

Report to the Board
May 6, 2010
Fort Vannoy School

We've had a busy spring! Our PTA has been very generous in helping to sponsor events and helping to cover the cost of schoolwide assemblies. We've also had many opportunities to recognize staff and volunteers.

Our Book Fair was once again very successful. Each year we are able to have a better sale than the year before. Parent volunteer Nadyah Field coordinates the Book Fair each year. We owe the success of the event to her. All of the proceeds go toward books for students whose families cannot afford books and the bulk of the proceeds to the Fort Vannoy Library.

In conjunction with the Book Fair March 3-5, we had Art Night the evening of March 5th. Carol Pock, an employee and parent volunteer, set up art stations in the cafeteria. Students and family members created many crafts with the theme of Native Americans.

The art work created, with Artist in Residence artist Cindy Kahoun, was displayed in the gym for families to take an art walk. The art was water colors of flowers and Native American scenes.

Our band program is doing well. About 15 fourth and fifth grade students are able to learn beginning band techniques with our Music teacher, Dayna Hankins. While Mrs. Hankins is paid by the PTA to provide music classes during the day, she also agreed to teach band for which parents pay a monthly fee. They put on a mini-concert for family and staff on March 16, 2010. Everyone was excited and impressed with how far the students have come.

During April we enjoyed visits from OMSI and the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Both organizations provided all-school assemblies. Following the Oregon Coast Aquarium assembly, the presenters complemented the Fort Vannoy students for their excellent assembly behavior.

Our first Bingo Night/basket raffle/auction was held Friday, April 16, 2010. The event was a huge success! We cleared over \$2,500! Kelli Touey, a parent volunteer, put many hours into organizing the event and making it so successful. Not only did school families attend, but also staff members and their families and community members.

We held the annual Volunteer Lunch on April 20, 2010 in the gym. Tammi Verser decorated the gym with balloons and the students made colorful flower decorations and placements. The volunteers were given reusable shopping bags as their thank-you gift.

April 23 the Fleming Band entertained the school with music. The students were "rocking out" to the tunes.

We are looking forward to the end of the school year, whenever that might be.

Kathie Hill