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#### Placing importance on your child's education is the most important thing for their education.

In the year 1635 the first free school was established in Virginia, despite my efforts I could not find any reference to an attendance incentive program at that school. Then in 1821 Boston English High School was established as the first high school in America; again I could find nothing that detailed a school wide effort to improve attendance. Nonetheless, by 1853 Massachusetts established compulsory attendance laws for education. In our earliest days of education in this country we needed laws to force people to take us up on a free and appropriate education. Because of the fact I took the offer of a free education, right here in Three Rivers School District, when I was growing up; I am able to write this article. As I think back on my experiences in Selma Elementary, Lorna Byrne and Illinois Valley High School; missing school unless I was on my death bed was not an option. Are these the values that, today; get me to work on time, allow me to take care of my family or meet the many other responsibilities of my daily life? Maybe; I do know that these values make up a large part of who I am.

Attendance is important! The outstanding teachers here at Evergreen go to great lengths to plan each day, each subject area, and each lesson so that they can meet the needs of the students in their classes. The instruction is every bit as important as the content, especially when dealing with elementary aged students. We are not only teaching our students how to read or solve math problems; we are teaching them **how to learn**. We can send home make-up work when your child misses 3 days, but we cannot send home instruction. We have a young lady here at Evergreen who is working on her third straight year of perfect attendance! Kynan, you are my hero. To all those folks with outstanding attendance; thank you To everyone else; I truly hope to see you here every day for the rest of this school year.

~Dave Valenzuela

## **MARCH 2009**

- Mar. 02- "The Outlandish Miss Green" by Wiley & Griffis 8:00– 8:30 a.m.
- Mar. 03- Site Council Mtg. In library @ 2:00
- Mar. 03– 06- Classified Appreciation Week
- Mar. 04- Spring Pictures K,1 & 2 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 05- Spring Pictures K, 3,4 & 5 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Multicultural Celebration Night @ 5:00-6:30 in the Gym

- Mar. 10- PTA Meeting 2:00 p.m. in library
- Mar. 11- Clerical Day- NO CLASSES
- Mar. 16- 4th Grade Historical Days Field trip to Kerbyville Museum/ leaving @ 7:45-1:30
- Mar. 18- PBS Assembly/ 10:00 a.m.
  - Student of the Month Lunch 11:00-11:30

Wed. Evening Conferences 3-8:00 p.m.

- Mar. 19- Conference Day NO CLASSES 8:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 20- NO CLASSES/NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 23-27- SPRING BREAK/ NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 30- CLASSES RESUME

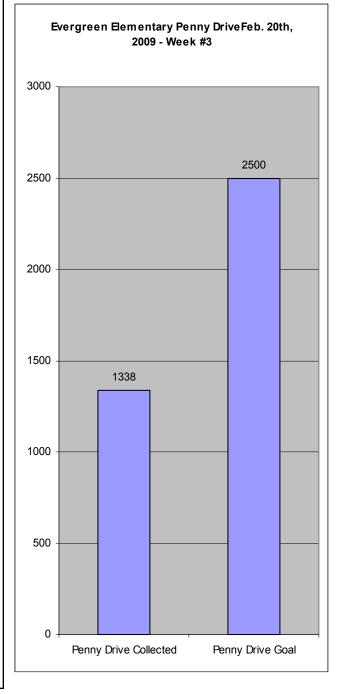
#### **APRIL 2009**

- Apr. 03- 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly 8:00 a.m. Gr. 4-5 9:30 a.m. Gr. 1-3
- Apr. 07- Site Council Mtg. In library @ 2:00
- Apr. 08- 2nd Trimester Attendance Reward Dance 12:30-1:40 Apr. 9-10-Ron Thornhill story telling to students in library
- Apr. 15- Keep America Singing 4th grade Performance/ Grants Pass Performing Arts Ctr. 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Apr. 16- 3rd grade to Ashland Science Museum @ 8:00 a.m.
- Apr. 22- SPRING CONCERT /Gym 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 24- PBS Assembly/Gym 10:00 a.m. Student of the Month Lunch 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 30- Jog-a-thon @ 8:00 a.m.





