FLEMING NEWS

February 2010

CHAMPION SCHOOL

Fleming Art Show Awards

Congratulations to all of our Fleming Artists! Here are the top place winners from our

Art Show.

First Place Artists: January 2010

Emily Allen
Rhea Bezilla
Emily Brown
Bailey Cornilles
Jackie Geddes
Mariah Gronbach
Cynthia Martinez
Haaheo Ordonez
Barbara Roth
Josephine Stark
Hannah Trujillo
Kaelee Welch

Faith Balassa
Chelsea Bledsoe
Jesse Case
Karlene Curtis
David Graves
Tristan Lambert
Eli Mulder
Haley Pershing
Emma Staples
Kelcie Stout
Ally Ward

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Honorable Mention Artists: January 2010

E mily Allen
Faith Balassa
Emily Brown
Kandice Curtis
Roxanne Gardinier
Jamie August
Ashlyn Barsuglia
Corey Collins
Karlene Curtis

Meranda Ferguson Anna Hendrickson Stephen Floyd Wyatt Inman

Principals & Office Staff Greg Tardieu- Principal Heather Yount— Assistant Principal

Jerry Keeling- Counselor Kym Woolsey- Office Mgr. Pam Kudlac- Secretary Maria Caruncho- Records

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Carole Maschke Michael Mazzola Bodi McCaskill
Donovan Miller Mrandon Montejano Mariah Mower
Haley Pershing Emma Staples Josephine Stark
Kaelee Welch Cassy Wessels Colin Wilson Shelby Wytcherley

I am so very proud of all of my student artists' efforts. The thirty, first place, art pieces will be displayed for the month of March at the Firehouse Gallery located at 242 SW 4th Street, in Grants Pass. There, the artwork will be judged by a professional artist, and three pieces will be awarded prizes as the best of the best. A special reception has been planned for the student artists on March 5, 2010, from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the gallery. Refreshments will be served. So mark your calendars, and come enjoy our Fleming Middle School art talent.

Mrs. Carol Hickey

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our community has been hit hard by the economic recession. Our percentage of free and reduced lunch students has grown from 52% to 57% in the past couple of months. My guess is that the real numbers are even higher than this. Historically we have experienced about a 25% turnover of students each year. That is roughly 100 students entering and leaving our school over the entire school year. So far this year we have already experienced that kind of turnover. The reason I bring this up is because we all need to help each other get through these difficult times. We have families that are struggling in these tough times in silence. If you know of a family that is struggling please inform them that we would like to help in any way possible. We have very nice clothes that have been donated to us to give to our Fleming families. We can help with transportation to Fleming so even if they need to move across town we can offer help to keep their kids in our school so as to minimize the turmoil that comes with switching schools. We have hardship waivers for students to join sports, for PE clothes, agenda books and other supplies.

Together, we can alleviate some of the difficulties our families are struggling through. Some families are finding themselves in circumstances that they have never had to deal with before and we are here to help in any way we can. We just need to know who needs our help; for a variety of reasons many of these families will not reach out. So please help us help them. We cannot ask people if they are in dire straits, they must come to us. This is a difficult thing to do for many people but with support of friends we can all work together to help. The last thing we want to do is punish a kid for failing to get his assignment done last night while sleeping in the family car. Please contact anyone in the office if you know of a family in need.

Lastly, I want to mention the ballot measures 66 and 67. Somehow, already, their passage is seen by some as a pay raise to teachers and other public employees. This is not true. The passage of these measures is simply going to allow our current two year state budget to remain as "status quo." Salaries and benefits will not change in any way. In fact, the Three Rivers School District is still experiencing declining enrollment which may still result in further budget cuts. Had these measures not passed our school district would have faced budget cuts costing upwards of 30 teacher positions and/or lost school days. So please don't be misinformed that this will somehow equate to a pay raise to our teachers.

Sincerely, Greg Tardieu

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Fleming Families,

Here it is February again and we are halfway through the second trimester. The school year has been flying by. We have a lot of events to look forward to in the next half of the trimester. We will begin our second round of OAKS testing in early February. Our seventh graders will also be participating in the seventh grade writing assessment. We will be beginning this test February 16th. Please support us by having your children here everyday.

We are also looking forward to our annual winter Spirit Trip. On March 15th, 2010 Fleming students will be invited to go to Mount Ashland for a day at the ski resort or to the RRRink in Medford for a day of ice skating. In order for your student to be eligible to participate they must meet the following criteria for the second trimester:

92% Attendance

No F's on 2nd Trimester Report Card (March 5th)

No Discipline Referrals

If you haven't been on Fleming's campus lately, you should stop by. Recently we have had an amazing art show, Brain Bowl Competitions, and a tremendous after school tutoring program.

