



Manzanita Elementary



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Manzanita is a great place to learn and grow. The following are a few highlights and updates on happenings at Manzanita.

Instruction & Learning: 100% Meetings- reflection, analysis & action.



Teachers met in grade level teams to review DIBELS reading data for 100 percent in their grade level. This measure is used as an indicator of the overall health of our reading instruction and learning. In this meeting we analyze our data for reading growth in teaching and learning. We analyze fidelity to the core and effectiveness of our instruction. In this meeting we turn data into action for all students. We move from data analysis to instructional action steps based on data and ultimately guide school improvement. Our focus is to meet the needs of all learners during Core instruction.

After School Opportunities: Destination Imagination Club, Construction Crew, 3rd Grade extended learning time. These are all opportunities that teachers donate their time to conduct and enrich students.



Destination Imagination: Recently the team competed in the Instant Challenge Fair in Pleasant Hill where they constructed structures and put on plays in a think on your feet-impromptu challenges. This pushes our students' creativity and team skills. There next competition is in March 14th in Pleasant Hill.

Construction Crew: 5th Grade started an after school club. Students get hands on learning with Legos, Techno gear, Connex, and various materials. Crew Members investigate physics, geometry and team work.

3rd Grade Extended Learning: Mr. Tiffany offers tutoring 1 day a week to help students master their learning targets.

Music: Our PTA sponsors a music teacher, Mrs. Hegdahl, to provide music instruction once a week at each grade level. In addition we have 22 kids that stay after school 2 days a week for choir practice.



Our **Second music concert** is on the evening of **March 18th** . You are all invited to attend.

Perfect Attendance Celebration: For the 2nd Quarter 52 students earned perfect attendance!



Impressive! Especially during the cold and flu season. We had fun celebrating at our morning assembly. In addition to their certificate of recognition, those students will be entered into a perfect attendance prize drawing.

Book Talks & Classical Music: Every Monday morning during morning assembly on average 5 students stand before the student body and deliver a book talk! The students work with our Title I Teacher and at home to complete the form and practice their presentation. This is a fun way to celebrate reading and expose our students to new and interesting books. It is also extremely cute! On Wednesdays we introduce and play a classical music selection. It is always interesting to see the student's response as they learn to appreciate new music.



Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm for education.

You are always welcome to attend one of our events or visit our classrooms in actions!