



# FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE



We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kirk Baumann, Principal

October 2013

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 2nd- All School Jog-A-Thon 
- Good News begins
- 3rd- Tues/Thursday Kinders Jog-A-Thon 
- 8th- 3rd gr to Greenridge Farm 8:00 to 11:30 am 
- PTA Meeting -Library 2:15
- 11th- Statewide In-service-No school for students
- 15th-SMART begins 
- 18th- Staff Development Day-No school for students
- 28th- Site Council Meeting 2:15-Library
- 31st- Fall Festival Activities (more info to come)

## Welcome

Welcome back to the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The month of September always is an exciting time as we all come back to see old friends, make new ones and create new memories. I want to thank the Fort Vannoy Staff for making my transition into the new building so enjoyable. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Dastrup for making me feel so welcome. During the past month, it has been a pleasure getting to know many of the kids and families. The Fort Vannoy Open House was a lot of fun with over 63% of our families attending. The help from the PTA and others made the night great. Thank you to the PTA for providing the refreshments for Open House. In addition, I'd like to thank the Fleming Middle School Honor Society; Lacy Banelos, Alec Kalevicoglu, Haley Kersten, Sydney Duncan, Jaden Acosta, Brianna Robles, Morgan Quinones, as well as, the NVHS Leadership Class; Kade Toledo, Frankie Jannett, Kaitlyn Bell, Jake Roberts, Anna Holden, Kali Loeffler, Savannah Howell, Shayla Phillips. As I mentioned at Open House, please communicate with your child's teacher throughout the school year. I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know the community of Fort Vannoy.

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## From the Desk of ...

*..Mrs. Mohr, 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

The weather is turning cold; the leaves are displaying vibrant colors of orange, red and gold. Wet dew is on the grass. All of these are signs that fall is in the air. Soon it will be time for cuddling up with a good book, jumping into a pile of leaves, or celebrating Halloween and Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorite times of year!

For students it is an excellent time to focus on their descriptive writing skills. During the month of October, students in my class will be writing about the season of fall using their five senses. They will write about what they see, hear, feel, touch and taste during the fall. I enjoy reading about pumpkin pie, spiced cider and the change of scenery.

Students will also be celebrating fall with several art projects. For one project, students will collect different types of leaves and rub over them with crayons. They will be able to see the veins and outlines of the leaves. These will be displayed in the hallway near our room. Closer to Halloween, students will use orange and green paper to create torn paper pumpkins. They will not be allowed to use scissors so the pumpkins will have a textured effect. Look for our exciting descriptive writing passages and fall art work in the weeks to come.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Well, welcome back to another school year! Things are going great in the cafeteria, with lots of healthy food choices being made. Just a reminder-- even if your child is on the Free and Reduced lunch program and they choose to bring a cold lunch and purchase milk they will be charged 50 cents. Milk is not free on the lunch program. There are a few changes in the MealTime Online Pay. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Here's to a great year!

*Mrs. Briggs, Kitchen Manager*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PTA



### **Let's Rock This Jog-a-Thon!**

We hope you can join us on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for T/Th Kindergartners) to run with or cheer on your students during the annual Fort Vannoy Jog-A-Thon! Jog-A-Thon packets went home around September 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Reminder:**

**All donations must be returned to the school by 8:00 am on October 15<sup>th</sup> to count toward prizes.**

Jog-A-Thon continues to be the primary fundraiser for the Fort Vannoy PTA. Donations for Jog-A-Thon are tax deductible and go directly to support the Music Education Program at Fort Vannoy. Also, Educational Programs such as; visits from OMSI, theater groups, and others, and to support the teachers and staff at Fort Vannoy.

This year, if each student collects \$50 in donations, the PTA can continue to support the programs that make Fort Vannoy a fun and engaging school for our students without additional fund raisers.

### **JOG-A-THON TIME SCHEDULE**

Kindergarten—9:30-10:00

1<sup>st</sup> Grade 8:55-9:25

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 10:05-10:35

3<sup>rd</sup>- 10:40 -11:10

4<sup>th</sup> grade 8:20- 8:50

5<sup>th</sup> Grade 11:15-11:45

### **PTA Membership Drive!**

Fort Vannoy PTA is only as strong as its members. Recruit a friend to join PTA - email your friend's name to [fortvannoypta@gmail.com](mailto:fortvannoypta@gmail.com) OR ask them to write YOUR name on the bottom of their Membership Form. You will be entered to win a \$10 Gift Card to Dutch Brothers! Contest ends October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Stay Connected**

Check out the Facebook Group: Fort Vannoy Parents Connect :) This group is organized and maintained by Fort Vannoy parents looking for a quick and easy way to share events and information about Fort Vannoy Elementary School. Information about the Giving Tree, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events is added frequently.

### **Next PTA Meeting**

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 in the Library!

### **Yearbooks - New and Old!**

This year PTA invites YOU to submit your photos from school activities for possible use in the yearbook. By submitting your photos to PTA by email ([FTVYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:FTVYearbook@gmail.com)) you give permission to the PTA to use your photo for the yearbook. There is no guarantee that submitted photos will be used. Please feel free to email any photo or yearbook questions to the yearbook email address as well.

PTA has a limited number of past yearbooks available for sale for \$5.00 each. This is a great opportunity to replace a lost yearbook at a discount. Email [fortvannoypta@gmail.com](mailto:fortvannoypta@gmail.com) or call Jessica Shriver at [541.441.7632](tel:541.441.7632) for more information or if you're looking for a specific year.

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Did you know that PTA welcomes ALL volunteers? There is no requirement to become a PTA member to volunteer your time at Fort Vannoy. Call or email Jessica Shriver at [541.441.7632](tel:541.441.7632) or at [fortvannoypta@gmail.com](mailto:fortvannoypta@gmail.com) for more information about different ways you can contribute to the Fort Vannoy Community.

