



Manzanita Elementary

Board Report

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Manzanita is a great place to learn and grow.

I would like to thank my staff for an amazing year. Their dedication to student learning and doing what is best for kids is to be commended. We have worked hard and grown together in so many ways. They have embraced data driven instruction and continually strive to meet the social and academic needs of each learner. I am proud of all that we have accomplished and look forward to continuing to learn and grow together next year. Thank you for a wonderful 1st year. I am honored to work at Manzanita.

This is a busy time of year! Here are a few highlights of amazing things going on at Manzanita.

- Full day kindergarten is on the horizon and we had 35 kindergartners come out for Spring enrollment! We are looking forward to the next year already anticipating a big enrollment. Currently Mrs. Wolter and Mr. Mohr are planning and prepping for what full day kindergarten will offer and how to best meet the needs of our youngest learners. My custodial staff has been working hard on getting that room ready so we can begin the classroom moves & set ups.
- Construction on the Life skills classroom is underway. Thank you to the crew for your efforts!
- Manzanita Destination Imagination attended the National Conference in Tennessee! Through fund raising efforts, community sponsors and parent involvement this experience was possible for our team. They did an amazing job, scoring 25th! Way to go! The evening celebration BBQ was a huge success.
- Manzanita Carnival was Friday May 15th. A huge thank you goes out to our PTA. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to our school. They raised about \$7,500 for the music program.
- Our students earned a year end PBIS celebration where we all watched a movie in the gym together and enjoyed popcorn. We strive daily to teach, "Safe, responsible, respectful & kind" values.

Studies and Science learning out of the classroom.

- 4th Grade visited the Heritage Fair and the Oregon Caves.
- 5th Grade attended an overnight trip to OMSI with a visit to the State Capital.
- 5th Grade held an invention convention and displayed their work in an evening seminar for their families.
- 1st Grade held a Camp Out at School event
- 2nd Grade in school extravaganza exploring learning
- 3rd Grade turned their classrooms into Zooland, gave speeches & presentations to their families. They also visited Wildlife Images to learn about the animals there.
- Kindergarten went to the fire station to learn about fire safety and how the firemen are there to help them.
- June 11th Summer Learn at home challenge packets go home, this is fun learning for the summer to keep students and families involved and engaged in learning activities. All students who take the challenge are entered into a drawing in the fall for prizes.

Thank you again for your support and enthusiasm for education.