

Buzzin' Around Madrona

April 2013



Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interfere with their learning. Even though we have begun the third trimester there are still about 10 weeks of school left. In order for these last weeks to have a strong educational impact, we need your help. Please remind your child that you have high expectations for his/her continued success in school. This is a good time to review the school and bus rules in the student handbook you received at the beginning of the year. Let your child(ren) know you expect him/her to follow the rules each day and do the very best he/she can at school and on the bus. Safety and learning are the main reasons for our rules.

Many fun activities also happen during the last few months. We truly want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy those activities. *Please understand: We expect students to be accountable for the choices they make each day.* We will not allow students who make poor choices at school, to attend special activities with other students. If a child is sent to the Ed. Lab more than 3 times in a month, receives a referral to the office or a bus citation that requires disciplinary action by Mrs. Van Brunt, it is possible that student may not be able to attend special activities. This could prevent a child from participating in field trips, parties, special recesses, movies, assemblies, and other school activities. Mrs. Van Brunt or the child's teacher will note on the referral or send a letter to indicate if a child has lost a special privilege. Hopefully this will not happen very often, if at all. Mrs. Van Brunt would only choose to do this if a student has issues being disruptive to learning or that make him/her unsafe to go to different places. It is our desire to end the school year pleasantly and productively for each student at Madrona Elementary. Please reinforce these expectations with your child at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Van Brunt at 476-6624.

Safety Drills

As most of you know, we periodically practice different kinds of evacuations, etc. to make sure our students and staff will be safe in the event of an emergency. We have fire drills, earthquake drills and lockdown drills. Lock down drills are to make sure we can safely lock down our school and put the kids out of harm's way inside, in the event of someone harmful coming onto our campus. We do lock down drills several times per year. We will be having another lockdown drill in either April or May. All drills have the potential to frighten children a bit. Please take a few minutes to explain to your child why it is important to learn how to be safe at a school and to calm their fears. It is never our intent to scare kids, but it is our intent to give them training so they can be as safe as possible at school in the event of an emergency. Thanks for your help with this issue.

April Calendar

- 1-26 – Madrona Box Tops Contest
- 9 – Math Night grades 3-5th @ Jerome Prairie Library
- 10 – District Spelling Bee
- 10 – 4th Grade Get America Singing field trip
- 11 – Battle of Books Testing
- 11 – Site Council Meeting in Library @ 2:10
- 16 – PTA Meeting in Library @ 2:20
- 26 – Progress Reports to go home
- 26 – Pride Day Assembly
- 27 – District Battle of the Books



Public Web Site

You can visit us on-line to get up to date information anytime you wish. Please visit us at www.threerivers.k12.or.us

May Calendar

2 - **No School** No classes for students
3 - **No school** furlough Day
9 - Site Council @ 2:00 in Library
17 - Madrona PTA Carnival
21 - Volunteer Tea in library 12:30-1:40
27 - **No School** Memorial Day
28 - PTA Meeting 2:10 in library
30 - PBIS Field Day



June Calendar

6 - All School Awards Assembly @ 10am
7 - Moving on Ceremony @ 10am
7 - Classroom Parties @ 1pm
7 - Last Day of School



Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

PTA News

Last month the current PTA paid members voted on two empty board positions. There were two candidates for Vice-President, Scott Martin and Krystal Graham. Krystal won by two votes. Our new Treasurer is Donita Cushman. We so appreciate these three parents for their willingness to step up and serve our students. Our President Laurie Guerrero has been covering three positions for some months now.

At our April 16th meeting we hope to see some other parents nominate themselves for positions for next year. Please consider this. We really need interested folks to pull together to make wonderful things happen for our kids, so think about helping in this way. Then in May we will send out ballots for the 13-14 PTA board to paid members of PTA. It is only \$10.00 to join and then you enjoy the right to vote at meetings and to help serve on the board if you are interested. Our PTA does much to provide engaging assemblies, field trips and to purchase things like a new microphone system for our stage. Our

students' school experience is enriched by the work of the PTA! Thanks to everyone who attends meetings or helps in big or small ways.

Our Carnival is set for May 17th. We will need lots of help from parents to man booths, help provide items for our basket raffles and to help get other items to raffle. This is the way our PTA earns money for our school. We really need participation from every family, even if it is a small one. So put this date on your calendar and be ready to get that phone call or note asking for your help! **WE NEED YOU!**

Last, but not least the PTA is sponsoring a box/tops contest. Each class will have the opportunity to collect Box Tops off of food and home items. Each Box Top is worth ten cents. Believe it or not, Jerome Prairie just turned in 6,000 Box tops. That earns the school \$600! We believe we can do that here, too! It takes parents, friends, relatives working together to cut them out and turn them in by the deadline. The deadline is April 30th. Make sure they are not expired and are trimmed to the lines please. The class with the most Box Tops will earn an ice cream party!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

Also, Target Red card allows you to choose Madrona to donate 1% of your RED card purchases at Target. Sign up at Target.com. It's that simple.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Free Meals!



You mean there really is such a thing as a free meal? At Madrona there is! Breakfast is **FREE every day** for **EVERY STUDENT!** We offer a selection of nutritious, healthy, hot meals, including milk, and fresh fruit. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

Battle of the Books Competition

Our student Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library

Group 1 – 11:30

Group 2 – 12:00

Our Madrona test on all the books in both groups will be on April 11th in the library at 8:30 am.

Finalists will be announced by April 12th and practices will continue in the library for those students.

All students making it through the Madrona test will receive a prize! 80% or better on their test will choose a prize from Mrs. Haberman's box.

The district competition will be April 27th, location TBA.

Students should take home practice questions to review with their families each week. Thanks!

