

FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE

We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kathie Hill, Principal

December 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER 2011

Dec 1st- All School Music Program-

Dress Rehearsal- 12:45-Gym

Dec 2nd- All School Music Program 

"Christmas Memories" @ GPPAC-7:00pm

Reminder--NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

*****Clerical Day*****

Dec 3rd- NVHS Country Christmas Bazaar 

9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ NVHS

Dec 6th-Kids Smile-Dental Prevention Van

Dec 14th- Christmas Luncheon-Please Join Us!

Dec 15th- All School Music Program

"Christmas Memories"

Encore Performance

For our Senior Guests 1:00 pm

Dec 19th-30th- Christmas Vacation-ENJOY 

Dec 23rd- KIDZONE @ "The Club"

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Jan 3rd- School Resumes



Un-Wrapable Gifts of Love

By Mrs. O'Brien's Third Grade Class

Students have shared the gifts that cannot be packaged or wrapped, but are opened all the time and easy to give. Here are their thoughts:

A person's personality is a gift to others. ❄️

Friendship is a gift because you are somebody's friend and you make them happy.

God's love is a gift because he removed sin from us and created feelings in us.

Family is a gift because without family you are alone and no one takes care of you.

Honor is a gift to our friends, our flag, and our country. ❄️

Military is a gift because men and women fight for our country and give us freedom.

Joy of the past is a gift because holidays and traditions were made for special reasons and we should honor the past. ❄️

Freedom is a gift because you can choose what religion to live by.

Peace is a gift of life and liberty.



Respect is a gift because you can be nice to others and help them.

Life is a gift because you can see the wonderful world, you experience other places, and there are so many great things to see in the world and nice people to meet.

Life is joyful and you should honor and cherish it.

Nature is a gift because it brings beauty and change.

Spirits are a gift because you can't take them out of your body and wrap them up.

Joy is a gift because you can spread happiness to the entire world.

Color is a gift because variety is beautiful.



Feelings are a gift because you can know happy and sad for other people.

Teachers are a gift because they are nice and caring and teach people.

Education is a gift because every step you take, you are learning something new and you can go into the world and be anything you want to be.

There are nice people all around you, look for all of the gifts!



"CHRISTMAS MEMORIES" ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL PROGRAM

WHO: All Fort Vannoy Elementary School Students

WHAT: All School Musical Program

WHEN: Friday, December 2, 2001 @ 7:00 pm
Students arrive by 6:45 pm

WHERE: Grants Pass Performing Arts Center

WEARING: Nice jeans or pants on the bottom and any kind of festive shirt for the top will work.

GIRLS: All students, girls included, must wear pants. Skirts are not appropriate for sitting on the risers on the stage. Shoes must be flat and have closed-toes. No necklaces or bracelets; small earrings are fine.

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

DIRECTIONS: From 7th St. turn right on "A" St. Turn left on either 8th St. or Dean Dr. for parking. (additional parking is available on 9th St.)



TOYS FOR TOTS

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Toys for Tots Giveaway

Saturday, December 17, 2011

8:00 am to 2:30 pm

345 Merlin Road, Merlin OR

For more information go to:

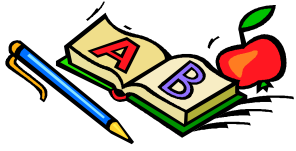
www.toysfortots.org

or call

541-761-3871

Donations are being accepted at Fort Vannoy School for **NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS**. The donation box is located outside the office by Mr. Woodruff's door.





What's Happening in PTA

We would like to thank everyone that helped with volunteering/ and or donations needed to make this year's Fall Festival a great success!! We could not have done it without our parent volunteers and again we THANK YOU!!

There will not be a Movie Night in December due to the holiday break. Please look for information coming home for our January Movie Night!! We hope to see you there!

We would like to let you know that the PTA provided funding to have amphitheater seating put in on the Nature Trail. Please feel free to take a look at it when you are at the school visiting. It is a great addition and we hope this will utilize the trail more!!

