

# LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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## WORDS FROM MRS. HUISH

The safety of our students is a major concern of school staff at Lorna Byrne Middle School. To promote that safety we ask that all volunteers fill out our school volunteer application prior to volunteering in any capacity at the school. This includes working in your child's classroom, helping with supervision or chaperoning a field trip. You can find a volunteer application in our office. Please note that you will be asked to provide references and one of those references must be of someone not related to you or your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for your interest in volunteering at LBMS.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.  
~Elizabeth Andrew

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks to all of you that have been sending in your Box Tops for Education. The first trimester Advisory Class Competition has been a huge success, earning us well over \$400 for new library books!

It was a close race between Mrs. Calderon, Ms. Fastabend, Mr. Talty & Mrs. Unger's Advisory Classes. Please start saving again to help your student's advisory class win the second trimester competition for an electronic advisory!

Thank you for making a difference for our school.

Joann Snook, Library Manager



## Child Find for Special Education

Public Law 105.17, known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children and young adults from birth through 21 years of age. The Three Rivers School District requests assistance with the identification of any disabled children ages birth through 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served in one of the District's schools.

If you know of any disabled children ages 0 through 21, who are not receiving education services, please phone the Three Rivers School District Special Education Dept. at 541-862-3111 ext. 5202.

## THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Three Rivers School District Board of Directors announces that three positions on the Budget Committee have expired. These positions are for a three-year term.

The Board will be accepting applications for appointment to fill the expired vacancies. All applications must be submitted to the District Office no later than January 13, 2012. Applicants must reside within the Three Rivers School District. Further information and application forms may be obtained at: District Administration Office located at 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass OR 97527; by calling the Board Secretary at (541) 862-3111 ext. 5217; or accessing the district website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=4619>



150 NE 'E' St. (corner of 7th & E) Grants Pass OR 97526  
Mon-Sat 8:30am-6pm • Sun 10:30am-4pm  
(541) 476-3132 or (800) 290-8365

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Needing to buy gifts this Holiday Season? Oregon Books & Games has a great selection of items for your friends and family! Their partnership program provides direct credit to LORNA BYRNE which helps us buy new books for the library.

The program works in this fashion. Any supporter who mentions LORNA BYRNE when making a purchase, triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase to the LORNA BYRNE account. When Lorna Byrne supporters order books online at oregonbooks.com just add the schools name in the comments section or mention it when picking up the books.

As an example of how all this works, if we have 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, our library would have \$300 during the year to spend!

Thank you for your support – HAPPY READING and HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!

Mrs. Snook



### Three Rivers School District Battle of the Books 2011-2012

**Kavik: The Wolf Dog by Walt Morey**

**Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech**

3. **The Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter**
4. **Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build the Trans-continental Railroad by Rhoda Blumberg**
5. **Redwall by Brian Jacques**
6. **The Secret of Nimh -or- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien**
7. **Rascal by Sterling North**
8. **An American Hero: The True Story of Charles A. Lindbergh by Barry Denenberg**
9. **Figgs and Phantoms by Ellen Raskin**
10. **Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery**
11. **The Robber and Me by Josef Holub**
12. **The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 1 - 6th Grade Field Trip to Rogue River and Crater Rock Museum
- Dec. 1 - Basketball at Rogue River 4:30pm
- Dec. 2 - No Classes
- Dec. 5 - PBIS Assembly with performance by Cadet and Concert Band
- Dec. 5 - Basketball at North MS blue 4:30pm
- Dec. 7 - Basketball vs. South MS green 4:30pm
- Dec. 8 - Dell'Arte Holiday Show 7:30pm
- Dec. 12 - Basketball at North MS white 4:30pm
- Dec. 14 - Basketball vs. Rogue River 4:30pm
- Dec. 15 - Holiday meal served for lunch
- Dec. 19 - No classes
- Dec. 20 - No classes
- Dec. 21 - No classes
- Dec. 22 - No classes
- Dec. 23 - No classes
- Dec. 26 - No classes
- Dec. 27 - No classes
- Dec. 28 - No classes
- Dec. 29 - No classes
- Dec. 30 - No classes
- Jan. 2 - No classes

## PHONE CALLS FROM TRSD

Three Rivers School District (TRSD) has an automated calling system. If you receive a computer generated phone call, please listen to the entire message. It should give the option to repeat at the end of the message. If you missed any part of the message, please listen again.