Our winter sports season is also well underway. Our girls' basketball teams have made tremendous growth and their games are something to see. Our dedicated coaches, Steve Brown and Kelsey Brown, have done a tremendous job teaching our girls fundamental skills that have made our Fleming teams very competitive in the SOMSAC conference.

Our wrestling team has competed with the largest schools in SOMSAC. We are over halfway through the season and we have several wrestlers who are still undefeated. Our coaches have done a tremendous job building a strong program which will support the hard work occurring at North Valley. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches Scott Valle, Damian McLean, Greg McLean, and Pat Plourd.

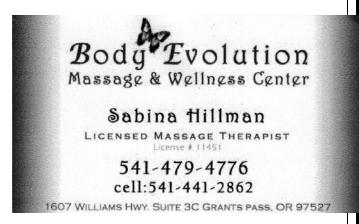
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As we continue through our school year, spring is quickly approaching. Track season will be starting in March. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders can participate in track. Please encourage your child to sign up for track. We have tremendous staff support in track and the activities are so diverse every child can find some way to be successful.

As always thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call anytime.

Heather Yount Assistant Principal Fleming Middle School





Other Announcements

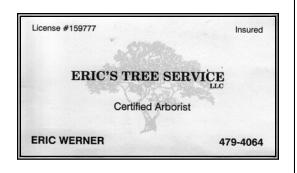
A BIG thanks you goes out to our PTO mothers who helped with the Fleming Art Show: Cindy Beckius, Roxanne Bell, Kathleen Plourd, LeeAnn Tardieu, Lynn Wade, and Heather Saeman for letting us use the library. It could not have been accomplished without them.

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN UPDATE

If you have an immediate family member serving in Afghanistan or Iraq, please send photos you have to Mr. Keeling to be included in our yearbook honoring our troops serving in the Middle East. Make sure you include your name so the photos can be returned.

Thank you,

Mr. Keeling and Mr. Wilder Yearbook Advisors





GOING HOME WITH SOMEONE? BRING A NOTE

If a student will be riding the bus or walking home with another student, we require a permission note from each child's parent—NO EXCEPTIONS.

Notes must be brought to the Fleming office in the morning before we will issue a bus pass. We also do not issue bus passes to get off at North Valley unless prior arrangements have been made.

Please make plans with your child prior to them leaving for school. If you must change plans, call the office before 2:oopm to assure your child gets the information. We try our best, to get notes but we cannot guarantee it. We are inundated with calls at the end of the day so your cooperation is appreciated.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS

Oregon Law added new requirements for immunizations as of the 2008/2009 school year. All 7th graders who have not met the requirement need to have one additional vaccine or an appropriate medical or religious exemption by February 17, 2010. If this requirement is not met the student will be excluded from school. Please check your child's records to be sure he/she has the following:

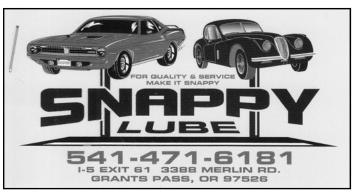
Tdap Vaccine – 1 dose

Tdap offers protection against three serious diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The Tdap vaccine is given to adolescents and adults 10-64 years old. It is different from the DTaP, which is given to children younger than 7 years. Your student will need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine. If your student does not have the Tdap shot, contact your child's doctor or call the Josephine County Health Department (541) 474-5353 to make an appointment.

It is important to get an early start on updating your child's immunization information. All updated information should be sent to Fleming Middle School. If you have any questions you can call (541) 476-8284 and talk to Maria at Fleming.

Thank you for your attention to this.





SITE COUNCIL UP-DATE

Fleming's Site Council met January 14, 2010 to discuss the purpose of the council and elect a new classified member.

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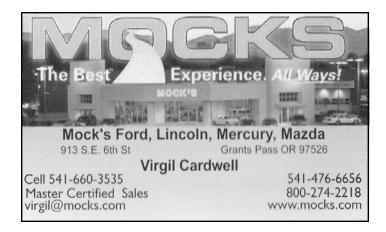


Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, February 9 at 3:15 pm in the library.

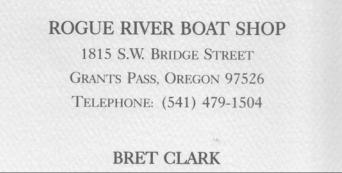
If you're interested in volunteering at any of our school dances, sporting events, etc., please call Wendy Davey at 890-3142 or Pam Kudlac at 476-8284.

PTO Mission Statement:

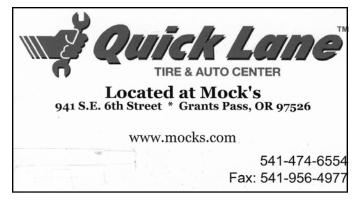
To make a difference by serving the school through volunteering and fundraising! Will you help out? Call 890-3142 if you'd like more info!!