Evergreen Penny Drive Extended through March 2, 2009



## Health Room Info

Just a reminder for our families. We have our own School Based Health Center here at Evergreen Elementary. With the many illnesses that seem to have plagued our students this year, we would like to remind you that you are welcome to use our Health Center and their services. Students must have a signed Consent to be seen, on record. These forms were issued in your enrollment packet at the beginning of the year. You may also pick one up in the office.

The direct phone line into the health room is 592-6491. We are unable to connect you from our office as they have a separate phone line.

We have asked that a student not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without any medication.

Please remember a Dr.'s note could be required for 5 or more consecutive absences.

Due to occasional unavoidable mishaps, Evergreen is always in need of children's shoes in good condition. Also, blue jeans and sweats in sizes 5-14, and zip front or pullover sweat-shirts. We accept all donations of clean children's clothing in good wearable condition.

### WOW!

# http://www.getsmartoregon.org/

Thank you to all our SMART readers, and Jr. SMART readers. On Wednesday, February 18, we had 68 children, a record number, who read with our SMART readers.

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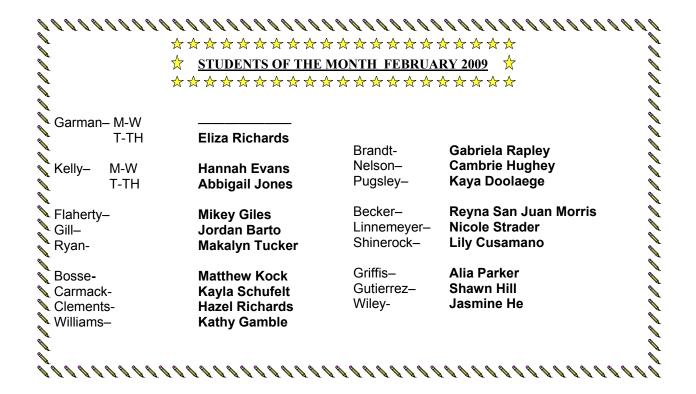
### EDUCATION OF ALL DISABLED CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

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 862-3111.



#### **All Three Rivers School District Parents**

Federal Programs Review Meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2009 6:30 PM Three Rivers School District Office Murphy, Oregon

You are invited to a meeting to learn about our district's Title 1 and other federal grant programs. Our goal is that we receive parental input regarding use of funds so that schools are better able to make decisions regarding the best way to meet the academic goals of all our students.

Topics:

Title 1 Title IIA Title V Programs for Homeless, ELL, Migrant families McKinney Vento School and district initiative for instructional improvement



# Has your income or household size changed?

We are at a place in time where our community families are having tough financial times in the household. We want to make sure you have information about the Free and Reduced priced meal program within the Three Rivers School District.

If at anytime during the school year your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start receiving Food Stamps, you can apply or re-apply for Free or Reduced benefits for your kids that are enrolled in the School District. You may ask, who can get Free or Reduced priced meals? Your child can get Free or Reduced priced meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart below. You only need to fill out one application for your household; please evaluate if your gross income meets these guidelines. You can pick up an application at your local school office or at the Food and Nutrition Services Office at 126 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527. Please send the completed application back to your child's school or bring it to the Food and Nutrition Services Office.

	Reduced Price Meals		
Household Size	Annual	Month	Week
-1-	19,240	1,604	370
-2-	25,900	2,159	499
-3-	32,560	2,714	627
-4-	39,220	3,269	755
-5-	45,880	3,824	883
-6-	52,540	4,379	1,011
-7-	59,200	4,934	1,139
-8-	65,860	5,489	1,267
For each additional family member add	6,660	555	129

Federal Income Guidelines

If you have questions at anytime, please call our office and talk with Peggy Barry or Donna Davis.

All applications are confidential and no information is released without proper authorization.

**Michael Morris,** Nutrition Services Director - Food and Nutrition Services Department 126 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 – office 541-476-4183 fax 541-471-2461

### Household Savings

Based upon household of four and two students eating both breakfast and lunch meals in an elementary school.

Fully Paid Student Cost \$1032 annually

Reduced Student Cost \$285 annually (savings \$747 annually)

Free Student \$0.00 (savings \$1032 annually)

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The average lunch cost from home is \$3.10\* or \$1054 annually (2 children). This does not include breakfast.

\* source = Journal of the American Dietetic Association, October 24, 2008 issue.