Those that have a smart phone and/or computer and would like to receive the information as an e-mail, please make sure Lorna Byrne has your e-mail address on file so we can have the calling system updated.

We have a Family Advocate program at our school which is designed to provide services to families such as assistance with clothing, shoes, and other hygiene items. Everything is completely confidential, and handled with sensitivity. Our advocate also calls families to alert them about meetings and to help with attendance issues. We keep a good supply of clean, extra clothing here at the school in case a student spills something on their clothes and needs to change. If you have any clothing items to donate, please bring them to the office. Thank you for helping keep our Lorna Byrne Vikings comfortable!

Ardith Campbell, Family Advocate

## Attendance Reporting

As you know, students who have excellent attendance are more likely to have solid achievement at school. We can't teach them if they aren't here! It is required by the No Child Left Behind Act for the school to average 92% attendance or higher each year. For students to reach that goal, they must miss no more than 14 days of school over the entire year. That means missing on average no more than 1 day per month. Parents are the most important decision makers about attendance. You have the choice to schedule appointments, shopping, dance lessons and vacations at times that will not impact your child's attendance. Be aware and make good choices for your child.

Please remember that school begins at 8:45 am. Students arriving after that time are marked "Tardy" and must come to the office to receive a late slip. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable to schedule appointments during school time, and those are notated as "Office Tardy" which means that they are "excused", but they still count as a Tardy, and are counted toward perfect attendance. A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, doctor appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. We call every day if we have not heard from you, or if the absence reason is unexcused. Make sure you have called or sent a note within 48 hours, or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason. For a student to earn perfect attendance awards or participate in attendance activities, they must have zero absences.

For the month of December we are challenging our students to be present for all school days. For students that reach perfect attendance during the month of December or miss only one day, they will be eligible to participate in a special activity on Friday, December 16th. Ask your student for more information.

## LBMS Student-Based Health Center

Siskiyou Community Health Center is established in all three valley schools. If you have questions or concerns, please phone the SBHC office at 541-592-6978 or LBMS at 541-592-2163 and ask to be transferred to extension 3030.

## How to reach your teacher:

There are several ways to contact your child's teacher. When you need to ask questions or share information, you can e-mail your child's teacher by going to [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us) and click on "Schools", select "Lorna Byrne", and then click on "Staff Directory". There is a little icon next to each person's name that looks like an envelope. Click on the envelope next to the person you want, and you can easily send them e-mail.

You can also write a note, call the office and leave a message so the teacher can call you back, or you can stop by and leave a message. Teachers are generally available for meeting with or talking to you from 8:00 to 8:35 am most days. While teachers are available during this time slot, we ask that parents please call ahead as teachers are preparing for their teaching at that time and potentially in other meetings. However, you are welcome to drop by the office in the morning and we can leave a message for the teacher to contact you as soon as possible. We want to help!

## No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Lorna Byrne Middle School.

# LORNA BYRNE "LIGHTS ON" AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

# December 2011

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Students may attend  
Homework Help House  
every morning before school  
from 7:25 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. in the library.

4	5 BASKETBALL BATTLE OF BOOKS GIRL TALK SNAK HHH	6 BASKETBALL JEWELRY MAKING MAKE ORNAMENTS WOODSHOP HHH	7 BASKETBALL SEWING SNAK HHH	8 ART EXTRA BAKING BASKETBALL CLOWN AROUND HHH	9	10
11	12 BASKETBALL BATTLE OF BOOKS GIRL TALK SNAK HHH	13 BASKETBALL JEWELRY MAKING MAKE ORNAMENTS WOODSHOP HHH	14 BASKETBALL SEWING SMILE SNAK HHH	15 ART EXTRA BAKING BASKETBALL CLOWN AROUND HHH	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

