

# MANZANITA CAT TRACKS

## February 2009



WEB SITE [WWW.THREERIVERS.K12.OR.US/MZ](http://WWW.THREERIVERS.K12.OR.US/MZ)

JESSICA DURRANT, PRINCIPAL

### What's Coming up...

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 3 - Site Council meeting 2:15 p.m. Library
- 4 - Rotary Student of the Year Presentation
- 5 - 3rd 4th 5th grades to GPPAC  
"Most Valuable Player"
- 6 - M/W Kindergarten day
- 9 - P.T.O. Meeting 2:15 p.m.  
School Board meeting @ Applegate  
School 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - 1st & 3rd grade Parent science fair  
classroom visitations
- 11 - M/W Kindergarten field trip to  
Body Cover  
Science Fair Judging @ D.O.
- 12 - T/R Kindergarten field trip to  
Body Cover
- 13 - T/R Kindergarten Day  
3rd grade to Elk Lane Tree Plant  
Science Fair Open House @ D.O.
- 16 - NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day Observed
- 17 - 1st grade class  
Lions Club U.S Flag Presentation
- 17/18 - 3rd grade class project  
Talk About Trees
- 18 - Parent Lunch
- 20 - M/W Kindergarten Day
- 27 - T/R Kindergarten Day

### SCHOOL HOURS

7:40 a.m. - 1:55 p.m.  
No Supervision before 7:15 a.m.  
Student drop off time 7:15 a.m.

### March Events



- 3- Manzanita Site Council Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Conference room
- 5- 2nd & 3rd grade music program  
6:00-6:45 p.m. in gym
- 6- M/W Kindergarten Day
- 9- PTO Meeting 2:00 p.m. in library
- 11- NO SCHOOL- Clerical Day
- 19- NO SCHOOL  
Elementary Conferences
- 20- NO SCHOOL  
Elementary Conferences
- 23-27- Spring Break
- 30- Classes resume



### MANZANITA LANYARDS

\$3.00  
NEW!

Manzanita Lanyards are for sale  
in the office.

School delays or closure  
Please check the website listed above or our  
local radio and television stations

Dear Parents~

On January 28, 2009, the staff and students at Manzanita successfully practiced an emergency lockdown drill. While there was not any threat to our students or staff, in the event that our school would need to be in a lockdown it is important that everyone know the procedure and expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your help in implementing our new parking lot procedures. As stated in earlier letters, the need for a change began with many concerns brought up during our monthly safety meeting. Over the course of two weeks, six students were almost hit by vehicles in the parking lot. An immediate change was necessary. The staff at Manzanita in conjunction with the Site Council, PTO, staff, and Three Rivers School District personnel studied the safest drop-off and pick-up procedure for our students. I am pleased to report that wait time in the afternoon has decreased and students are safe as they leave our campus. Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to work to make our campus safe for your son/daughter. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or send me an email. My goal is student safety and I appreciate your help in making this happen.

Have a wonderful February!

Jessica Durrant

## Subscribe to our school district web page

Would you like to get the latest updates of what is going on in your child's school or school district via e-mail?

\*\*\*\*\*School Closures - Late Starts - Calendar Events\*\*\*\*\*

- Log on to the [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us) website.
- At the top of the page on the right side there is a subscribe tab, click on that tab.
- In the new subscriber box, enter your email address & a password.
- A new password will be emailed to you. You must use this password when you log on.
- After you receive this password you can log on and change the password to what you want.
- You then you can check in event calendar & news preferences to which school you would like to receive up-dates from.

The Food and Nutrition Services Department at Three Rivers School District has been tracking the peanut butter recall and researching all items that we have purchased. We have not purchased anything with peanut butter/additives nor have had any peanut butter other than USDA commodity product. We have been assured from the Oregon Department of Education, that the commodity peanut butter that we received is not on the recall list.

In addition, with all the past concerns regarding peanut butter and allergic reactions throughout the country, we are moving toward a peanut free environment in our program which started in September, 2008. All schools have been instructed to use the remaining commodity product in their inventory and discontinue purchasing of this product. We are sure that there are no issues with our district on this recall.

If you have further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Michael Morris  
Food and Nutrition Services  
541-476-4183

A BIG thank you to the following parents for volunteering their time to help with the vision screening for our Kindergarten, second and fifth grade students.

Denna Gemini, Carlene Trujillo, Robin Lanham, Bob Pilcher & Deanna Walker

TITLE ONE

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. When you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information.

- A. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction.
- B. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived.
- C. The type of college degree and major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates.
- D. If your child is receiving Title One services from Para-professionals and, if so, his/her qualification.

If you would like this information, please contact the school.

**Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults**

Public Law 105.17 know 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 school.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 1 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.

**SOUTHERN OREGON HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START**

**WWW.SOCFC.ORG**

**Head Start programs are in sixteen communities throughout Jackson and Josephine Counties. Early Head Start is in Cave Junction and Medford.**

**If you need an application for Southern Oregon Head Start or Early Head Start stop by our school, we have the application form in the office.**

PARENT REMINDERS

If your child is absent please notify the school office by 8:00 a.m.

We now have an answering machine for early callers. Please state your child's name, teacher and reason for absence.

*If your child is to go home with a friend, we need notes from both sets of parents. This way we know everyone involved is aware.*

Your help is greatly appreciated.

HOMEWORK

We appreciate you making an effort to keep your child caught up with his/her schoolwork when your child needs to stay home because of illness.

If it is necessary to seek classroom assignments for your child, please notify the office before making contact with the teacher. The teacher needs time to gather the appropriate assignments.

If you call in the morning before 8:30 a.m., the work will be ready for you after 2:35 p.m. that afternoon. If you call later than 8:30 a.m. in the morning, the assignments will be ready the following morning.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Remember to pick up the requested assignment and be sure your child turns their assignment in when they return to school.

Perfect Attendance Incentive Program

Each month students will be awarded for perfect attendance.

Perfect attendance qualifies as; no absences, no tardies, and not being checked out early.

Remember: a child is tardy if they check in after 7:40 a.m.

LUNCH PRICES:

Lunch \$1.80

Milk \$.50

Parent Lunches \$3.00

# Oregon Books

Grants Pass Shopping Center

Oregonbooks.com  
-Serving the World

Grants Pass, Oregon 97526  
541-476-3132

books@oregonbooks.com

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## School Partnership Program

Encouraging children to read falls heavily on our local libraries.

With funding cuts, being able to purchase books that are in demand is often very difficult. To assist your library, we have altered our partnership program to provide a direct credit to your school library which can be used at any time.

The program works in this fashion. Any supporter who mentions your school when purchasing books triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase to your account. (Sorry, we must exclude institutional discounts from this program.) When your supporters order books through [oregonbooks.com](http://oregonbooks.com), have them just add your schools name in the comment's section or mention it when they pick up their books.

As an example of how all this works, if you have only 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, your library would have \$300.00 during the year to spend.

Happy Reading!

