

Report to the Board
November 2012

The 2012/2013 school year started off with the exciting news that the Math scores for Fort Vannoy students had increased dramatically. We put a lot of time, effort and funding into helping students develop proficiency in Math. Then, of course, the State changed the way scores are reported!

Moving forward, we are all using enVision Math materials, including the on-line version of enVision. All teachers have at least an LCD projector and Document Camera, including Kindergarten, Title One, and Special Education. Most teachers have a Promethean Board and seven of the 10 classrooms have either Active Votes or Active Expression systems to quickly assess students' understanding of concepts and to get their opinions.

The technology has been purchased from either the School Improvement Grant that we received for not making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) or from Title One funds.

A big step forward in technology use for the students was to place five student computers in every classroom 1-5. We also upgrade the computers in the Kindergarten. (They were still using MACs.) The older Computer Lab computers were put into the classrooms and the Lab computers were updated. The 17-inch monitors that were purchased for the Lab by the Fort Vannoy PTA last year are now in the classrooms for student use.

We held our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. We once again had an excellent turn out. Parents learned about how to access information about Common Core curriculum from the Oregon Department of Education website. They were shown examples of what can be accessed. We used the laptop and LCD projector to show the parents the process, in a meeting in the gym before they visited in classrooms.

PTA put on the annual Jog-A-Thon. Over \$10,000 was collected this year. It is down about \$2,000 from previous years. The funds are used to pay for a half-time music teacher.

Five staff members attended a two-day conference on Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). Jim Kriz, Mary Solomon, Nicole Pendleton, Kathie Hill and Sheri Rubey will continue learning about PLC's and their function in the schools. We are meeting with Peggy Cowens, who also attended the conference, next week. We will spend the year putting systems in place to have the staff involved in the PLC process in 2013-2014.

We had a great time with our Red Ribbon Week activities (wearing PJ's to school: drugs destroy dreams; crazy hair: you'd be crazy to do drugs; etc.) the week of October 22-26.

PTA sponsored a Fall Festival during the school day on October 31st. Each classroom had one 30 minutes to play carnival games, wear their costumes, and collect lots and lots of candy which had been donated.

Be sure to donate to the 4th annual Duck/Beaver challenge! This coin drive has already netted \$2,100 over the past three years to make improvements on the playground. The kids love cheering as Mrs. Hill is dressed in University of Oregon green and yellow.