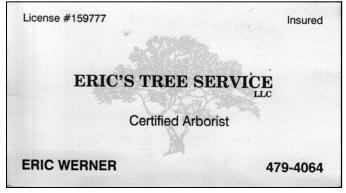












Events & Schedules

FLEMING SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES



We have 1 remaining home meets Wrestling meets require a tremendous amount of volun-

teer help: timers, scorekeepers, score chart, set-up, etc. <u>If you are able to help with the following meets, please contact Pam Kudlac, 476-8284.</u>

WRESTLING

Tuesday, Feb. 9 Thursday, Feb. 11 Saturday, Jan. 28 @Fleming

@Ashland

Conference Meet Location TBA

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

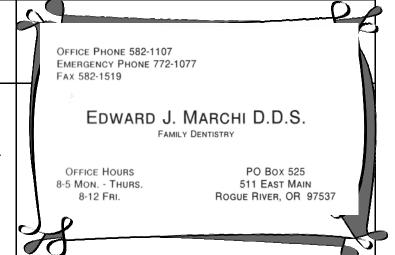
Monday, Feb. 8 Wednesday, Feb. 10 Tuesday, Feb. 16 Wednesday, Feb. 17 @White Mtn.

@Fleming

@Fleming

@Hanby

Students planning on going out for Track need to make sure they have a current OSAA physical. All other paperwork needs to be turned in before you practice.



Activity Bus Schedule

Activity busses run on ALMOST every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year. There are some exceptions to this rule-so parents must check the Activity Bus schedule to insure that their student will have a late ride home.

February Activity bus days:

Tues. Wed. Thurs.

2 3 4

9 17 18

23 24 25





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Phone: 541 474-2833 Fax: 541 474-5037 Joyce Thompson

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LOST AND FOUND!

Please search the Lost and Found for your missing items. It is simply amazing how many lunch bags and clothing items go unclaimed!







Fleming's Web Page

Yearbooks are going online. This year you may take photos at school activities and email them to our web page.

Log on to: images.jostens.com Enter Login ID: 400004900 Password: flemmingyb (that's Fleming with two m's)

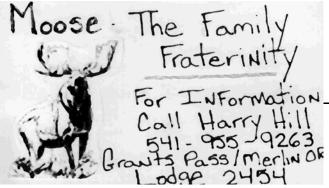
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- Click "Save Details."

Have fun, and thanks for the help making our yearbook even better!









Ed Zone Fleming Middle School

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ENEMOY WITH	Teriyaki Beef Rice Bowl	Beefy Nachos	Pasta bar with Alfredo, Meat or Marinara Sauce	Corn Dogs or Hot Dogs	Rib-B-Q Sandwich
BURGER 2004	Chicken Burger or Hamburger	Spicy Chicken Burger or Cheeseburger	Hamburger or Chicken Burger	Spicy Chicken Burger or Cheeseburger	Chicken Burger or Hamburger
PIZZA Z	Pepperoni Cheese, or Vegetarian	Cheese, Taco or Sausage & Pepperoni	Italian Griller	Cheese, Hawaiian or Combination	Pepperoni Cheese, or All Meat
SUB	Grab-N-Go Sands Turkey & Cheese, Classic or Veggie Grab-N-Go Salads Garden Or Mandarin Chicken	Grab-N-Go Sands Turkey & Cheese, Italian or Veggie Grab-N-Go Salads Garden or Chef	Grab-N-Go Sands Turkey & Cheese, Ham & Cheese or Veggie Grab-N-Go Salads Anti Pasta Or Garden	Grab-N-Go Sands Turkey & Cheese, Italian or Veggie Grab-N-Go Salads Garden Chicken Or Garden	Grab-N-Go Sands Turkey & Cheese, Spicy Chicken Wrap or Veggie Grab-N-Go Salads Garden or Chef



Offered with all Energy Download entrée selections are a variety of side items including fresh vegetables, fresh or canned fruit and your choice of 1% milk, non-fat chocolate milk. Each reimbursable meal must include a choice of entrée and a side item.

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FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sat	9		13		20 Wrestling		27	***************************************	
Fri	2		12		19		26 Late Start		5 End of Trimester
Thu	4 Wrestling	AB	11 Wrestling		18 Dance	AB	25	АВ	4
Wed	3 Basketball	AB	10 Basketball		17 Basketball	AB	24	AB	3
Tue	2 Basketball	AB	9 Wrestling PTO Mtg.	АВ	16 Basketball		23	АВ	2
Mon	I		8 Basketball		15 No School		22		I
Sun			7		77	O FO	21		28