Mrs. Haberman

Spelling Bee

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition in April. Each teacher will select two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students will participate in a challenging spelling test on March 30th for 1-3rd grades and March 31st for 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Van Brunt will give the test. Students who were selected by the teacher may be given some practice materials to help them prepare ahead of time. The top speller in each group will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 6th at 6:00pm at the district office.

Extra, Extra! Read all about it!

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for our Title One Coordinator and more than half of our teaching assistant positions. It helps provide extra supplies, new technology, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona. We need all current parents to fill out one this year if you

have not already. Our Title One funds for next year will be determined by that information. It is also critical that if you applied in the fall but weren't eligible and you think you may be eligible now, you can still apply right now! Please help us with this important step, so we can provide the best possible opportunities for our student's learning.

Kindergarten Roundup



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2013, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 9th from 12:00 - 2:00pm. You will need to bring original Birth Certificates, immunization records, and your new Kindergarten student when you come. We will meet in the office to fill out enrollment forms, make copies of Birth Certificates and immunization records. Then you will visit the Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs. McKee, our Kindergarten teacher, to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners here!

**The date of Kindergarten Roundup may be subject to change if Madrona and Jerome Prairie Elementary Schools combine.

Josephine Community Libraries Inc.
Presents
Summer Reading Program
June 18-July 27
at all four JCLL branches

Dig into Reading *Beneath The Surface*
(ages newborn-12) (ages 13 - 18)

Expand your child's world by having him or her dig into reading this summer—all part of the full lineup of free activities to educate and entertain your young reader or reader-to-be.

Weekly prizes, creative craft sessions, great books, storytelling sessions, reading bingo, and more.

OSU Extension Nutrition Education Grant

Hello Madrona Parents!

My name is Sally Schulte, otherwise known by the kids as the "Nutrition Lady". I am returning this spring to teach some of your kids more about nutrition and healthy eating habits for 5 weeks. This program is funded by Oregon State University Extension and SNAP-Ed.

This year my focus will be building upon the nutrition concepts that the kids learned last year. First Graders will learn about healthy eating through book and activities, emphasizing the importance of eating breakfast. Grades 2-3 will learn with garden-based nutrition plan based upon plant parts. Lastly, 4th and 5th graders will learn the importance of eating from all five food groups using the new MyPlate concept, which has replaced the Food Pyramid. My goal is to get the kids to think about what they are eating, learn some basic nutrition concepts, all while having fun! Hopefully some of these eating guidelines will stick with them during the challenging teenage years.

It would be ideal if we could partner together to produce greater results. Some of the ways you could do this are by:

- Asking your child what they learned from the "Nutrition Lady"
- Exploring healthy food choices together in your kitchen or the grocery store
- Offering healthy snacks first, such as fruit, yogurt parfaits, or whole-grain waffles
- Eating a variety of vegetables and fruits every day
- Eating more whole grains, such as oatmeal, brown rice and whole-grain breads and cereals
- Limiting the sugary drinks such as soda, sports drinks, and fruit-flavored drinks

When you make healthy eating a family affair, everyone benefits. This means foods and beverages with plenty of nutrients (protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals) and not too many calories, fats or sugars. There are some great web sites available to help with information, tips and recipes. Some of these are: FoodHero.org; ChooseMyPlate.gov; and kidseatright.org. If you have any questions you can contact me at: Sally.Schulte@oregonstate.edu.
Happy Eating!

Madrona Garden

Hello Friends of Madrona Garden,

We started our lunch time gardening on Thursday, March 21 in the school garden. The garden is for your children to learn about how plants grow. We will encourage investigations with seeds, composting, bug identifying and weed control. Safety and teamwork will be stressed too.

The garden will only succeed with parent involvement. Parent Shelly Nielson will be the lead in the garden. We will have some new Master Gardeners to help once they finish their training at the end of this month.

Special thanks to John Sparks for donating the new raised beds. Thanks to Steve Stark for getting the soil for the new beds. The compost was donated by Southern Oregon Compost and JoGro by the county.

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.

Accelerated Reader Achievements

March 2013

Brucher: Ethan Graeber, Jaime Guerrero, Kira Johnson, Seth Sheely, Rylie Terpening, Madison Williams

Buscher: Cody Bettencourt, Jonny Burgess, Morgan Fidanza, Kayden Kennedy, Sean Marrs, Tanner Noble, Jack Shaver, Payden Tavelli, Madison Young

Fisher: Konner Graham, Titus King, Hailey Lloyd, Nicholas Ortiz, Bailey Ricker

Goodin: Thomas Cook, Peyton Jones, Mathew Peckham, Derek Potts, Vivian Rowley, Katie Shaver

Jones: Liam Jolman

Law: Chase Chalker, Eric Hookland, McKenna Lawson, Jacqueline Loeliger, Emma Paulson

Simpson: Nicholas Atchley, Marissa Beck, Calie Callaway, Connor Daily, Ashley Dearth, Dylan Douglas, Logan dove, Tristin Hanson-Damota, Tyler Houska, Evan Inch, Jimmy Lacy, Kloey Rich, Zaria Sauer

(Strangis) Gutierrez: Gracie Bettencourt, Nabryah Byrd, Keizer Daily, Aries Jump, Wyatt Lilla-Bare, Malachi Loeliger, Hillary Madris, Kloee Martin, Hailey Mcloud, Savannah Monize, Regan Moran, Josh Rich, Sage Torgerson

Portland Opera To Go

In March, Madrona students watched an Opera by Mozart call “The Magic Flute”. It was fully staged with an ingenious set, full of surprises, colorful costumes and lively staging. Here are some pictures.

