-10	All roads will be traveled
B-11	Moonbeam, Midway, Sleepy Hollow Loop, Carrollwood
B-12	Weatherbee, Keen Road, Bull Creek, Turtle Lane, Cheney Creek Road
B-13	All roads will be traveled
B-14	Limpy Creek
B-15	All roads will be traveled
B-16	Marcy Loop, Dutcher Creek, Dutchy Way, Limpy Creek
B-17	Slate Creek Road, Round Prairie, Minnow Lane, Firview