Reminder, Fort Vannoy is welcome every 4th Friday at Club Northwest's KidZone from 5:30-7:30pm. Our next day is set for Dec. 23rd. The cost is \$5.00 per child and all children must wear socks! We do have to have one chaperone there in order for us to attend. So, if you are interested in doing this please contact one of the PTA Board Members.

There will not be a PTA meeting in December due the holiday break. So, our next meeting will be held January 10th @ 2:15pm in the Library. Daycare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

We wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday Break!!



THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Three Rivers School District Board of Directors announces that three positions on the Budget Committee have expired. These positions are for a three-year term.

The Board will be accepting applications for appointment to fill the expired vacancies. All applications must be submitted to the District Office no later than January 13, 2012. Applicants must reside within the Three Rivers School District. Further information and application forms may be obtained at: District Administration Office located at 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527; by calling the Board Secretary at (541) 862-3111 ext.: 5217; or accessing the district website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/CCBIndex.asp>

LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE Fort Vannoy Survey

Fort Vannoy Community
You have an opportunity to help us gather information about how well Fort Vannoy is serving your child(ren). We have created a short on-line survey for each family to take. Your responses will be automatically tallied. The survey will help us design programs for our students. Log on to the following site and complete our school climate survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G37NCGP>

SYNREVOICE

Synrevoice is a parent notification system used primarily by schools and school districts to notify parents about student attendance and to communicate school announcements and emergency messages to parents and school community. When you do receive a phone call please listen to the complete message. If you miss the first part of the message, please continue to listen to the end of the message. At that time it will prompt you if you wish to repeat the message. Please notify the school if you are having problems receiving messages.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

As we enter the season of inclement weather and potential school closures or delays to the start of school, the school districts SYNREVOICE program will contact all staff, parents, bus drivers, media contacts and other involved parties. *Parents, please remember the importance of keeping the school office informed of current phone numbers and e-mail addresses to assure proper notification.*



Fort Vannoy T-shirts

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Sweatshirts

Stop by the school office today and purchase your official Fort Vannoy T-shirt, (\$7.75) or sweatshirt (\$12.00). With the colder weather approaching a nice warm cozy sweatshirt feels pretty good. Every Friday is "school spirit day", so show your school spirit. The class with the most participation has the honor of having the

"Spirit Bear" in their class room for the week!

Make Great Christmas Gifts



LOST AND FOUND

Please check out the Lost & Found cupboard located in the gym for any lost coats, sweaters, lunch boxes, etc. After Christmas break all unclaimed items will be bagged up and given to a needy organization.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What a fantastic holiday meal we had this year for Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of you that attended. It really meant a lot to the children. A short look ahead---Christmas Lunch is December 14th. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Be sure to get your reservations in early. Thank you, Kathy Briggs, Kitchen Manager



Make Time For Family Meals

New Year's Resolution--Just Do It!

Kids who eat with their families are more likely to have better eating habits, a healthier weight and a more nutritious diet than those who don't. Family meals also reduce the odds of eating disorders, according to a study in the journal Pediatrics. When families sit down for dinner, children have a better chance to develop important vocabulary and conversational skills. Older kids and teens do better in school, are happier, enjoy good peer relationships and have stronger family ties. So, get out the cookbook and make it a family affair!

"CIVIL WAR"

Change for Change

Fort Vannoy held their own "Civil War" starting on October 24th with all classes collecting change for their favorite team of either the DUCKS or the BEAVERS. After several weeks of competition, the winning team, again this year but not by much, was the DUCKS with a total of \$361.30. The BEAVERS came in a close 2nd with \$328.90. The total amount collected was \$690.20 which will go towards playground improvements for our school. For the grand finale of the competition Mrs. Hill was dressed according in all DUCK theme clothing and accessories.

WAY TO GO DUCKS!!

It was VERY memorable for everyone!